

## 1. Redesignation of pa.

In many respects the pale aleurone mutant (pa), reported in the 1953 News Letter, resembles the bz gene found by Rhoades. It produces similar though possibly darker aleurone color than bz. It also produces a reddish brown plant color when B and Pl are present, and has little effect on cob color in the presence of P<sup>wr</sup>. Since it resembles bz in most respects (except for mutability), it is proposed that the a designation be changed to bz<sub>2</sub>, or in the case of the particular allele found, bz<sup>m</sup><sub>2</sub>.