

## II. Announcements

### 1. Maize Virus Information Service

The Library of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (Wooster, Ohio) in cooperation with the Center's maize virus research staff is developing a "Maize Virus Information Service" (MAVIS) which will cover information on maize viruses and corn stunt. The purpose of this service is to accumulate all available information on these subjects and to have it readily available to interested persons. Along this line the Library is now accumulating copies of all papers, abstracts and theses on these subjects. Furthermore, the Library is planning to produce a yearly computer listing of all publications in these areas. Retrieval of information from the computer listing will be mainly by author and subject matter (keyword). Photocopies of articles and of the computer listing will be sent to interested persons upon request at regular library rates.

### 2. Method for producing cytoplasmic male sterility patented.

Our attention has been called to U.S. Patent 3,594,152 issued in July, 1971 to D. F. Petrov, E. S. Fokina and N. B. Zheleznova of Novosibirsk, USSR. The patent describes a method for producing cytoplasmic male sterility in maize by treatment of sprouted seeds with various concentrations of streptomycin. A brief announcement concerning the patent was made to the participants of the annual corn meetings at Allerton Park by Dr. Robert I. Brawn.

### 3. Microfilm

Volumes 1-29 and Volume 33 of this News Letter have been placed on microfilm. The price of the microfilm has recently been increased to \$9.50. Copies may be obtained from this laboratory. Checks should be made out to M. M. Rhoades.