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ON THE PUBLICATION DATE OF
POLYHOMOA ITOI AZUMA
 (Hymenoptera, Formicidae)

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In a recent article in *Psyche* (Vol. 54, pp. 93-94; 1950), Dr. W. S. Creighton discusses the confusion over the true publication date of *Polyhomoa itoi* Azuma. Although we are reluctant to notice this wretched synonym because of the added burden it places upon cataloguers, we find that Dr. Creighton has misinterpreted the facts regarding date of acceptance of the separate. He can scarcely be blamed for so doing, for evidence at hand indicates that Azuma's paper *as issued in reprint form* has been deliberately predated. The true date of publication of *Hyogo Biology*, Vol. 1, No. 4, is, as Dr. Creighton has verified independently, January 10, 1950; this is the date for *Polyhomoa itoi* Azuma. The date printed on the bottom of the cover of the reprint (August 30, 1949) cannot refer to acceptance date, as the acceptance date is clearly given in Japanese under the Japanese subtitle as July 25, 1949. In reply (dated 24/vi/1950) to a letter by Yasumatsu inquiring about the date of publication of the part of *Hyogo Biology* in question, the editor of the journal, Mr. Yutaka Murai of Koyo High School, stated that it was issued precisely on January 10, 1950. So much for *Polyhomoa*.

In a letter from Azuma to Brown, dated 24/xi/1950, the former reaffirmed the date August 30, 1949 as that on which *Polyhomoa itoi* first appeared in print, and suggested that *Kyidris mutica* Brown was a

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