CYSTICERCUS OF THE TAPEWORM TANIA TENUICOLLIS RUD., 1819 — PARASITE OF MYOCASTER COPYS (MOLINA, 1782)

During parasitological studies of M. copys from small-scale and large-scale breedings a specimen (adult male) caught in free nature in Lednice (Moravia) in 1956 was dissected as well. Two cysticeri of *Tania tenuicollis* Rud., 1819 (syn. *Tania brevispinis* Rud., 1819) were found in its liver. Since this parasite has never been reported to occur in *M. copys*, either in Czechoslovakia or in foreign literature, our finding is described in detail in the present paper.

The cysticeri measured 2 mm in diameter. One of them was situated on the surface of the liver and the other under the surface, inside the tissue. The invaginated scolex was provided with four suckers measuring 0.150 mm in diameter and 0.250 mm long. The hooks were of uneven size, the large measured 0.0450 mm and the small ones 0.0190 mm.

As to the zoogeography, intermediate hosts, nomenclature, and mistrad data of *T. tenuicollis* Rud., 1819 is necessary to note the following facts. In the compendia published in the last years, e.g. by Abaladze (Georgy tsotsolodieli, IV, Int. Nauka, Moscow, 1964) or Verter (Zentralbog J. vet. Ros., 36: 3-58, 1969), the larval stages of *T. tenuicollis* were reported to parasitize many rodents and insectivores with holarctic distribution. Mustelidae serve as the sole hosts to this cestode.

The nomenclature of *T. tenuicollis* has often been widely discussed. It is closely related to other species of *Mustelidae*, which were described by several authors; Gorod 1782 *T. acrobe*, Gmelin, 1790 — *T. muskieti* Zeder, 1803 — *H. martis*, H. pateri Rudolph, 1810 — *T. intermedis* Rudolph, 1810 — *T. tenuicollis*, *T. tenuicollis*. Essentially two different conceptions are supported by the present authors. One of them was expressed by drugs, but the other one (especially by drugs, but the other one (especially by...