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6-Methyl-2N-propynyl-3-propynylthio-1,2,4-triazin-5-one and sodium methoxide were refluxed in N,N-diethylaniline to afford 3,6-dimethyl thiazolo [3,2-b] triazin-7-one.

Keywords: Thiazolo-triazine-7-one; Depropylation; Cope rearrangement; Claisen rearrangement

S→N Allylic rearrangement of allylthio pyrimidinone and allylthio -1,2,4-triazinone have been studied extensively owing to their synthetic utility^{1,2}. Recently we have demonstrated the S→N propynylic rearrangement in 3-propynylthio-1,2,4-triazine **2**³. In continuation of our work in this area, we undertook a study of the rearrangement of 6-methyl-2N-propynyl-3-propynylthio-1,2,4-triazin-5-one **7** as it could undergo several interesting transformations described below.

It could lead to a 3,3-sigmatropic shift involving the propynylthioimide and a type of aminopropynyl Claisen rearrangement in which the nitrogen of the propynylamino group is part of heterocyclic system. A second possibility is a diaza Cope rearrangement involving a N to N migration of the propynyl group followed by a propynyl thioimide rearrangement. So far no such Cope rearrangement seems to have been reported in literature though a few examples of diazo cope rearrangement in acyclic system have been described⁴⁻⁶. Yet another interesting possibility is the synchronous

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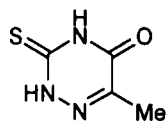
migration of the S-propynyl to N and N-propynyl to S, involving a ten membered transition state, similar to that of the rearrangement of diaryloxy isobutylenes⁷. One more objective was to find out whether the above study would lead to simple methods of synthesis of annelated bicyclic or tricyclic heterocycles.

Available 6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine-3(2H)-thione-5(4H)-one **1** was caused to react with propynyl bromide in the presence of sodium methoxide to afford the corresponding 3-propynylthio derivative **2**. We tried to condense the latter with one more propynyl group in the presence of bases such as sodium methoxide, triethylamine etc which led to the isolation of a mixtures of cyclized products **3–6**^{8–11}.

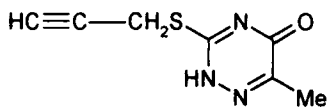
However when **1** was refluxed with excess of hexamethyl disilazane (HMDS) and a catalytic amount of (NH₄)₂SO₄ and propynyl bromide was added¹² after usual work up a single (TLC) compound was isolated in fairly good yield. This compound was identified to be 6-methyl-2N-propynyl-3-propynylthio-1,2,4-triazin-5-one **7** by comparison of its UV spectrum with those of well established **5** (λ_{max} , 280 nm)⁸ and **6** (λ_{max} 298 nm)¹⁰. 3,4-Disubstituted-1,2,4-triazin-5-one are known to show the absorption maxima at the longer wavelengths compared with 2,3-disubstituted compounds¹³.

When a solution of bis propynyl derivative **7** was refluxed in a mixture of sodium methoxide and N,N-diethylaniline for 4 hrs in a nitrogen atmosphere, a tarry solid was obtained which upon column chromatography over silica gel furnished a white solid (45%) m.p 224–225 °C. Analytical and spectral analysis indicated to be compound **5**. This was confirmed by comparing it with an authentic sample prepared according to the published procedures^{7,9}. When **7** was refluxed in toluene, aniline, HMPT or N,N-diethylaniline or in a sealed tube in toluene at 170 °C, only extensive polymerization was noticed though spots corresponding to **5**^{8,9} and **8**³ could be seen in TLC. There was very little reaction when **2** was refluxed in N,N-diethylaniline as seen from TLC.

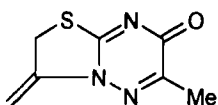
Similarly heating of 2N-propynyl-1,2,4-triazine **9**³ in a nitrogen atmosphere did not lead to a cyclized or depropynylated amine. 5-propynylthio-1,2,4-triazine **10**¹⁴ was propynylated at N-2 by using HMDS to afford **11**. Neither cyclized nor depropynylated products could be detected when substituted **11** (R=H or Me) was refluxed in a mixture of sodium methoxide and N,N-diethylaniline. On the basis of these findings we are postulating the following mechanism (Scheme 1).



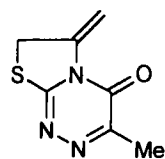
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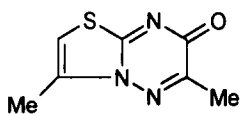
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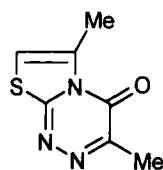
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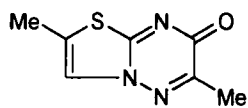
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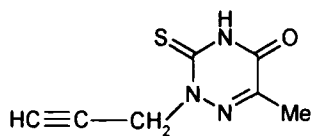
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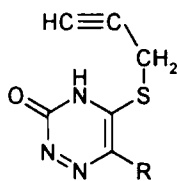
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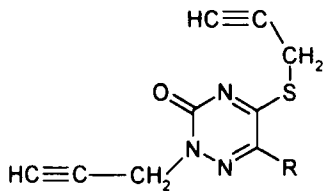
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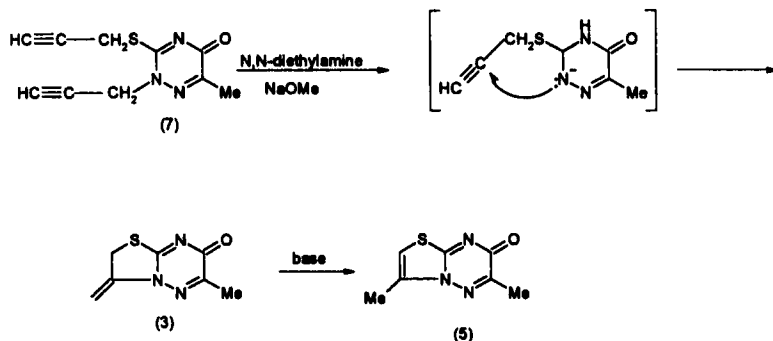
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This mechanism involves the base promoted 5-exodiagonal cyclization¹⁵, and depropynylation for aromatization¹⁴.



SCHEME 1

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were obtained on a Büchi 530 and are uncorrected. ¹HNMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC 80 spectrometer, using TMS as an internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer model 883 using KBr disk and mass spectra on Fison 800 Trio.

6-Methyl-2-N-propynyl-3-propynylthio-1,2,4-triazin-5-one(7)

Compound **2** (1.5g; 83 mmol) was refluxed in hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS) (3.5 ml excess) and a catalytic amount of (NH₄)₂SO₄ (60mg) was added until a clear solution was obtained. Excess HMDS was removed by distillation in vacuo. A catalytic amount of I₂ and propynyl bromide (0.80g, 5mmol) in CH₃CN (25ml) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for a further 5 hrs. After evaporation of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was treated with water to afford the product which was further purified by column chromatography (eluent, petroleum ether: AcOEt /40:60). Yied (1.38g, 76%) mp 88–90 °C, ¹HNMR, (CDCl₃) 2.1 (t, 1.8 Hz, 1HC≡CH) 2.32(s,3H,Me) 2.56(t, 1.8Hz, 1HC≡CH),4.08 (d, 1.8Hz, SCH₂), 4.8(dl.8 Hz, N-CH₂), IR(KBr disk) 1648(C=O), 2122, 2974, 3269 cm⁻¹, UV λ_{max} (EtOH), 238nm MS, m/z, M⁺,

219(2),181(5),180(32),123(20),122(100),107(82),96(10),94(19),86(39),72(10)71(27),69(35),54(30).

Depropynylation Cyclization of 7

Compound **7** (0.5g, 2.28 mmol) was dissolved in N,N-diethylaniline (10 ml) and to this solution sodium methoxide (0.123 g, 2.28 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 hrs. After this period of time this solution was acidified by addition of hydrochloric acid (10 ml, 36%) and extracted by chloroform. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated to dryness to give a residue which was directly subjected to column chromatography using petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 80:20 to give a compound which was identified to be 3,6-dimethyl thiazolo [3,2-b][1,2,4] triazin -7-one(5) Yield, 0.186g, 45%, mp 224–225°C (lit 226°C)⁸, ^1H NMR, (CDCl_3), 2.4(s,6H,2 CH_3), 6.5(s,1H, CH), IR(KBr disk) 1630 (amide carbonyl), 1422, 1367 cm^{-1} , MS, m/z, M^+ , 181(2),178(73),174(36),150(9),137(100),108(9),68(40),67(40),43(9).

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