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### Book review

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*Horizons in Organometallic Chemistry*; edited by I. Bernal, New York, Academy of Sciences, New York, 1974, 321 pages, \$ 28, paperback.

In the latter part of August 1973, immediately after the Sixth International Conference on Organometallic Chemistry had been held (August 13-17) in Amherst, Massachusetts, a number of the more hardy and dedicated participants who were not sated with discussions of the newest results in the field moved on to New York City to take part in another two-day meeting on the same subject. The proceedings of this meeting, which was organized by the Texas branch of the New York Academy of Sciences, have been published in this paperback as Volume 239 of the "Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences". This book contains 27 brief papers; some are nice reviews of some aspects of organometallic chemistry; some read like research papers with the experimental section omitted; a few are research papers with an experimental section. The subject matter of these papers covers both Main Group organometallic chemistry (8 papers, mostly on Periodic Groups III and IV) and transition metal organic chemistry (19 papers).

One might ask why the proceedings of a conference held in August 1973 did not reach the market until the end of November 1974, but such a delay, although vexing, is not uncommon. An as yet unnamed principle states that the greater the number of conference participants who are expected to produce papers, the greater will be the delay in the appearance of the conference proceedings. The present example probably is not off scale.

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