

27. SILICOFLAGELLATES AND EBRIDIANS FROM LEG 19¹

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INTRODUCTION

During Leg 19 of the Deep Sea Drilling Project aboard the D/V *Glomar Challenger*, eleven sites were drilled: three sites in the northeastern Pacific, two sites in the northwestern Pacific, and six sites in the Bering Sea (five in the Aleutian Basin and one in the Kamchatka Basin). These localities are shown in Figure 1 and their coordinates are listed in Table 1.

Thick sequences of Neogene sediments containing silicoflagellates and ebridians were recovered. Abundance and consistency of occurrence of these fossils were exceeded only by diatoms. Although pre-Miocene sediments were recovered from at least two sites, 183 and 192, no silicoflagellates or ebridians were found in the sediments.

Previously, similar investigations were carried out from deep-sea sediments of the mid-latitudes of the central North Pacific (Ling, 1970), and tropical and subtropical areas of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans (Ling, 1972). The present study from the high-latitude regions of the North Pacific, therefore, represents part of a continuous effort dealing with these siliceous microfossils, their taxonomy, and evaluation of their stratigraphic potential.

METHODS

After examining the core catcher samples at the first site, 183, it became apparent that diatoms were the dominant biogenic element and would provide the stratigraphic control for sediments of the region. Therefore most of the additional samples for shore laboratory study were collected immediately below the levels sampled for diatoms so that the results of these two groups of microfossils could be directly compared.

Due to limited time available for preparation and microscopic examination of each sample on shipboard, the sediments were treated almost exclusively with hydrogen peroxide followed by washing through a sieve of 63μ opening, instead of 74μ , as has been carried out previously. Consequently, a sieve of the same opening size was also used in the shore laboratory preparation.

Residue of both the greater than and less than 63μ fractions were mounted separately, with Canada balsam as the mounting medium. All the slides prepared bear a prefix of DSDP (abbreviation for the Deep Sea Drilling Project), but for convenience, it will be omitted hereafter throughout this paper. The designation of the slides are: site number-core number-section number, sampled position in

centimeters from the top of the section. Note here that each core is cut into 1.5-meter sections numbered consecutively from the top. For core catcher samples, the abbreviation of CC is used in place of a section number. The position of a figured specimen in the strewn slides is indicated with England Finder coordinates (Ling and Anikouchine, 1967).

SYSTEMATIC MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

Most of the silicoflagellate and ebridian species encountered during the present study have been reviewed in detail recently and their synonymy list has been presented (Ling, 1970, 1971, 1972). In the following, genera and species are arranged in alphabetical order within silicoflagellates and ebridians, and relevant comments or original references describing the named taxa are given wherever deemed appropriate.

Order SIPHONOTESTALES Lemmermann, 1901a

Genus CANNOPILUS Haeckel, 1887, emend. Bachmann, 1967

Cannopilus hemisphaericus (Ehrenberg)
(Plate 1, Figures 1-4)

Dictyocha hemisphaerica Ehrenberg, 1844b, p. 266.

Cannopilus sphaericus Gemeinhardt
(Plate 1, Figures 5, 6.)

Cannopilus sphaericus Gemeinhardt, 1931a, p. 104, pl. 10, figs. 3, 4.

Remarks: *C. sphaericus* is found from limestone pebbles of 190-16(CC) only during the present study.

Genus CORBISEMA Hanna, 1928, emend. Frenguelli, 1940

Corbisema triacantha (Ehrenberg)
(Plate 1, Figures 7, 8)

Dictyocha triacantha Ehrenberg, 1844a, p. 80.

Remarks: A few specimens of the present taxon are found in Core 20 from Site 183, and specimens replaced by pyrite were found in limestone pebbles from 192-31-1, at 88 cm.

Genus DICTYOCHA Ehrenberg, 1839

Dictyocha fibula Ehrenberg
(Plate 1, Figures 9, 10)

Dictyocha fibula Ehrenberg, 1839, p. 129.

Remarks: Except for an occurrence in 191-2-1 (52-54 cm), *D. fibula* is found in Miocene interval from Sites 183 and 192.

Dictyocha formosa Bachmann
(Plate 1, Figure 11)

Dictyocha formosa Bachmann, 1964, pp. 98, 99, pl. 1, figs. 1-8.

Remarks: Bachmann erected the present species from Hojuji diatomaceous mudstone of the Noto Peninsula, Japan, which is considered as late Miocene age according to Fuji and Bachmann (1968). This is the second recorded occurrence and the first time that *D. formosa* is found in deep-sea sediments. The specimens were recovered from limestone pebbles in the core catcher sample of Core 16, Site 190.

Measurements of figured specimen: Diameter of basal body ring, 50μ ; radial spines, $9-12\mu$.

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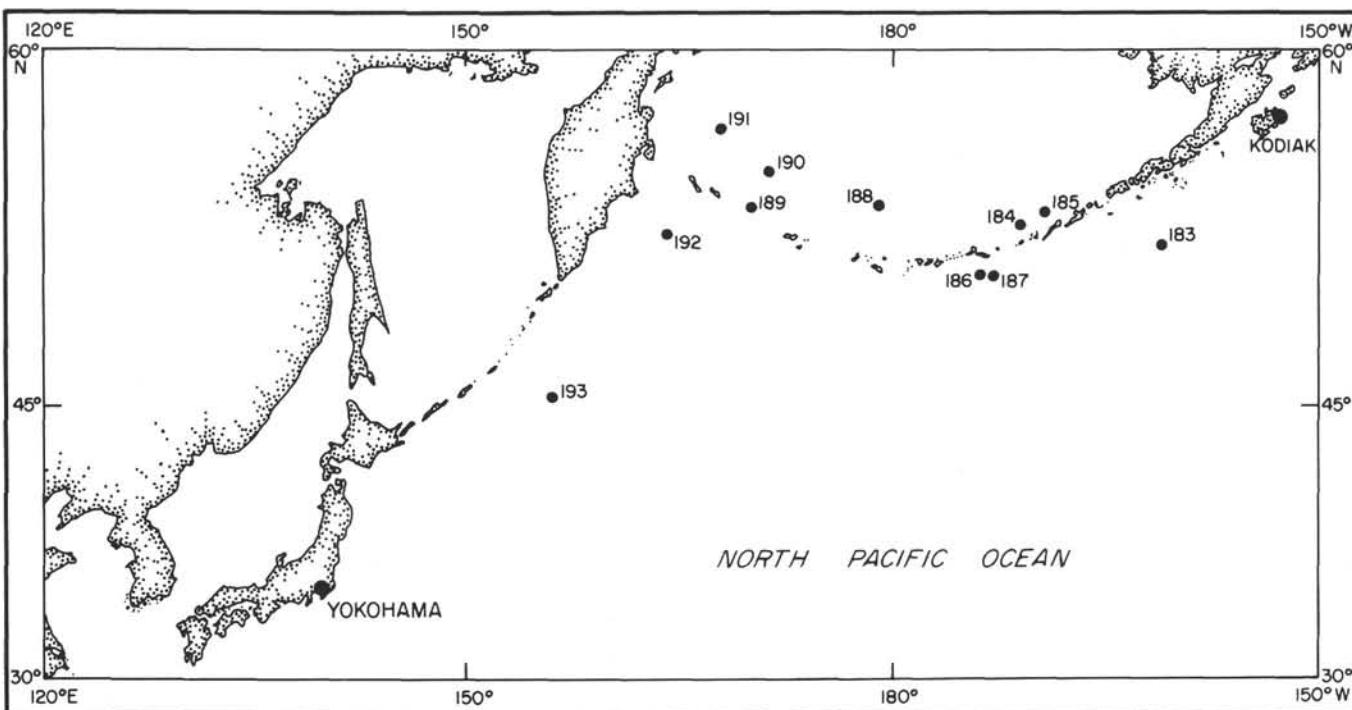


Figure 1. Geographic location of drilling sites, Deep Sea Drilling Project, Leg 19.

TABLE 1
Coordinates of Drilling Sites, Deep Sea Drilling
Project, Leg 19

Hole	Latitude	Longitude	Water Depth (m)
183	52°34.30'N	161°12.33'W	4708
184	53°42.64'N	170°55.39'W	1910
184A	53°42.64'N	170°55.39'W	1910
184B	53°42.64'N	170°55.39'W	1910
185	54°25.73'N	169°14.59'W	2110
186	51°07.81'N	174°00.34'W	4522
187	51°06.6'N	173°57.2'W	4567
188	53°45.21'N	178°39.56'E	2649
189	54°02.14'N	170°13.38'E	3437
190	55°33.55'N	171°38.42'E	3875
191	56°56.70'N	168°10.72'E	3854
191A	56°56.70'N	168°10.72'E	3860
191B	56°56.70'N	168°10.72'E	3860
192	53°00.57'N	164°42.81'E	3014
192A	53°00.57'N	164°42.81'E	3014
193	45°48.20'N	155°52.27'E	4811

Dictyocha subarctios Ling
(Plate 1, Figures 12-16)

Dictyocha subarctios Ling, 1970, pp. 95, 96, pl. 18, figs. 16-18, pl. 19, figs. 1-4.

Remarks: The abapical view of a specimen under the scanning electron microscope is presented here (see Plate 1, Figure 16) to show the structure of the present species. Note the uniform and smooth nature of the surface of the siliceous skeleton.

Genus DISTEPHANUS Stöhr, 1880

Distephanus crux (Ehrenberg)
(Plate 1, Figures 17, 18)

Dictyocha crux Ehrenberg, 1840, pp. 207, 208.

Distephanus crux var. *stauracanthus* (Ehrenberg)
(Plate 1, Figures 20, 21)

Dictyocha stauracanthus Ehrenberg, 1845, p. 76.

Distephanus octangulatus Wailes
(Plate 2, Figures 1-4)

Distephanus speculum var. *octonarius* Ehrenberg forma Wailes, 1928, p. 14, pl. 12, fig. 33.

Distephanus octangulatus Wailes, 1932, p. 216, fig. 3.

Remarks: As shown in Figure 4, the present species are found in many of the surface sediments from the Bering Sea. A scanning electron micrograph (see Plate 2, Figure 4) clearly shows the definite parallel ridge pattern on the apical surface of the skeleton.

Distephanus octonarius Deflandre
(Plate 2, Figures 5, 6)

Distephanus octonarius Deflandre, 1932, p. 503, fig. 7; Glezer, 1966, p. 271.

Distephanus speculum var. *octonarius* (Ehrenberg). - Gemeinhardt, 1930, p. 69, fig. 59 a-c; Gemeinhardt, 1931b, p. 241, pl. 42, figs. 5, 6; Gemeinhardt, 1934, p. 296, fig. 21.

Remarks: Although Glezer (1966, p. 271) recognized three varieties within the present species, her var. *cyrtoidea* was not found during the present study, and both var. *octonarius* and var. *polyactis* show the similar stratigraphic range, with the latter found more sporadically. Therefore, Deflandre's concept is followed in the present study. Judging from the stratigraphic position, *Distephanus octonarius* var. *polyactis* (Jorgensen) Glezer, reported by Jouse (1969, 1971) from V20-119 core, seems to correspond with present species.

Distephanus schauinslandii Lemmermann
(Plate 2, Figures 7-9)*Distephanus schauinslandii* Lemmermann, 1901b, p. 262, pl. 11, figs. 4, 5.**Distephanus speculum (Ehrenberg)**
(Plate 2, Figures 10-15)*Dictyocha speculum* Ehrenberg, 1839, p. 129.

Remarks: From the present study, it is concluded that, at least for deep-sea sediments from this part of the Pacific, specimens with different radial spine lengths have no stratigraphic significance and therefore they are included under the present taxon. Number of radial spines observed ranges from six to nine.

Distephanus speculum var. pentagonus Lemmermann
(Plate 2, Figures 16, 17)*Distephanus speculum* var. *pentagonus* Lemmermann, 1901 b, p. 264, pl. 11, fig. 19.

Remarks: As was also true in samples from the experimental drilling phase of the Mohole Project at Guadalupe site (Ling, 1972), the present taxon has a limited stratigraphic range both in the Pacific and the Bering Sea sediments.

Distephanus speculum var. pseudocrux Schulz
(Plate 2, Figures 18-20)*Distephanus speculum* fa. *pseudocrux* Schulz, 1928, p. 263, fig. 52 a, b.

Remarks: Although it is not found in samples from Leg 19, specimens referable to this Schulz's variety were recovered from the dredged rocks of the continental margin of the Bering Sea (see below).

Distephanus speculum var. pseudofibula Schulz*Distephanus speculum* fa. *pseudofibula* Schulz, 1928, pp. 262, 263, fig. 51 a, b.

Genus MESOCENA Ehrenberg, 1843, emend. Deflandre, 1950

Mesocena circulus var. apiculata Lemmermann
(Plate 2, Figures 21, 22)*Mesocena circulus* var. *apiculata* Lemmermann, 1901b, p. 257, pl. 10, figs. 9, 10.**Mesocena cf. elliptica Ehrenberg**
(Plate 3, Figures 1-4)

Remarks: As in previous studies (Ling, 1970, 1971, 1972), both "*M. diodon*" and "*M. elliptica*" described by various authors are considered under the present taxon; however, in the tables reporting the occurrence from each site, they are listed separately. Through communication with Dr. Sigurd Locker of Paläontologisches Museum of Natural History at the Humboldt University, Berlin, it is learned that Ehrenberg's original collection has been kept safely and is available for reexamination, and Dr. Locker is now working on a revision of silicoflagellates including drawings and a short index. It is hoped that the exact nature of *M. triangula* Ehrenberg (1839) will be defined in the future.

Mesocena pappi Bachmann
(Plate 3, Figures 5, 6)*Mesocena pappi* Bachmann, 1962, p. 380, pl. 1, figs. 1-9.

Remarks: *M. pappi* is found from sample 186-23-3(52-54 cm) only. Originally Bachmann described this species from the Kreyenhausen Shale (Eocene) of California and this is the first record from such high latitudes of the North Pacific.

Mesocena ? sp.
(Plate 3, Figures 7, 8)

Remarks: Limestone pebbles from sample 192-31-3(88-90 cm) contained this triangular-shaped silicoflagellate whose basal body ring was filled with or replaced by pyrite, thus obscuring the detailed structure, particularly at the three apices. They are tentatively placed under the present genus.

Genus NAVICULOPSIS Frenguelli, 1940

Naviculopsis lata (Deflandre)
(Plate 3, Figures 9, 10)*Dictyocha biapiculata* var. *lata* Deflandre, 1932, p. 500, figs. 300, 301.

Remarks: In the present study, *N. lata* was recovered only from Sample 186-23-3(52-54 cm).

Genus SEPTAMESOCENA Bachmann, 1970

Septamesocena apiculata Bachmann
(Plate 3, Figures 11, 12)*Mesocena apiculata* (Schulz), Deflandre, 1932, p. 499, figs. 34 (?), 35.

Remarks: Although *S. apiculata* was not found in Leg 19 samples, occurrence of the species is noticed in a dredge sample from the continental margin of the Bering Sea (see below).

Order STEREOTESTALES Lemmermann, 1901a

Genus AMMODOCHIUM Hovasse

Ammodochium rectangulare (Schulz)
(Plate 3, Figures 13-16)*Ebria antiqua* var. *rectangularis* Schulz, 1928, p. 274, fig. 72 a-d.

Genus EBRIOPSIS Hovasse, 1932a

Ebriopsis antiqua (Schulz)
(Plate 3, Figures 17-21)*Ebria antiqua* Schulz, 1928, pp. 273, 274, fig. 69 a-f.

Remarks: As in previous works (Ling, 1971; 1972), two forms, with and without anterior and posterior axial spines, are recognized in the present study. It now seems apparent that specimens without these spines have a longer stratigraphic range than those with spines. Furthermore, it is also noticed that these spines are less developed among specimens from this region than those from Japan or California (compare with Ling, 1970, Pl. 1, fig. 20, or Ling, 1972).

Genus PARATHRANIUM Hovasse, 1932b

Parathranium californicum Deflandre
(Plate 3, Figures 22-25)*Parathranium californicum* Deflandre, 1951, pp. 49-51, 77, figs. 168-171.SILICOFLAGELLATES AND EBRIDIANS
AT EACH SITE

In the following Tables 2-12, occurrence of silicoflagellates and ebridians from each site is presented. Abundance of species in one strewn slide is indicated as: "+" (single specimen), "R" (rare, 2-5 specimens), "F" (few, 6-10 specimens), "C" (common, 11-25 specimens), and "A" (abundant, over 26 specimens). Although samples from the lower part of each site were also examined, they are barren of these microfossils, and the samples are not listed in the tables.

SILICOFLAGELLATE AND EBRIDIAN ZONATION

Introductory Remarks

As already mentioned, the thick Neogene marine sediments recovered during Leg 19 provide a unique opportunity to observe the geologic occurrence of silicoflagellates and ebridians from the high-latitude North Pacific and the Bering Sea. With the assistance of diatom microflora, a biostratigraphic zonation from the area by means of these fossils is now possible.

TABLE 2
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 183

Sample	Taxa										Age			
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Dist. crux</i> var. <i>stauracanthus</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Dicytyocha subarcuata</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	<i>Camopilus hemisphaericus</i>	" <i>Mesocena elliptica</i> "	" <i>Mesocena diodon</i> "				
1-1(90-92) 1(CC) 2(CC) 3(CC) 4-1(132-134)	F C R + F R	C C R												
4-2(82-84) 4-3(68-70) 4-4(82-84) 4(CC) 5-3(90-92)	R R R R R	+ C C F R F R												
5(CC) 6-1(112-114) 6-2(82-84) 6-3(82-84) 6-4(82-84)			+ F R F											
6-5(82-84) 6(CC) 7-3(34-36) 7(CC) 8-3(56-58)	F R + +	R R R A												
8(CC) 9-3(132-134) 9(CC) 10-1(82-84) 10-2(82-84)			A A R R											
10(CC) 11-1(82-84) 11-2(82-84) 11-3(82-84) 11-4(82-84)		R	+ R											
11-5(82-84) 11(CC) 12-1(92-94) 12-2(82-84) 12-3(82-84)		C R		R R +										
12-4(82-84) 12-5(82-84) 12(CC) 13-4(0-2) 13(CC)				+ +										
14(CC) 15-4(0-2) 15(CC) 17-1(82-84) 17-2(82-84)	F + F		R F C F R R R R R R R + F						C + F +					
17-3(82-84) 17-4(82-84) 17-5(82-84) 17-6(82-84) 17(CC)				+ +					F R F C C R R R R					

TABLE 2 - *Continued*

Sample	Taxa										Age	
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Dist. crux</i> var. <i>stauracanthus</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Dicyrocha subaretios</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i>	" <i>Mesocena elliptica</i> "	" <i>Mesocena diodon</i> "		
18-1(140-142)							R R			+ R		
18-2(82-84)							R C			R R R		
18-3(82-84)							+ +			F R F		
18-4(82-84)							R R			R R F		
18(CC)												
19-1(120-122)							C			R		
19-2(82-84)							C					
19-3(80-82)							R F +					
19-4(80-82)							F					
19(CC)							+ +					
20-1(80-82)							R +			C		
20-2(80-82)							+ R			F		
20(CC)										+		
21-1(80-82)												
21-2(82-84)												
21-3(80-82)							+ +					
21-4(82-84)							+					

Earlier, Jouse' (1969, 1971) reported the occurrence of these microplanktonic remains from the deep-sea sediments of a core, V (Vema) 20-119, taken at 47°57'N, 168°47'E, at a water depth of 2739 meters. The paleomagnetic polarity of this core was measured by Ninkovich et al. (1966) and Hays and Ninkovich (1970), while Radiolaria and diatoms from the core were also examined by Hays (1970) and Donahue (1970) respectively. Note here a difference in age assignment for the core; Jouse' drew the Plio-Pleistocene boundary at a depth of 785 cm, while others placed the top of the Olduvai normal event approximately 1100 cm from the top of the core. The possibility of the existence of an unconformity at 800 cm depth within the core is also mentioned (Kanaya and Koizumi, 1970, p. 51). Silicoflagellate occurrence from the mid-latitude deep-sea sediments of the central North Pacific was reported by Ling (1970).

These are the previous records of silicoflagellates and ebridians from the submarine deposits in this region of the ocean; it is therefore necessary to compare the range of taxa recognized in the samples with those from the land deposits of the circum-North Pacific and such previous works are briefly summarized as follows. Mandra (1968) studied the California assemblages and related their occurrences to standard marine stages of the west coast of the United States. Ling (1972) discussed these planktonic remains from core sediments recovered during the experimental drilling phase of the Mohole Project at Guadalupe

site and compared the results with those of co-occurring diatoms, calcareous nannoplankton, and planktonic foraminifera. Sheshukova-Poretskaya (1967) tabulated and illustrated the Tertiary occurrences of these microfossils from the land deposits of Sakhalin and Kamchatka (her Table 19), but did not give any detailed description of the taxa.

Miocene silicoflagellates and ebridians from diatomaceous mudstones in the Noto Peninsula of Japan have been the subject of investigation by Ichikawa (1956, 1960), Bachmann (1964, 1967), Bachmann and Ichikawa (1962), and Fuji and Bachmann (1969, 1970); however these works are concerned with the taxonomy and the intraspecific variation. Microfossils from the Shinzan diatomaceous member of the Onnagawa Formation were investigated by Ling (1971) with emphasis on their stratigraphic occurrences. At the same time consideration was also given to comparing their occurrences with other microfossil groups, diatoms and Radiolaria studied previously from the same locality. From the Pacific side of Japan, silicoflagellates and ebridians are reported from the Hayama Group of the Kanagawa Prefecture (Ling and Kurihara, 1972), and here again their occurrence is discussed with the co-occurring foraminiferal and radiolarian assemblage.

Definition and Discussion of Zones

From Leg 19 samples, nine silicoflagellate and ebridian zones are recognized between middle Miocene and Recent

TABLE 3
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 184

Sample	Taxa								Age	
	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Dictyocha fibula</i>	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	<i>Dist. crux</i> var. <i>stauracanthus</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	<i>Paratruncum tenuipes</i>	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i>	" <i>Mesocena elliptica</i> "	
1-1(75-77) 1(CC) 2-3(132-134) 2-5(132-134) 2(CC)	C R R R F R R R R									Late Pleistocene
3-3(102-104) 3-5(102-104) 3(CC) 4-4(142-144) 4(CC)	C R R R R R R F R R R R									
5(CC) 6-4(142-144) 6(CC) 7-4(142-144) 7(CC)	R R A F R R F R R R R R									
8-4(142-144) 8(CC) 9-4(52-54) 9(CC) 10-3(72-74)	C F R C R C C									
10(CC) 11-3(62-64) 11(CC) 12-1(82-84) 12-2(82-84)	R R A C R R C R R			C R R R						
12-3(82-84) 12(CC) 13-2(82-84) 13(CC) 14-3(52-54)	R F R R R R R R R R R R			F F F						
14(CC) 15-1(132-134) 15(CC) 16-2(32-34) 16(CC)	R R R R R R F R R R R R			R C R F						
17-2(42-44) 17-3(22-24) 17(CC) 18-1(22-24) 18(CC)	F R R R R F R R R R R R			R R F C R C						
19(CC) 20-3(122-124) 20(CC) 21-1(132-134) 21(CC)	R R R R R R R R			R R F F						
22(CC)	R									

intervals, and they are discussed in ascending order below. All the zones here considered are interval zone (biointerval zone) of Hedberg (1971) or successive disappearance zone

of Vella (1964). At the same time, by arranging the sequence of each drilled site into the zones, a correlation, Table 13, is formulated.

TABLE 4
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 185

Sample	Taxa										Age		
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Dist. crux</i> var. <i>stauracanthus</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Dictyocha subarcuatus</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	<i>Paratrhanium</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i>	<i>Dist. speculum</i> var. <i>pentagonus</i>	" <i>Mesocena elliptica</i> "	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (with spine)	<i>Distephanus crux</i>
1-1(22-24) 1(CC) 2(CC) 3-1(52-54) 3(CC)	R C R R												
4-2(32-34) 4-4(32-34) 4(CC) 5(CC) 6-4(142-144)		R R R F F	R R R F R										
6(CC) 7-1(104-106) 7-3(102-104) 7(CC) 8-1(122-124)	R A A F C	R F R F F											
8-3(132-134) 8(CC) 9(CC) 10-3(52-54) 10(CC)	F R R R R		C R R R R	R R R R R									
11-1(132-134) 11(CC) 12-1(112-114) 12(CC) 13-1(132-134)	C R R R R		F R R R R	R R F R F	R R R R R								
13(CC) 14-1(72-74) 14(CC) 15-1(122-124) 15(CC)	F R R R R		R R R F R	R R C C R	R R R F R								
16-1(112-114) 16(CC) 17(CC)		R	R R R	R R R	R R R								

Distephanus schauinslandii Zone

Top: Upper limit of *Distephanus schauinslandii* Lemmermann.

Base: Not defined in the present study.

Occurrence of reference section: Site 183.

Remarks: Stratigraphically this is the lowest zone that can be recognized from this region of the Pacific at present. *Ammodochium rectangulare*, *Ebriopsis antiqua* (spineless form), and *Distephanus crux* are already present. The highest occurrence of *Corbisema triacantha* seems to coincide with the top of this zone. Thus, although the matrix of Sample 192-31-1 at 88 cm was barren of microfossils, the age of the limestone pebbles found in the sample may belong to this zone.

Mesocena circulus var. *apiculata* Zone

Top: Upper limit of *Mesocena circulus* var. *apiculata* Lemmermann.

Base: Upper limit of *Distephanus schauinslandii* Lemmermann.

Occurrence of reference section: Sites 183 and 192.

Remarks: The zone thus defined likely coincides with the local range of the named taxon. *Dictyocha fibula*, *Distephanus speculum* var. *pentagonus* show their initial appearance from near the top of the zone.

Distephanus speculum var. *pentagonus* Zone

Top: Upper limit of *Distephanus speculum* var. *pentagonus* Lemmermann.

TABLE 5
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 186

Sample	Taxa						Age
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Dist. crux var. stauracanthus</i>	<i>Dicytyocha subarcuata</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	
1-1(122-124)							
1(CC)	+						
2-3(77-79)	R	F					
2(CC)	R	R					
3-3(102-104)	R	R					
4-2(132-134)	A	F	F				
4-4(132-134)							
4(CC)							
5-3(120-122)		+					
5(CC)							
6(CC)							
7-3(32-34)	R	+	R				
7(CC)			+				
8-3(34-36)	R		+				
8(CC)							
9-2(112-114)							
9-4(142-144)							
9(CC)							
10-3(40-42)							
10(CC)							
11-4(132-134)							
11(CC)							
12-1(102-104)	R	+	A				
12(CC)	+		+				
13-1(122-124)	A	A					
13(CC)							
14(CC)							
15(CC)							
16-1(25-27)	R						
16(CC)	+						
17-1(132-134)	C		R				
17(CC)	+		R				
18-1(132-134)	R			++			
18(CC)	+						
19(CC)							
20-1(132-134)							
20(CC)							
21(CC)							
22-1(122-124)				+	+		
22(CC)							
23-1(122-124)	R						
23-2(122-124)	F			+	R		
23-3(52-54)	R			++	R	+ R	
23(CC)				+	R	+	
24-1(52-54)				+	R		
24(CC)							
25(CC)				+			

TABLE 6
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 187

Sample	Taxa				Age
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Dictyocha subarctios</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	
1(CC) 1st part	R	R	F		Early Pleistocene
1(CC)			R		
2(CC)			R		Early Pliocene
3(CC)			R	R	

Base: Upper limit of *Mesocena circulus* var. *apiculata* Lemmermann.

Occurrence of reference section: Sites 183 and 192.

Remarks: The extinction of *Distephanus crux* and *D. speculum* var. *pseudofibula* in this region is found within this interval. Also disappearing from near the top of this zone is *Dictyocha fibula* which is generally regarded as a warm-water form. The Mio-Pliocene boundary based on silicoflagellates is drawn at the top of this zone in present study.

Cannopilus hemisphaericus Zone

Top: Upper limit of *Cannopilus hemisphaericus* (Ehrenberg).

Base: Upper limit of *Distephanus speculum* var. *pentagonus* Lemmermann.

Occurrence of reference section: Site 192.

Remarks: Although in Sites 183 and 190, the upper boundary of this zone coincides with the extinction level of "*Mesocena elliptica*" and "*M. diodon*," in other sites, 184 and 185, it occurs slightly below the top of the zone. This indicates a possibility that an additional datum plane can be recognized but this is not done at this time.

Ebriopsis antiqua (spineless form) Zone

Top: Upper limit of *Ebriopsis antiqua* (spineless form) Schultz.

Base: Upper limit of *Cannopilus hemisphaericus* Ehrenberg.

Occurrence of reference section: Site 192.

Remarks: With the final appearance of *Cannopilus hemisphaericus* and "*Mesocina diodon*," and the Miocene occurrence of "*M. elliptica*" in the underlying zone, the present zone is characterized by the occurrence of *Ebriopsis antiqua* (spineless form), *Ammodochium rectangulare*, and a long-ranging species, *Distephanus speculum*.

Ammodochium rectangulare Zone

Top: Upper limit of *Ammodochium rectangulare* (Schultz).

Base: Upper limit of *Ebriopsis antiqua* (spineless form) Schultz.

Occurrence of reference section: Site 192.

Remarks: In all sites drilled during this leg, the present interval is rather characteristic by its low species diversity. Besides the named species, *Distephanus speculum* is the only form found from this zone and even *Ammodochium rectangulare* shows a decrease in abundance in comparison with the Miocene interval. It is believed that the extinction of the above named species occurs near or approximately at the Plio-Pleistocene boundary in this area.

Dictyocha subarctios Zone

Top: Upper limit of *Dictyocha subarctios* Ling.

Base: Upper limit of *Ammodochium rectangulare* (Schultz).

Occurrence of reference section: Sites 183 and 190.

Remarks: The present zone can also be considered as the local range zone of the named taxon according to the American Stratigraphic Code (1961). The initial appearance of the present species is near the Plio-Pleistocene boundary, but in a few sites including the reference sites, there is an interval subsequent to the extinction of *Ammodochium rectangulare* and prior to the initial appearance of *Dictyocha subarctios*, but samples at this critical interval are unfortunately barren of these microfossils.

Concerning the top of this zone, Ling (1970) suggested a possible biostratigraphic datum plane indicated by the extinction level of *Dictyocha subarctios*, *D. cf. ausonia* and *Mesocena cf. elliptica* from the central subarctic Pacific sediments. Present study now confirms that this datum plane can be recognized by the extinction level of the *D. subarctios*. The other two species were never found in the Pleistocene section from this high-latitude region.

It now seems that the latest occurrence of *Dictyocha subarctios* occurs slightly above the polarity change from Matuyama reversed to Brunnens normal, thus the top of this zone is slightly higher than the extinction level of *Actinocyclus oculatus* Jousé (Donahue, 1970).

Within this interval, *Distephanus octonarius*, *D. crux* var. *staurocanthus* make their first appearance.

Distephanus octonarius Zone

Top: Upper limit of *Distephanus octonarius* Deflandre.

Base: Upper limit of *Dictyocha subarctios* Ling.

Occurrence of reference section: Sites 185 and 192.

Remarks: The latest occurrence of *Distephanus crux* var. *staurocanthus* is observed at slightly below the upper boundary of this zone. Throughout the present study, the top of a diatom species, *Rhizosolenia curvirostris* Jousé, corresponds in general with that of this zone.

Distephanus octangulatus Zone

Top: Not defined in the present study.

Base: Upper limit of *Distephanus octonarius* Jousé.

Occurrence of reference section: Site 183.

Remarks: This is the youngest zone recognized from this region subsequent to the extinction of *Distephanus octonarius*. Occurrence of *D. octangulatus* has been observed from surface sediments in this part of the North Pacific and

TABLE 7
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 188

Sample	Taxa						Age
	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Dist. crux</i> var. <i>stauracanthus</i>	<i>Dictyocha subarcitios</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	
1-1(63-66)	C	F					
1(CC)	+						
2(CC)	+						
3-2(132-134)	R	F					
3-4(132-134)	F						
3(CC)	F	R	+				
4(CC)	F	R	R				
5(CC)	F	R	F				
6-2(62-64)		C					
6(CC)	R	R	R	F	R		
7-1(103-105)	C	A					
7-4(52-54)		A					
7(CC)	+						
8-1(102-104)	A						
8(CC)	+						
9-1(42-44)	C			F			
9-3(142-144)	F						
9-3(150)	R						
10(CC)							
11-1(54-56)	F						
11(CC)	+			+			
12-1(62-64)	A				F		
12(CC)					C		
13-1(103-105)	R				C		
13(CC)					R		
14-1(31-33)	C			C	F	+	
14(CC)	R			R	F	F	R
15-2(22-24)	R			R	R	+	
15(CC)	R			R	R	R	

the Bering Sea (see Figure 4). *Distephanus speculum*, a cold-water species, is generally found in the same samples.

ADDITIONAL OCCURRENCES IN THE BERING SEA

In connection with the present investigation of the Deep Sea Drilling Project materials, additional samples from the Bering Sea were examined (Figure 2) and the results are presented here briefly.

From the surface sediments studied previously for radiolarians (Ling et al., 1971), only *Distephanus speculum* and *D. octangulatus* were found. Figures 3 and 4 present their distribution in the area, respectively.

Rocks from the continental margin of the Bering Sea were dredged by personnel from the U.S.N.S. *Bartlett* in 1970 and part of the samples were placed at the writer's disposal through the kind arrangement of Dr. David W. Scholl. Geographic location, microfossil assemblage recovered, and

the probable geologic age assigned for the samples are shown in Table 14.

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TABLE 8
Silicoflagellates and Ebriidiens from Site 189

Sample	Taxa				Age
	<i>Disstephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Disstephanus speculum</i>	<i>Dicyochoa subarcuata</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	
1-1(73-75)	+				
1(CC)	R				
2(CC)	R	R			
3-1(112-114)	R	R			
3(CC)					
4-2(12-14)	+ C				
4(CC)					
5-1(32-34)	R	?			
5(CC)	R				
6-1(86-88)	C	C			
6(CC)	R	R			
7(CC)		R			
8(CC)		R			
9-1(102-104)	R		+		
9(CC)					
10(CC)		+			

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TABLE 9
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 190

Sample	Taxa										Age		
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Distephanus crux</i> var. <i>stauracanthus</i>	<i>Dicyocha subarcuata</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine) "Mesocena elliptica"	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i>	<i>Distephanus crux</i> var. <i>pentagonus</i>	<i>Mesocena circulus</i> var. <i>apiculata</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (with spine)	<i>Cannopilus sphaericus</i>	<i>Dicyocha formosa</i>
1-1(67-69)													
1(CC)	R	R											
2(CC)	R	R											
3-2(112-114)													
3(CC)	A	F	F										
4-1(112-114)	C	R											
4(CC)	+												
5-2(102-104)	R		+										
5-5(42-44)													
5(CC)	+	R	F										
6-3(32-34)	F	R	F										
6(CC)	R	R	R	R									
7-2(112-114)	R												
7(CC)	R		R										
8-3(42-44)	R			C									
8(CC)	R		A										
9-1(52-54)		R											
9(CC)			F										
10-2(30-32)													
10(CC)													
11-1(137-139)	C			C									
11-3(137-139)	C			+									
11(CC)	C			+									
12-1(72-74)	C												
12-3(32-34)	F			+									
12(CC)	F			F R									
13-1(102-104)	F			F R									
13(CC)	R			F R R									
14-2(102-104)	C			F F R F +									
14-4(102-104)	R			C C F				R					
14(CC)	+			F	+			+					
15(CC)					F			+					
16(CC)								F	+				

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TABLE 10
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 191

Sample	Taxa					Age
	<i>Distephanus octangulus</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulus</i>	<i>Dictyocha fibula</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	
						Dist. spec. var. <i>stauracanthus</i>
1(CC)	R					
2-1(52-54)	F	R				
2(CC)						
3(CC)						
4-1(102-104)	F	C				
4-5(112-114)	F	F	F			
4(CC)						
5-6(72-74)						
5(CC)						
6-2(122-124)						
6(CC)						
7(CC)						
8-2(132-134)						
8(CC)	R					
9(CC)	R	R				
10-2(62-64)						
10(CC)						
11-2(10-12)						
11(CC)	R		R			
12-1(123-125)			R			
A-1-1(0-2)						
A-1(CC)						
A-2-2(80-82)						
A-2(CC)	R	F				
A-4-1(137-139)	F	C				
A-4(CC)				R		
				F		

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TABLE 11
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 192

Sample	Taxa										Age
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Distephanus crux</i> var. <i>stauracanthus</i>	<i>Dictyocha subbarbitios</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	<i>Paratruncatum tenuipes</i>	<i>Distephanus crux</i>	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i>	
1-1(56-58)	+										
1(CC)	+	+									
2-2(137-139)											
2(CC)	+										
3-3(22-24)											
3(CC)	+	+	+								
4-3(22-24)			+								
4-5(17-19)			+								
4(CC)	R	+	A	+							
5-3(12-14)	R	R	R								
5(CC)	+	+	+	+							
6-1(137-139)			+	R							
6(CC)				F							
7-2(22-24)	F										
7(CC)	C										
8-1(137-139)	R				+						
8-4(72-74)	C				F						
8(CC)	R				+						
9-2(52-54)	R				+						
9-4(102-104)	+				+						
9(CC)	R				R						
10-1(122-124)	F				R	C	+				
10-4(32-34)	R				R	F					
10(CC)	+				R	R					
11-1(120-122)	R				R		+				
11(CC)					R	C		+			
12-1(52-54)	F				R	C		C			
12(CC)	R				R	F		F			
13-2(52-54)	A				C	C	F	A	F		
13-4(32-34)	A				R	F	R	F	R		
13(CC)	F				R	R		F	R		
14-1(52-54)	C				R	F		C	R		
14(CC)	F				R	F		F	R		
15-1(110-112)	R				F	F		F	R		
15-3(102-104)	R				R	R		F	R		
15(CC)	R				F	F		F	R		
16-1(102-104)	C				R	R		R	C		
16(CC)	R				R	F		C	R		
17-1(125-127)	R				R	C		R	R		
17(CC)	R				R	R		R	F		
18-2(52-54)	F				F	F		F	R		
18-4(100-102)	R				R	F		C	R		
18(CC)	R				R	R		F	R		
19-1(50-52)	F				F	C		R	R		
19(CC)	R				R						
20-1(32-34)	R				R	R		R	R		
20(CC)	R				R	R		R	R		
21-1(52-54)	R				R	R		R	R		
21(CC)	R				R	R		F	R		
22-1(102-104)	R				R	R		R	R		

TABLE 11 – *Continued*

Sample	Taxa										Age						
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Distephanus crux</i> var. <i>stauracanthus</i>	<i>Dicyocha subarcuata</i>	<i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	<i>Paratruncum tenuipes</i>	<i>Distephanus crux</i>	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i>	<i>Paratruncum californicum</i>	" <i>Mesocena elliptica</i> "	" <i>Mesocena diodon</i> "	<i>Distephanus speculum</i> var. <i>pentagonus</i>	<i>Dicyocha fibula</i>	<i>Mesocena circulus</i> var. <i>pseudofibula</i>	<i>Corbisena triacantha</i>
22(CC) 23-1(102-104)	R F			F R R R R R R	F R R R R						R R R	R R R	R R R	F R F			Late Miocene
23(CC) 24-2(22-24)																	
24(CC)																	
25-1(82-84) 25(CC) 26-1(108-110)				R R													
26(CC) 26(CC) ^a																	
27-3(20-23) 27(CC) 28(CC) 29(CC) 30(CC)																	?
31-1(88-90) ^b				R R	R F							R					

^aDiatom ooze part.^bBrown limestone.TABLE 12
Silicoflagellates and Ebridians from Site 193

Sample	Taxa				Age
	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	<i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	" <i>Mesocena elliptica</i> "	" <i>Mesocena diodon</i> "	
	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Distephanus octangulatus</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	<i>Distephanus octonarius</i>	
1-1(122-124)	+				
1-2(130-132)		+			
1(CC)	R	+	+	+	
2-1(117-119)					
2-3(40-42)					
					Mid Pleistocene
					Late Pleistocene

TABLE 13
Silicoflagellate and Ebridian Zones Observed at Sites of Deep Sea Drilling Project, Leg 19

TABLE 14
Dredge Stations and Samples of USNS *Bartlett*, 1970

Dredge Station and Sample	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (m)	Silicoflagellate and Ebriidian Assemblage	Age
70-B49-1R1	55°40.2'N	165°11.8'E	1400-1800	—	
70-B49-1R2	55°40.2'N	165°11.8'E	1400-1800	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i> , <i>Distephanus crux</i> , <i>D. speculum</i> var. <i>pentagonus</i> , <i>Septamesocena apiculata</i>	Late Miocene
70-B52-1R1	58°08.2'N	164°01.4'E	1400-1800	<i>Distephanus speculum</i> , <i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i> , <i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (Without spine)	Miocene-Early Pliocene
70-B55-1R	56°40.2'N	169°38.1'E	2200-2500	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i> , <i>Distephanus speculum</i> , <i>D. spec.</i> var. <i>pseudocrux</i> , <i>Ammodochium rectangulare</i> , <i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	Late Miocene
70-B56-3R1	53°32'N	170°00'E	1700-1800	—	
70-B56-3R2	53°32'N	170°00'E	1700-1800	—	
70-B81-1R	58°22.1'N	169°44.5'E	2250-2350	<i>Distephanus speculum</i>	
70-B86-1R	60°30.6'N	172°22.1'E	1100-1300	—	
70-B92-3R	59°33.1'N	178°54.7'W	2400-2600	—	
70-B97-1R1	58°17.2'N	174°49.0'W	1300-1500	—	
70-B97-1R2	58°17.2'N	174°49.0'W	1300-1500	<i>Cannopilus hemisphaericus</i> , <i>Distephanus speculum</i> , <i>D. spec.</i> var. <i>pseudofibula</i> , <i>D. spec.</i> var. <i>pseudocrux</i> , <i>Ebriopsis antiqua</i> (without spine)	Late Miocene
70-B111-1	53°31.9'N	170°49.8'W	2800-3000	—	

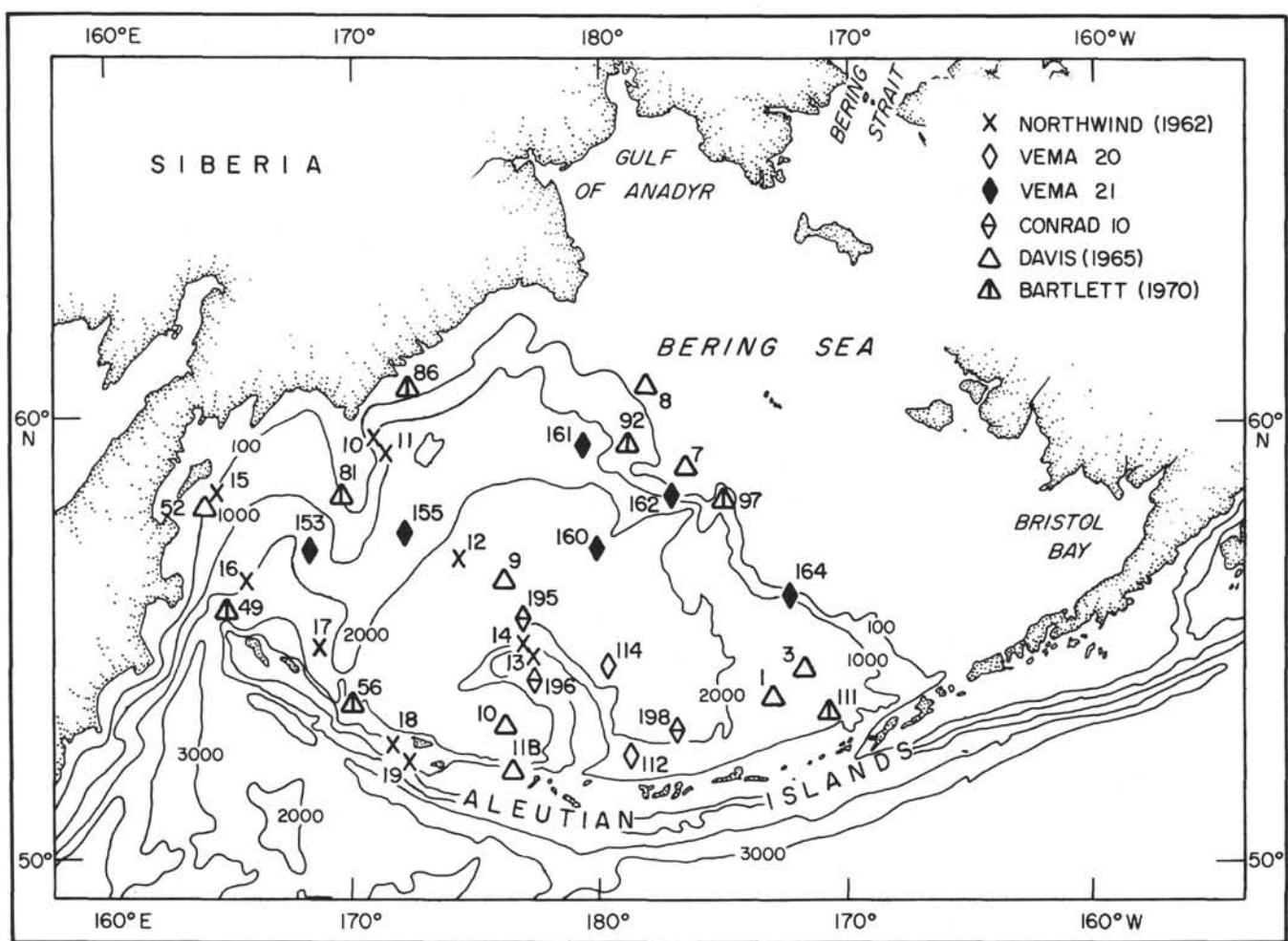


Figure 2. Bathymetry of the Bering Sea and the locations of core sediments and dredged rocks studied.

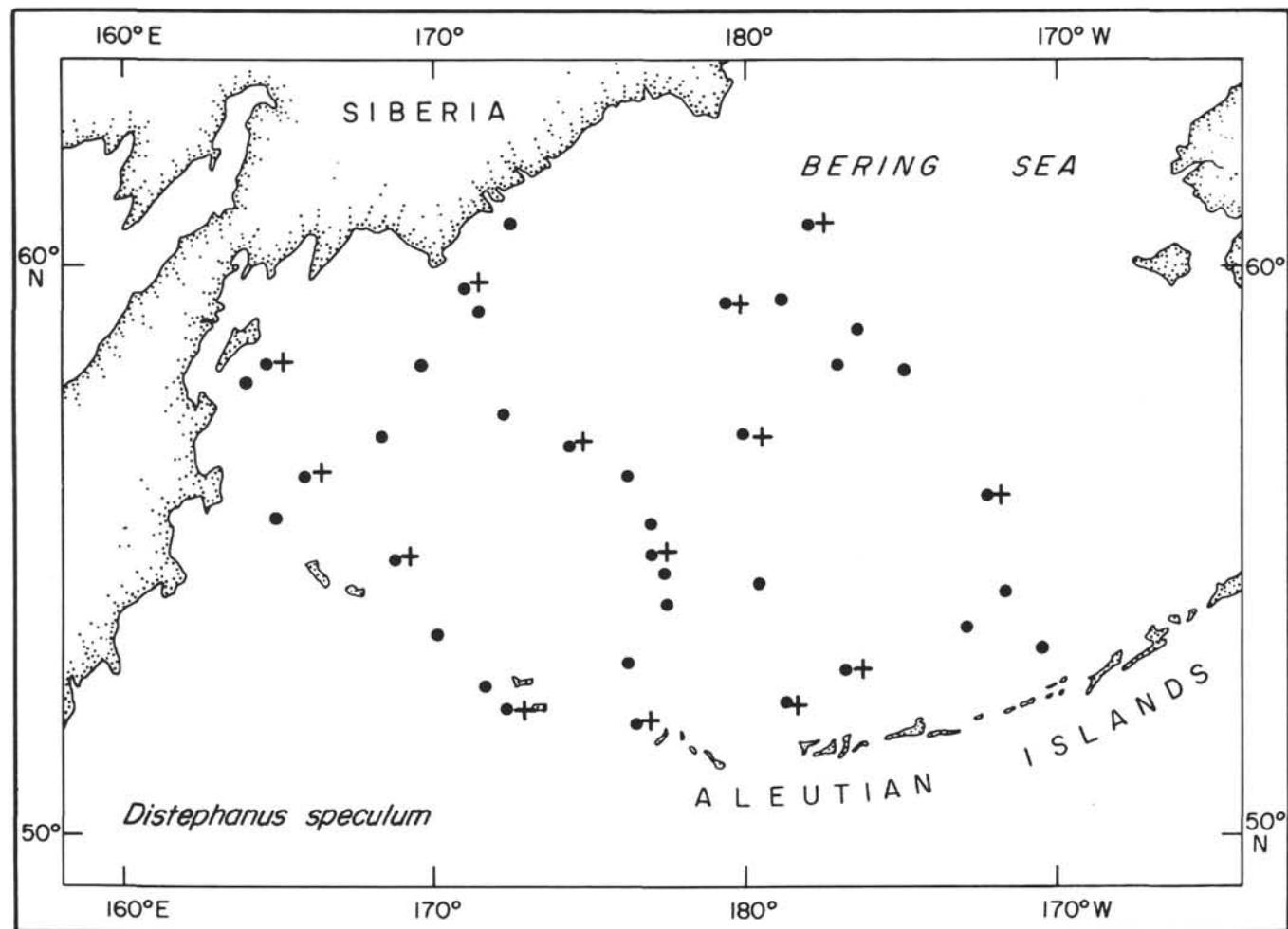


Figure 3. Distribution of *Distephanus speculum* in surface sediments + = present.

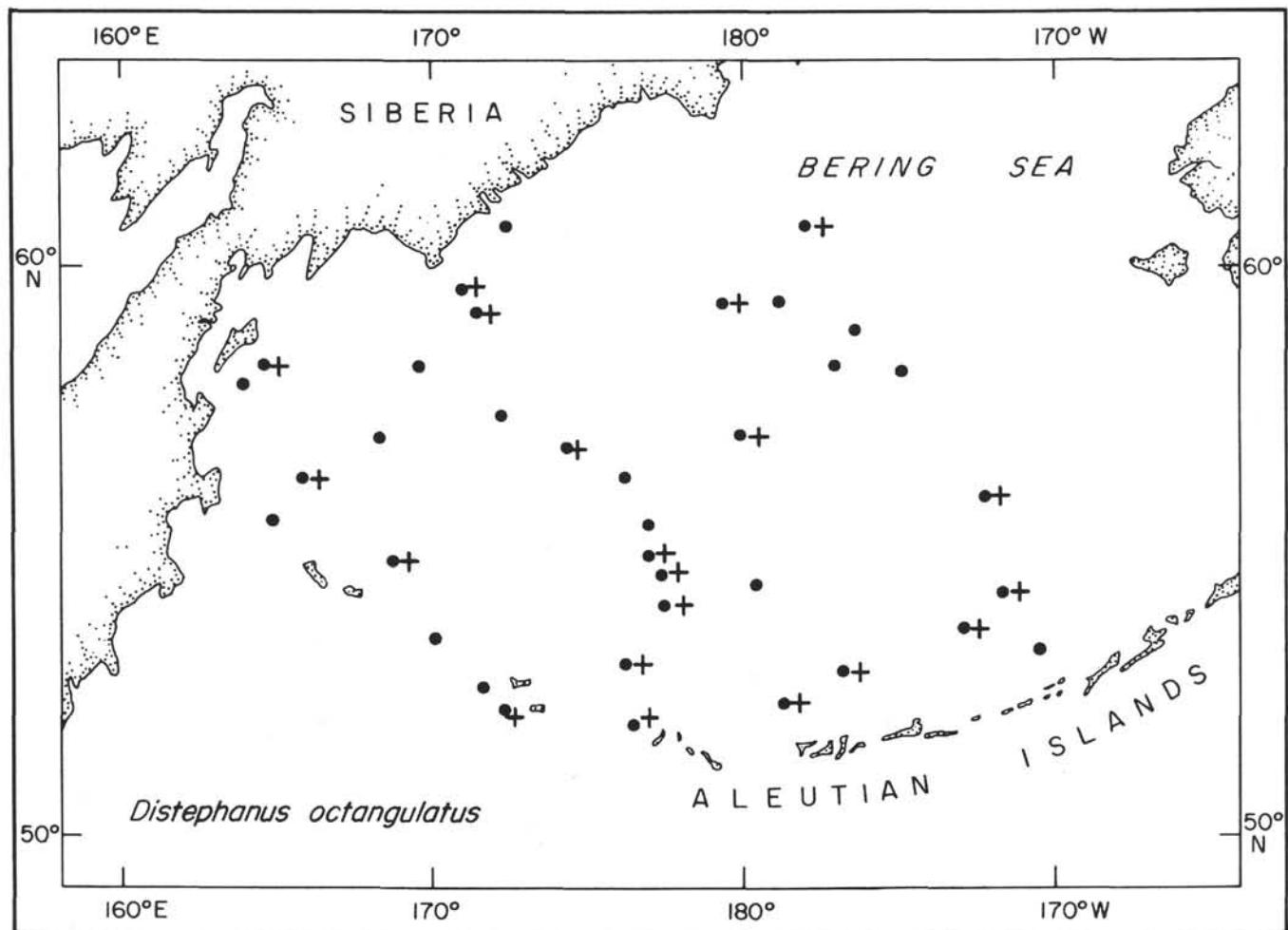
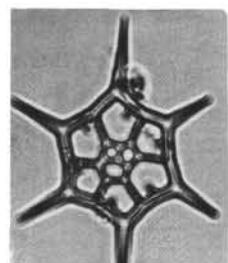


Figure 4. Distribution of *Distephanus octangulatus* in surface sediments. + = present.

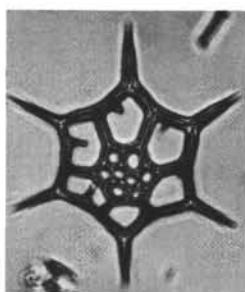
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2: 183-14(CC) R-1 (M4/0).
3: 190-16(CC) (limestone), L-1 (V5/0).
4: 190-16(CC) (limestone), L-3 (P29/2).
- Figures 5, 6 *Cannopilus sphaericus* Gemeinhardt
5: 190-16(CC) (limestone), L-1 (R5/0).
6: 190-16(CC) (limestone), L-2 (M5/4).
- Figures 7, 8 *Corbisema triacantha* (Ehrenberg)
7: 192-31-1(88-90), L-1 (N12/2).
8: 192-31-1(88-90), L-2 (J37/3).
- Figures 9, 10 *Dictyocha fibula* Ehrenberg
9: 183-17(CC), L-2 (C24/0).
10: 183-18(CC), L-2 (J1/0).
- Figure 11 *Dictyocha formosa* Bachmann
190-16(CC) (limestone), L-2 (R18/2).
- Figures 12-16 *Dictyocha subarctios* Ling
12: 183-8-3(56-58), L-1 (H14/0).
13: 183-8-3(56-58), L-2 (H14/0).
14: 190-8(CC), R-1 (L31/4).
15: 190-8(CC), R-1 (L31/4).
16: 190-8-3(42-44), Abapical view under the scanning electron microscope, X1000.
- Figures 17-19 *Distephanus crux* Ehrenberg
17: 183-20-1(80-82), L-1 (Q26/0).
18: 192-31-1(88) (limestone), L-1 (N4/1).
19: 70-B49-1R2, R-2 (H28/1).
- Figures 20, 21 *Distephanus crux* var. *stauracanthus* (Ehrenberg)
20: 192-5-3(12-14), L-2 (W15/1).
21: 192-5-3(12-14), L-2 (W15/1).
21: 192-5-3(12-14), L-2 (W15/1)

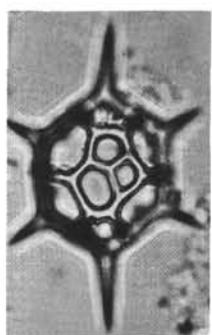
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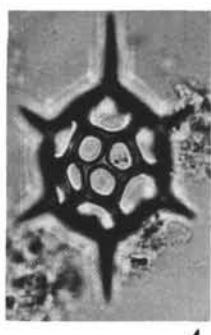
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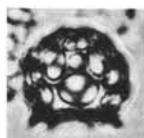
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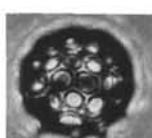
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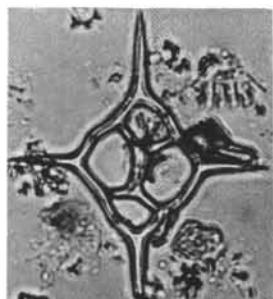
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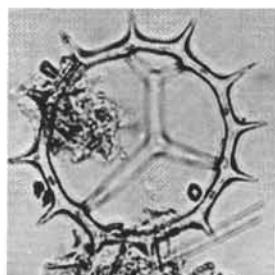
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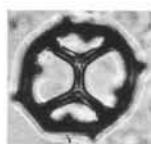
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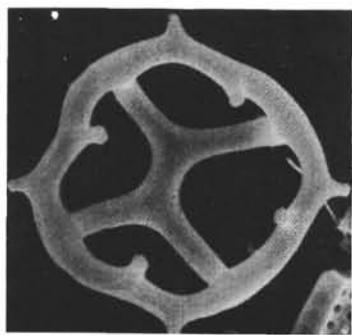
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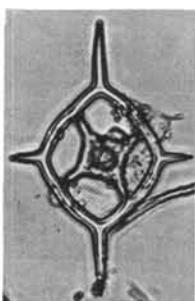
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- Figures 1-4 *Distephanus octangulatus* Wailes
1: 188-1-1(63-66), L-1 (K31/3).
22: CD 11B, R-2 (M16/0).
3: CD 11B, R-2 (M16/0).
4: 183-4-4(82-84), Apical view under the scanning electron microscope, X1690.
- Figures 5, 6 *Distephanus octonarius* Deflandre
5: 184-4-2(132-134), L-2 (X44/3).
6: 191-4-1(102-104), R-2 (X15/1).
- Figures 7-9 *Distephanus schauinslandii* Lemmermann
7: 183-20-1(80-82), L-2 (R19/3).
8: 183-20(CC), R-1 (E4/1).
9: 183-20(CC), R-1 (E4/1).
- Figures 10-15 *Distephanus speculum* Ehrenberg
10: 183-6-5(82-84), L-2 (K35/4).
11: 183-14(CC), L-2 (Q16/4).
12: 186-3(CC), L-2 (F17/0).
13: 183-7(CC), L-2 (X14/1).
14: 183-6(CC), L-2 (N19/0).
15: 183-6(CC), R-1 (Y25/0).
- Figures 16, 17 *Distephanus speculum* var. *pentagonus* Lemmerman
16: 183-17(CC), R-1 (R6/2) .
17: 183-17(1), R-1 (Z8/2).
- Figures 18-20 *Distephanus speculum* var. *pseudocrux* Schulz
18: 70-B97-1R2, L-2 (P48/1).
19: 70-B97-1R2, L-2 (T29/1).
20: 70-B97-1R2, L-2 (T29/1).
- Figures 21, 22 *Mesocena circulus* var. *apiculata* Lemmermann
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22: 192-23-1(102-104), R-1 (J28/3).

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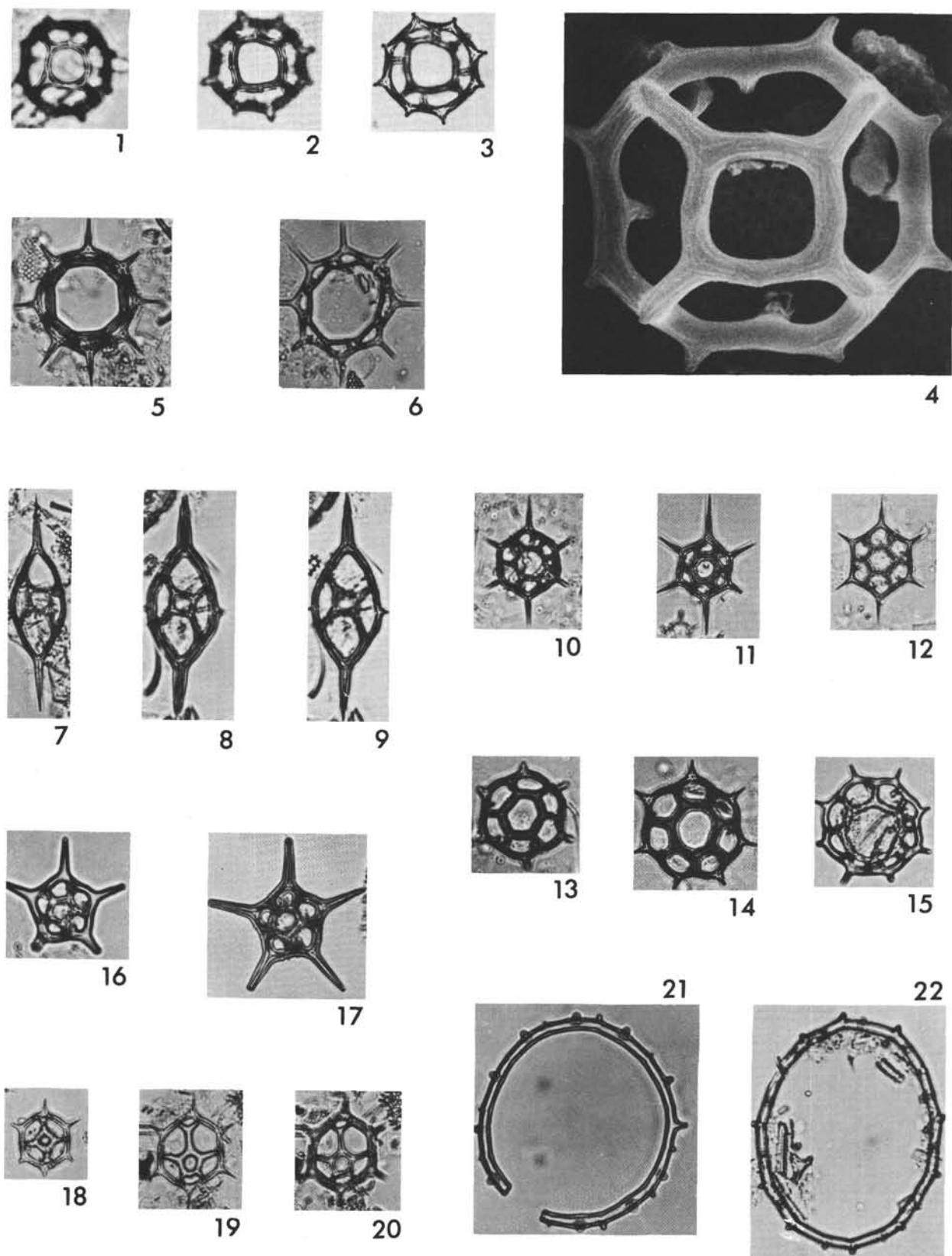
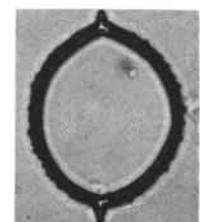


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- Figures 1-4 *Mesocena cf. elliptica* Ehrenberg
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3: 183-15-4(0-2), R-1 (W39/1).
4: 192-15-3(104-104), L-2 (R24/2).
- Figures 5, 6 *Mesocena pappi* Bachmann
5: 186-23(CC), R-2 (G41/4).
6: 186-23-2(52-54), L-3 (G55/1).
- Figures 7, 8 *Mesocena ? sp.*
7: 192-31-1(88) (limestone), L-3 (H29/0).
8: 192-31-1(88) (limestone), L-3 (M3/1).
- Figures 9, 10 *Naviculopsis lata* (Deflandre)
9: 182-22(CC), R-1 (R36/4).
10: 186-23-1(52-54), L-4 (W42/3).
- Figures 11, 12 *Septamesocena apiculata* Bachmann
11: 70-B49-1R2, R-1 (G30/3).
12: 70-B49-1R2, L-2 (X47/0).
- Figures 13-16 *Ammodochium rectangulare* (Schulz)
13: 192-13-2(52-54), L-2 (M8/4).
14: 192-13-2(52-54), L-2 (M8/4).
15: 192-31-1(88) (limestone), L-2 (W8/2).
16: 192-31-1(88) (limestone), L-2 (W8/2).
- Figures 17-21 *Ebriopsis antiqua* (Schulz)
17: 183-14(CC), L-2 (H31/0).
18: 183-14(CC), L-2 (H31/0).
19: 183-19-1(120-122), L-2 (T27/3).
20: 183-19-1(120-122), L-2 (T27/3).
21: 192-31-1(88) (limestone), L-2 (C11/2).
- Figures 22-25 *Parathranium californicum* Deflandre
22: 192-13-2(52-54), R-1 (R17/3).
23: 192-13-2(52-54), R-1 (N37/0).
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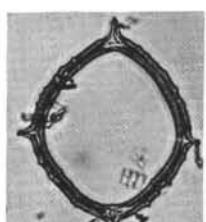
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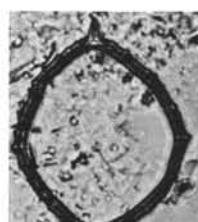
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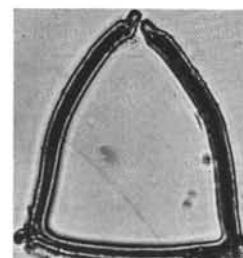
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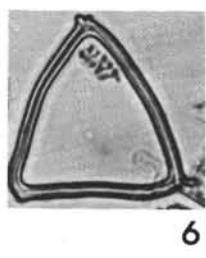
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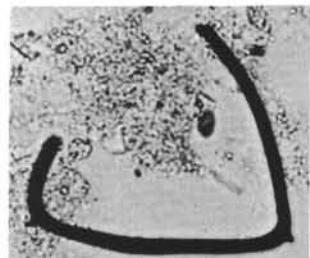
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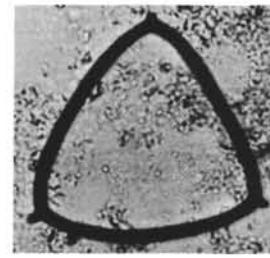
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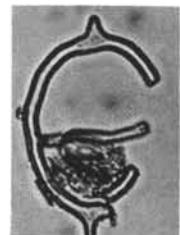
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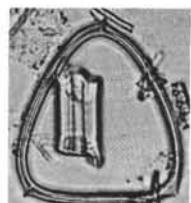
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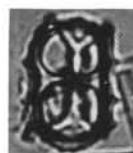
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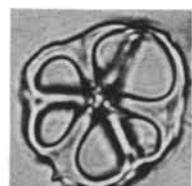
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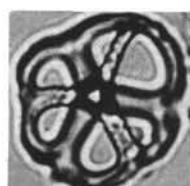
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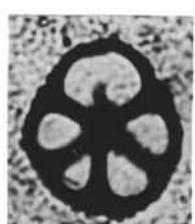
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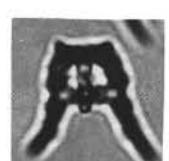
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