16.8 g (0.46 mole) of LAH, and treatment of the Et_2O soln of the crude free base with 5% aq HCl gave cryst hydrochloride insol in both layers. It was collected, dried, and recrystd first from a mixt of i -PrOH and EtOH and then from EtOH yielding 18.5 g of white crystals, mp 280-281°.

Free Base 59.—A sample of the hydrochloride was converted to the free base with NaOH and recrystd from methylcyclohexane giving white crystals, mp 178.5-179.5°.

9- (2-Amino- 1-methylethyl)-10,10-dimethyl-9-anthrol maleate (61) wasprepd from 22 g (0.1 mole) of 10,10-dimethyl-9-anthrone and 6.6 g (0.123 mole) of EtCN by the method used for 1 using

 0.12 mole and LiNEt_2 ¹⁶ in place of the NaNH₂. The crude free base was isolated as an oil, dissolved in $Et₂O$, and acidified with a slight excess of ethanolic maleic acid. The resulting maleate salt was recrystd from 100 ml of i -PrOH, yielding 18.8 g of light tan crystals, mp 154-155° dec.

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Central Nervous System Agents. 3.1 Structure-Activity Relationship of a Series of Diphenylaminopropanols

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A series of diphenylaminopropanols was evaluated for acute toxicity, anticonvulsant, anorexigenic, and anticholinergic activity as well as effect on simple reflexes. Therapeutic ratio was maximized in 1,1-diphenyl-2methyl-3-aminopropanol • HC1 (II-2). Anticholinergic activity was minimized by the presence of a 2-Me group. In general, tertiary amines were less active as anticonvulsants and on simple reflexes, than primary or secondary amines. Also increasing the size of the substituents on the amine decreased activity. Substitution on the Ph rings decreased activity except for the m-F derivative which was more active than II-2 but also more toxic. The optical isomers of II-2 were resolved and the *I* isomer (II-6) was no more toxic but markedly superior in activity.

The synthesis of a series of diphenyl aminopropanols which we have studied is reported in the two preceding communications.¹ Our interest in the compounds was due to their unique dose-related spectrum of pharmacologic activity. Administration of one of the more potent analogs to a variety of species produces apparent stimulation at low doses. At slightly higher doses the effect is one of mixed stimulation and depression with marked motor incoordination. In this dose range some of the compounds appeared to be potent anticonvulsants. Still higher doses produce convulsions in rats and mice and an apparent paralysis with ocassional clonic twitching in cats and dogs. Because of this spectrum of effects, structure-activity studies had to include a broad spectrum of tests. For this reason, testing included effects of the compounds on anticonvulsant and anorexigenic end points as well as effects on several simple reflexes. Anticholinergic testing was also included since many diphenyl aminopropanols are known cholinergic

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blocking agents.² Although it is not known which, if any, of the CNS effects are mediated by a cholinergic mechanism, it was hoped useful compounds could be found by maximizing the CNS effects while minimizing the peripheral effects.

Methods.—Male albino mice of the Carworth Farms strain (18-22 g) and adult mongrel dogs were used in all studies. For studies in mice, compounds were suspended or dissolved in 0.25% aq methylcellulose and administered ip. At least 3 dose levels spaced at a 0.3 log interval were used for each end point. The effective dose (ED_{50}) was calcd by the Spearman and Karber method.³

Procedures for measuring acute toxicity (LD_{50}) , antagonism of nicotine seizure (N_{50}) , and antagonism of isolation-induced stress (FM_{50}) have been described.⁴ The same source also describes methods for evaluation of compounds on simple behavioral reflexes—traction

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 (Tr_{50}) , chimney (CH_{50}) , and dish (D_{50}) . Kerley, *et al.f* gave the method used for evaluation central (TC_{50}) and peripheral (Tp_{50}) anticholinergic activity as indicated by antagonism of the actions of Tremorine. Other test procedures used for this series of compounds were as follows.

Thiosemicarbazide Antagonism (TSC₅₀).—Groups of 6 mice were dosed with test compound and immediately challenged with TSC, $20 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg}}$ by the ip route. ED_{50} 's were calcd from the number of survivers 4 hr later.

Electroshock Antagonism (ES_{50}) . - Groups of 6 mice were dosed with test compound and shocked *via* ear electrodes 30 min later with a 60-Hz current for 0.2 sec at 25 mA. Protection was indicated by failure of the mice to show a tonic extensor seizure.

Mydriatic Activity (P_{50}) .—The pupil diameter was estimated visually on a scale of 0-4 30 min after compound administration. Normal pupil size was rated as 1 while a 4 indicated maximum dilation and a 0, constriction. The number of mice out of 6 with pupil diameters of 3 or 4 was used to calculate the P_{50} .

Anorexigenic Activity.—Dogs weighing 10-15 kg were housed singly and fed dog pellets (Purina Laboratory Chow) at the same time each day for a 30-min period. Compounds were given orally to groups of 4 dogs at 1 or 5 mg/kg in gelatin capsules 1 hr prior to food presentation. Per cent decrease in food consumption was calcd based on the average amount of food eaten in the previous 5 days.

Results and Discussion

Substituents on the Amine.—Effects of changes in substituents on the amine of the diphenyl aminopropanols are depicted in Table I. The effects of several known centrally acting drugs on the test procedures used is shown at the bottom of this table.

Monoalkylation of the amine N with Me (11-18) and Et (11-23) had little effect on overall activity (compare with the free amine II-2). Larger substituents such as Pr $(II-25)$, *i-Pr* $(II-28)$, and Bu $(II-31)$ were more toxic but otherwise less active. Still larger substituents (11-42, 11-44, 11-47, 11-50) were less active on all end points. Increasing the chain length of dialkyl substituents from Me (III-l), to Et (III-2), Pr (1-4), and Bu (1-8) resulted in a progressive loss of activity. The relatively high activity of the lower alkyl substituted amines may be due to bioconversion of the primary amine, the most active compound. Activity of compounds with the amino group incorporated in a heterocyclic ring was maximized in the pyrrolidine structure (1-16). Increasing (III-3) or decreasing (1-14) the ring size by 1 C decreased activity. Heterocyclic 6-membered rings containing O (III-4, I-62, I-63), S (I-64), or N (1-67) generally showed little activity or toxicity. Exceptions were 1-67, which was more toxic and 1-63 which was a potent TSC antagonist and moderately active against nicotine-induced convulsions.

Five Schiff's bases were tested (II-26, II-34, II-41, 11-45, II-48), 2 had activity of merit. The isopropylidene (11-26) and 1-cyclopropylethylidene (11-34) were as active as the primary amine (II-2) on all end points except antagonism of Tremorine and isolation-induced stress. Like other Schiff's bases they were less toxic than the primary amine. Activity of the Schiff's bases appears to correlate with their ease of hydrolysis.

Connecting Link.—Table II depicts changes in the connecting link. Removal of the β -Me group (III-5) *vs.* 1-16) increased activity against Tremorine but otherwise had little effect on activity. Changing the β -Me to CH₂ decreased activity on all end points with the possible exception of Tremorine antagonism. Increasing the size of the β substituent from Me to Et (1-28 *vs.* 1-16 and 11-12 *vs.* II-2), t-Pr (1-29 *vs.* 1-16), or Ph (1-31 *vs.* 1-16) decreased activity on all end points but increased toxicity. Likewise, Me₂ substitution on the /3-C (1-32 *vs.* 1-16) decreased activity but this compound was also less toxic. Toxicity and potency as a Tremorine antagonist was increased by moving the Me group from the β to the γ -C (I-34-I-16) but other activity was decreased.

A 3-C chain length was optimum for activity. Either increasing (1-37 *vs.* 1-16) or decreasing (III-6 *vs.* III-5) chain length by 1 C decreased activity on most end points, but anticholinergic activity was high with the unbranched pyrrolidinobutanol (1-35).

Phenyl Ring Substitution.—Table III shows that regardless of the nature of the group, ortho substitution of the Ph rings decreased activity but not toxicity (1-80, 1-72, 1-86 *vs.* 1-16). Activity was further reduced by para substitution and again the kind of substituent was of little consequence (1-79,1-82,1-71 *vs. 111-2* and 11-14 *vs.* II-2). Meta substitution resulted in compounds of more interest since some were more active than their unsubstituted congeners. $m-F$ derivatives were 3- to 10-fold more active than their unsubstituted congeners in the primary amine $(II-15 \text{ vs. } II-2)$, ethylamine $(I-74 \text{ vs. } I-12)$ III-2), and pyrrolidine (1-77 *vs.* 1-16) series. m-Cl derivatives, however, had no consistent effect on biologic activity (1-78 *vs. 111-2* and 11-16 *vs.* II-2). These compounds were more active on some and less active on other end points. Meta substitution of Br (1-81 *vs.* 111-2), MeO (1-87 *vs.* 1-16), or CF₃ (1-83 *vs.* 1-16) resulted in less active compounds.

An interesting dichotomy was found when the optical isomer of the most active compounds in the pyrrolidine and primary amine series which were resolved and tested. The *I* isomer in the pyrrolidine series (1-23) was more toxic but only slightly more active than the *d* isomer (1-21). In contrast, toxicity of the primary amine stereoisomers was equivalent but the *I* isomer (II-6) was markedly more active than the *d* isomer $(II-9)$.

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TABLE II

CONNECTING LINK

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SUBSTITUENTS ON THE PHENYL RlNG

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