

runs, typically 1-2 days. The tube was cooled, the contents were rinsed out with ether, and the resulting solution was dried (MgSO_4). Evaporation of the solvent and distillation of the residue then yielded the ring-opened products. The products were identified by NMR spectroscopy.

Aqueous Hydrogen Halide Additions. The cyclopropyl compound and the aqueous hydrogen halide (HCl, HBr, and HI) were placed in a Carius tube. The tube was sealed and placed in a preheated oven (Table I) for the appropriate length of time, then cooled, and opened. The aqueous mixture was neutralized and extracted with ether, and the combined ether portions were dried (MgSO_4). Evaporation of the solvent and distillation of the residue yielded the ring-opened products, which were identified by NMR spectroscopy.

Generation of Deuterium Chloride in D_2O . A fourfold excess of D_2O was added to a sample of succinyl chloride, and the mixture was stirred with heating for several hours. The hydrolysis product, succinic acid, was then filtered, and the remaining aqueous solution was used in additions to the cyclopropyl compounds.

Kinetic Studies. Alcoholic HCl or HBr solutions were prepared by bubbling the gaseous acid through anhydrous methanol or 2-propanol. The solutions were standardized by diluting an aliquot (2-5 mL) in 50 mL of H_2O and titrating to a phenolphthalein endpoint with standardized KOH with a Metrohm Dosimat E415 piston burette (Brinkmann Instruments). A series of tubes was prepared that contained known amounts of the cyclopropyl substrate and the required amount of HX. Concentrations varied from 0.0057 to 2.64 M. The tubes were sealed,

placed in a constant temperature bath, and removed at appropriate intervals. The tube was immediately immersed in a dry ice/acetone bath and opened, and the reaction was quenched by adding the tube contents to an excess of a KOH solution of known quantity. Back titration with standard aqueous HCl to a phenolphthalein endpoint gave the amount of HCl remaining in the reaction mixtures.

Half-Life Determinations. A sample of the cyclopropyl compound and an equimolar amount of concentrated aqueous HCl (2 N) were placed in a Carius tube. The tube was sealed, placed in a preheated bath for 5 h, and cooled. The contents of the tube were rinsed out with CHCl_3 or CCl_4 , and the extent of reaction was determined by NMR intensities. The γ -methylene protons were compared with the cyclopropane ring protons, and the temperature was varied until the NMR spectrum gave an intensity ratio of 2:5 for these two sets of protons.

Registry No. HCl, 7647-01-0; HBr, 10035-10-6; HI, 10034-85-2; DCl, 7698-05-7; acetylcyclopropane, 765-43-5; benzoylcyclopropane, 3481-02-5; benzylcyclopropane, 1667-00-1; cyclopropanecarboxylic acid, 1759-53-1; cyclopropanecarbonitrile, 5500-21-0; cyclopropyl methyl sulfoxide, 79306-50-6; cyclopropyl methyl sulfone, 79306-51-7; cyclopropanecarboxylic acid-*O-d*, 59472-46-7; cyclopropyl-*l-d* methyl-*d*₃ ketone, 95249-93-7; methyl cyclopropanecarboxylate, 2868-37-3; cyclopropanecarboxamide, 6228-73-5; cyclopropylcarbinol, 2516-33-8; cyclopropanecarboxaldehyde, 1489-69-6; nitrocyclopropane, 13021-02-8; cyclopropyl phenyl sulfide, 14633-54-6; cyclopropyl phenyl sulfone, 17637-57-9; cyclopropyl phenyl sulfoxide, 50337-59-2; succinyl chloride, 543-20-4.

Notes

Cyano Acid Esters. 36.¹ 1,2,4-Thiadiazoles from Amino-1,2,3,4-thiadiazoles and Cyano Compounds

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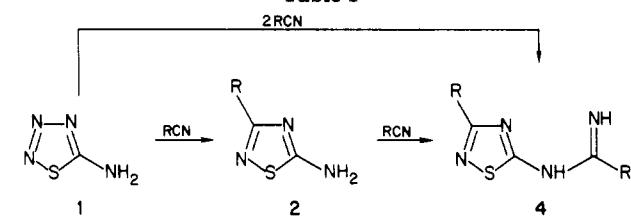
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Since 1975 4-alkyl-5-imino-1,2,3,4-thiadiazoles have been subjected to thorough investigation, particularly in cycloaddition and ring-transformation reactions with systems bearing multiple bonds.^{2,3} The parent compound, 5-amino-1,2,3,4-thiadiazole,^{4,5} has been much less investigated, although known since the turn of the century.⁶ This compound and its 5-alkylamino and 5-arylamino derivatives are readily available from thiosemicarbazides and nitrous acid.^{6,7}

Dimethyl sulfate methylates 5-(arylamino)thiadiazoles at the amino group,⁸ whereas diazomethane methylates these compounds and 5-[(arylsulfonyl)amino]thiadiazoles primarily at the 4 position.^{8,9} In the presence of pyridine, 5-aminothiadiazole is converted into 2,5-diaryl-3,4-dioxo(dithia or diarylaza)-3a⁴-thia-1,6-diazapentalenes by aroyl or thioaroyl chlorides or arylimido chlorides.^{10,11} Acetyl chloride does not react similarly but affords 3,5-diacetamido-1,2,4-thiadiazole.¹¹ With isocyanates 5-(alkyl- and arylamino)thiadiazoles react under elimination of

Table I



	R	yield, %	mp, °C	crystallizn solvent
2a	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$	60	138-140 ^a	C_6H_6
2b	2- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}$	39	166-167	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$
2c	3- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}$	65	144-145	C_6H_6
2e	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}$	54	178-180	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_6/\text{MeOH}$
2f	Cl_3C	92	193-194	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$
4a	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$	35	229-230	dioxane/ H_2O
4d	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}$	48	255-256	DMF/ H_2O
4e	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}$	42	247-248	DMF/ H_2O

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nitrogen to give (3-oxo- Δ^4 -1,2,4-thiadiazolin-5-yl)ureas.¹² We here report on the reaction of 5-aminothiadiazole and

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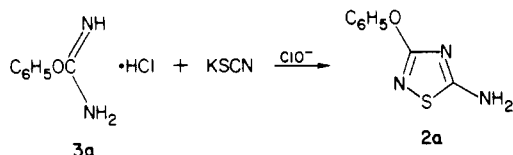
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its mono- and disubstituted alkyl and aryl derivatives with cyanates¹³ and trichloroacetonitrile.

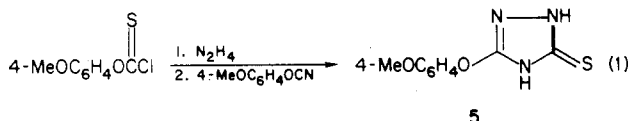
Results and Discussion

Dropwise addition of an equimolar amount of an aryl cyanate¹⁴ or trichloroacetonitrile to a solution of 5-aminothiadiazole (1) in an aprotic solvent at 0 °C causes



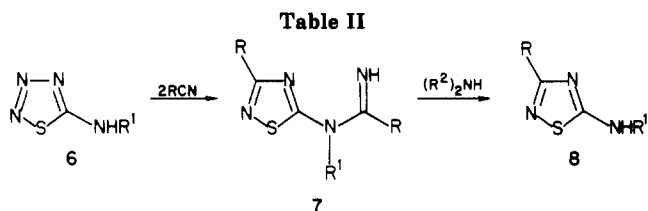
evolution of nitrogen and formation of 3-substituted 5-amino-1,2,4-thiadiazole 2¹⁵ in yields of 39–92% (Table I). The structure of 2 was supported by spectroscopic data and confirmed by independent synthesis¹⁶ from *O*-phenylisourea (3a) and KSCN.

Around 30 °C the thiadiazoles 2 react with a second mole of aryl cyanate to give the amidino compounds 4, which are also formed in small amounts at temperatures below 30 °C. Separation of 2 from 4 can be accomplished by differential solution of 2 in methanol, ethanol, or acetone. The reaction can be directed to afford 4 selectively by adding 1 in portions into 2 molar equiv of the cyanate. However, trichloroacetonitrile gives only 2f at temperatures up to 45 °C; higher temperatures cause decomposition of 1. Compounds of the type 2f are used as soil fungicides.¹⁷ Compounds 2 and 4 show a strong low-field shift of C₅ in the ¹³C NMR spectrum, which is about 184 ppm. Thus, the isomeric structure 3-(aryloxy)-1,2,4-triazoline-5-thione 5 (C₅ = 168.5 ppm) can be excluded. We prepared 5 by reaction of (4-methoxyphenyloxy)thioformyl chloride with hydrazine and subsequent treatment with 4-methoxyphenyl cyanate (eq 1).



We found a similar gradation in the chemical shift of C₅ in 5-(methylamino)thiadiazole (6) (C₅ = 178.4 ppm) and 1-methyltetrazoline-5-thione (C₅ = 164.3 ppm), in accord with other investigations of S,N-heterocycles.^{18,19}

In contrast to 1, 5-[alkyl(or aryl)amino]thiadiazoles 6 react with cyanates, even in a molar ratio of 1:1 and at -70 °C, with evolution of nitrogen to give 1,2,4-thiadiazoles 7, which contain two RO substituents (Table II). Since seven



	R ¹	R	yield, %	mp, °C	crystallizn solvent
7a	CH ₃	C ₆ H ₅ O	51	94	MeOH
7b	CH ₃	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄ O	45	133–135	EtOH
7c	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂ C ₆ H ₃ O	65	117–118	dioxane/ EtOH/H ₂ O
7d	C ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅ O	42	111–112	MeOH
7e	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	Cl ₃ CCH ₂ O	62	105–106	dioxane/ace- tone/H ₂ O
7f	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅ O	59	184–185	dioxane/ace- tone/H ₂ O
7g	C ₆ H ₅	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄ O	50	176–177	acetone/H ₂ O
7h	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	Cl ₃ CCH ₂ O	68	194–195	dioxane/ EtOH/H ₂ O
7i	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅ O	70	178–179	acetone/H ₂ O
7j	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ O	61	145–146	acetone/H ₂ O
7k	4-FC ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ O	76	154–155	dioxane/ EtOH/H ₂ O
7l	4-FC ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄ O	69	157–158	dioxane/ EtOH/H ₂ O
7m	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅ O	71	164–165	dioxane/ EtOH/H ₂ O
8g	C ₆ H ₅	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄ O	53	210–211	dioxane/H ₂ O
8h	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	Cl ₃ CCH ₂ O	73	226–227	dioxane/H ₂ O
8i	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅ O	62	213–215	dioxane/H ₂ O
8m	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	C ₆ H ₅ O	63	204–205	dioxane/ EtOH/H ₂ O
8n	CH ₃	Cl ₃ C	72 ^a	157–158	C ₆ H ₅ Cl
8o	C ₆ H ₅	Cl ₃ C	42 ^a	167–168	C ₆ H ₅ Cl

^a Prepared from Cl₃CCN and 6n,o.

isomers of these products are possible, interpretation of NMR spectra is difficult, and the structure was confirmed by X-ray analysis of 7i, 5-[(phenoxyimidocarbonyl)(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-3-phenoxy-1,2,4-thiadiazole.²⁰

As in its reaction with 1, trichloroacetonitrile reacts with 6a,f to give only 3-(trichloromethyl)-5-(methylamino or -anilino)-1,2,4-thiadiazoles (8n,o) and no 7, probably reflecting the fact that trichloroacetonitrile has lower electrophilicity than the cyanates.

Weaker electrophiles like isothiocyanates, thiocyanates, and cyanamide do not react with aminothiadiazoles at temperatures around 40 °C, and the reaction temperature cannot be increased above 40 °C because of decomposition of the thiadiazole.

Treatment of 7 with piperidine or morpholine removes the oxymino-carbonyl substituent to form 8g-i,m. However, in the reaction of 7a with piperidine the aryloxy radical is also replaced, forming piperidino compound 9.

The S–N bond is in 7 surprisingly stable. No H₂S, SO₂, or Zn/H₂SO₄ reductively opens the thiadiazoles. Boiling hydrazine hydrate decomposes 7f, liberating H₂S.

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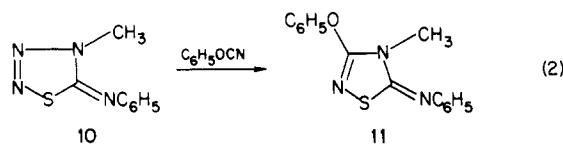
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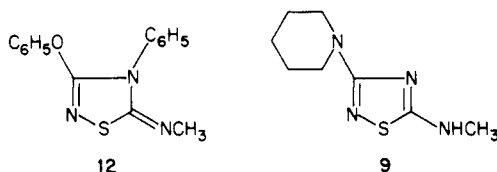
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The 5,5-(dimethylamino)- and 5,5-(dibenzylamino)-thiatriazoles do not react with aryl cyanates on boiling in acetone for 5 h. With 4-methyl-5-(phenylimino)thiatriazole (10),⁸ however, nitrogen is evolved at room temperature, forming a product whose spectroscopic data indicate 4-methyl-3-phenoxy-5-(phenylimino)-1,2,4-thiadiazoline (11) (eq 2).



According to L'abbé's rule²³ the ipso C atom of a phenylimino group in 11 may be expected at 149 ppm, whereas that of a 4-phenyl group in position 4, as in 12, should appear at higher field (~133 ppm). Also the methyl signal at 3.4 ppm of the ¹H NMR spectrum corresponds to a 4-methyl group, as in 11, and not to a 5-methylimino group, as in 12. The latter should appear at 2.9–3.1 ppm.²³

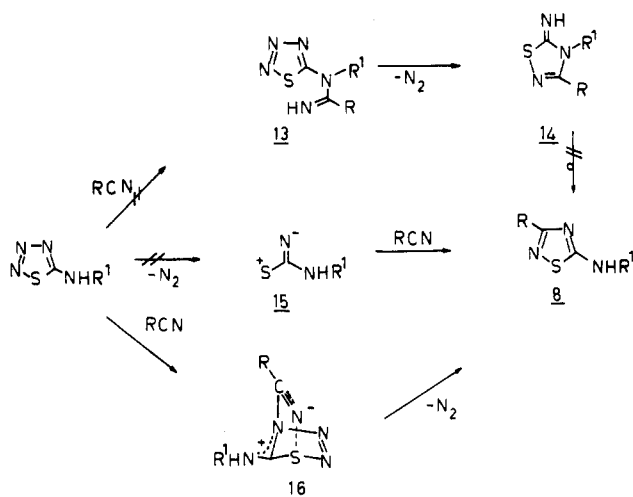


Formation of 1,2,4-thiadiazoles can be interpreted as proceeding via cycloaddition with ring closure through a diazathiapentalene-like intermediate, or via 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition after a preceding decomposition of the thiatriazole. Primary electrophilic attack on the exocyclic alkyl(or aryl)amino group to give 13 and subsequent ring closure with N₂ liberation can be excluded, since this would lead to formation of 4-substituted thiadiazoles 14 but not to 5-amino derivatives 8, observed experimentally. Subsequent Dimroth rearrangement 14 → 8 is unlikely, since this requires temperatures around 100 °C.²⁴ Primary electrophilic attack on the N₃ atom may be excluded for similar reasons, since 10, which has no NH bond available for acylation, also forms thiadiazole 11.

Primary formation of a 1,3-dipole 15 can also be excluded since the reaction is obviously bimolecular. 5-(Phenylamino)thiatriazole (6f) (2.5 × 10⁻³ mol/L) and *p*-tolyl cyanate (5 × 10⁻³ mol/L) in dry DMF show an 82% conversion after 4 h at 20 °C, measured by the amount of nitrogen liberated. Under the same conditions 6f alone releases only ~2% of the calculated amount of nitrogen. If the reaction is conducted in dioxane under the same conditions, 6f shows no measurable decomposition after 4 h, and in the presence of *p*-tolyl cyanate only 10% of the calculated amount of nitrogen is liberated after 24 h. Thus it may be concluded that the reaction proceeds via polar intermediates, which are favored by polar DMF ($E_T = 1.83 \times 10^5$ J/mol, $\epsilon = 36.7$) compared to the less polar dioxane ($E_T = 1.51 \times 10^5$ J/mol, $\epsilon = 2.2$).²⁵

The experimental data are in best accord with a cycloaddition via 16 as an intermediate or transition state (Scheme I). The latter is also suggested for ring transformations of 10 with phenyl isothiocyanate.²⁶ The strong dependence of the reaction rate on solvent polarity indicates that the cycloaddition does not proceed "concertedly"

Scheme I



but rather via polar intermediates.

Experimental Section

¹H NMR spectra were obtained with a Tesla BS 567 instrument using Me₄Si as internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian CFT-20 (HMDS as internal standard). All spectra were measured in Me₂SO-*d*₆. Mass spectra were determined with a CH-6 Varian-MAT. Melting points are uncorrected. Satisfactory analytical data (±0.4% for C, H, N) were reported for all new compounds.

3-Substituted 5-Amino-1,2,4-thiadiazoles 2. To a stirred solution of 1 (1.02 g, 10 mmol) in acetone, dioxane, or DMF (10–15 mL) was slowly added the cyanate ester or trichloroacetonitrile (10 mmol). During the addition 1 slowly dissolved with evolution of nitrogen. After 1 h of stirring at room temperature, the solvent was distilled off in vacuo, and the oily residue was solidified by crystallization from the appropriate solvent (Table I).

3-Substituted 5-[Alkyl(or aryl)imidocarbonylamino]-1,2,4-thiadiazoles 4 and 7. To a solution of the cyanate ester (20 mmol) in acetone, dioxane, or DMF (20–30 mL) was added at ambient temperature 1 or 6 (10 mmol) in portions with occasional cooling. **CAUTION:** The temperature should not be allowed to exceed 40 °C because violent decomposition may occur above this temperature, particularly with larger batches. After several hours thiadiazoles 4 or 7 precipitated. From the mother liquor an additional 5–10% of product could be obtained after removal of the solvent (Tables I and II).

3-(4-Methoxyphenoxy)-1,2,4-triazoline-5-thione (5). To 25% hydrazine hydrate (9.40 mL, 47 mmol) and water (10 mL) was added dropwise (4-methoxyphenoxy)thioformyl chloride (8.10 g, 40 mmol) at 10 °C with cooling. The colorless precipitate was separated and worked up at once because it turned red if kept in air. The resulting (4-methoxyphenoxy)thioformyl hydrazide (6.93 g, 35 mmol) was heated with 4-methoxyphenyl cyanate (6.36 g, 40 mmol) in refluxing benzene (60 mL) for 30 min. After cooling, 3.2 g (41%) of 5 precipitated and was filtered and washed with ether: mp 200–201 °C (dioxane); mass spectrum, *m/e* 223 (M⁺).

3-Substituted 5-(Alkyl(or aryl)amino)-1,2,4-thiadiazoles 8g–i, m. To a suspension of 7 (10 mmol) in ethanol (15 mL) was added piperidine or morpholine (12 mmol). After warming to 50–70 °C, 8 crystallized from the clear solution (Table II).

5-(Methylamino)-3-piperidino-1,2,4-thiadiazole (9). Piperidine (2.00 g, 23.5 mmol) and 7a (3.25 g, 10 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (20 mL). After 10 h of standing at room temperature, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was crystallized from (methanol/water) to give 1.0 g (51%) of 9: mp 136–137 °C; ¹H NMR δ 2.7 (3 H, d, CH₃), 3.4 (4 H, t, NCH₂), 1.4 (6 H, m, CH₂), 7.9 (1 H, q, NH); mass spectrum, *m/e* 198 (M⁺).

4-Methyl-3-phenoxy-5-(phenylimino)-1,2,4-thiadiazoline (11). To a solution of phenyl cyanate (1.19 g, 10 mmol) in acetone (10 mL) was added 10 (1.92 g, 10 mmol) in portions. After 24 h, the acetone was evaporated and the remaining oil was crystallized by addition of ethanol, giving 0.9 g (32%) of 11: mp 88–89 °C (ethanol); ¹H NMR δ 3.4 (3 H, s, CH₃), 7.2 (10 H, m, Ar H);

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Supplementary Material Available: ¹³C NMR peaks for 2e, 2f, 5, 7e, 8g, and 11; X-ray bond angles and interatomic distances for 7i (6 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

Ipsso Substitution in Dipyrindyl Sulfide by the Phenylthio Radical

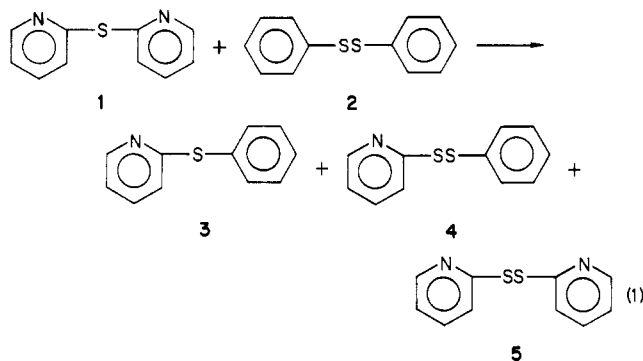
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Many examples of synthetically useful radical ipso substitution have been observed, and this reaction has, therefore, been investigated in some detail. For example, some substituents in aromatic rings such as nitro,¹ acyl,² and halogen³ are replaced by the attack of alkyl or chloro radicals. The positional selectivity of these reactions is interesting from a mechanistic point of view and synthetic applications. It is believed that the polar character of the aromatic substrate and attacking radical is important in determining the positional selectivity.⁴ As to disulfide, its sulfur-sulfur bond is easily cleaved by the attack of nucleophile or radical,⁵ but little is known about the carbon-sulfur bond cleavage of aryl sulfide. This note reports the carbon-sulfur bond cleavage of 2,2'-dipyrindyl sulfide by the attack of the phenylthio radical.

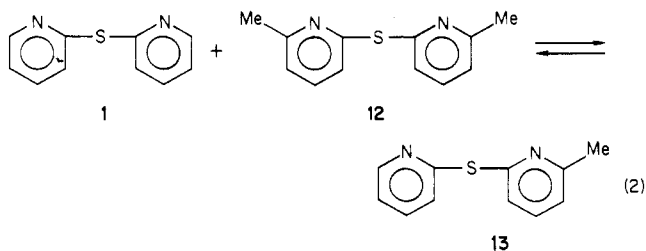
The equimolar reaction of 2,2'-dipyrindyl sulfide (1) with diphenyl disulfide (2) at 180 °C for 1 h in a sealed tube afforded a mixture of phenyl 2-pyrindyl sulfide (3), phenyl 2-pyrindyl disulfide (4), and 2,2'-dipyrindyl disulfide (5) in 49%, 18%, and 6% yields, respectively. The starting materials, 1 and 2 remained in 8% and 17%. In this reaction, it is considered that 3 was formed in the course of the ipso substitution in 1 by the phenylthio radical which was formed in the thermal decomposition of 2, for phenylthio radical produced by the thermal decomposition of 2 is known to effect displacement of halogen atom in



aromatic compounds,⁶ phenylthio radical and pyridylthio radical, which was formed from 1, combined directly to produce 4; 5 and 2 were formed by the disproportionation of 4. In general, disproportionation reactions between two varieties of disulfide are well-known.⁷ In fact, upon heating of 4 at 180 °C for 5 min, 5 and 2 were formed in 23% and 23% yields, respectively, together with the starting compound and a small amount of 3. Contrary to this reaction, 4 was also formed by heating a mixture of 5 and 2 under the same conditions. Upon prolonged heating of this mixture, 3 was formed, which is also considered to be ipso substitution in 5 by the phenylthio radical.

When an equimolar mixture of 2-pyrindyl tolyl sulfide (6) and 2 was heated at 180 °C for 1 h, 3, phenyl tolyl disulfide (7), and ditolyl disulfide (8) were formed quantitatively. However, phenyl tolyl sulfide and 4 were not formed. This observation indicates that the carbon-sulfur bond between the tolyl group and sulfur does not cleave but only the carbon-sulfur bond between the pyridine ring and sulfur cleaves in this reaction. In fact, 2 did not react with substituted diphenyl sulfides such as dinitrophenyl sulfide (9). On the other hand, dibenzyl sulfide (10) or 2-bromopyridine (11), both of which are considered to be reactive toward nucleophiles such as phenylthiolate, did not react with 2 under the same reaction conditions.

It is generally accepted that the radical ipso substitution in aromatic compounds occurs via the addition-elimination mechanism in a σ complex intermediate and positional selectivity is governed by the polar effects which operate during the addition step.⁴ But it is not clear if the mechanism of the general type mentioned above is applicable to the reaction of 1 with 2. The new fact that the carbon-sulfur bond of 1 cleaves easily upon heating was observed. When an equimolar mixture of 1 and 6,6'-dimethyl-2,2'-thiodipyrindine (12) was heated at 180 °C for 1 h, 6-methyl-2,2'-thiodipyrindine (13), which would result from disproportionation reaction, viz., fission and recombination of the carbon-sulfur bond of 1 and 12, was obtained together with the starting compounds. Then, the



molar quantities of 1, 13, and 12 resulted in the ratio of

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