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of physics is the same be it for a book review, a proceeding, or for the *Physical Review Journal*, namely an honest attempt is the best procedure. Perhaps I feel this more keenly now that science and technology (at least in the US) is coming under increasing public attack.

However, I do not feel Zichichi should be greatly exercised over words like "highly qualified lecturers" or "essentially pedagogical lectures," because these are almost standard verbiage in the review process. The statement "limited freshness in presentation" can well be a reflection of the time delays mentioned above. In his letter, Zichichi took particular exception to our use of the term "humorous variant." We would like to point out that these words were used specifically in reference to a well known joke by Murray Gell-Mann (*Proceedings of the XIIIth International Conference in High Energy Physics*, Berkeley, 1966) in which the word "Chimeron" was coined. Both terms were in fact mentioned in my own recent paper on the "Chimeron Model of the Intermediate Vector Boson W" (*Ann. Phys.* 59, 80, 1970). They were not used to characterize any of the research described or any of the physicists who contributed to the volume. We regret that our meaning in this instance has somehow been misconstrued.

Finally I would like to emphasize again that my opening statement about delays is not to be construed as criticism of the editorial staff of the Majorana School. Having both observed and directed several Topical Conferences and Summer Schools over the past few years, I am particularly sympathetic to the plight of the Director-Editor of these schools who often has to contend with tardy lecture notes, less than perfect agreement with publishers, reviewers (not me though!) who are delinquent with their reviews, to name a few.

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Correction

SEPTEMBER 1969, page 95—Joseph Agassi, who reviewed *Government Contracting and Technological Change* by Clarence Danhof, advises us that he did not have the opportunity to see the edited version of his review before it appeared and that, unfortunately, omission of material in the editorial process has resulted in a distortion of his views, making them appear to be more pessimistic than he had intended on the question of R & D. □



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