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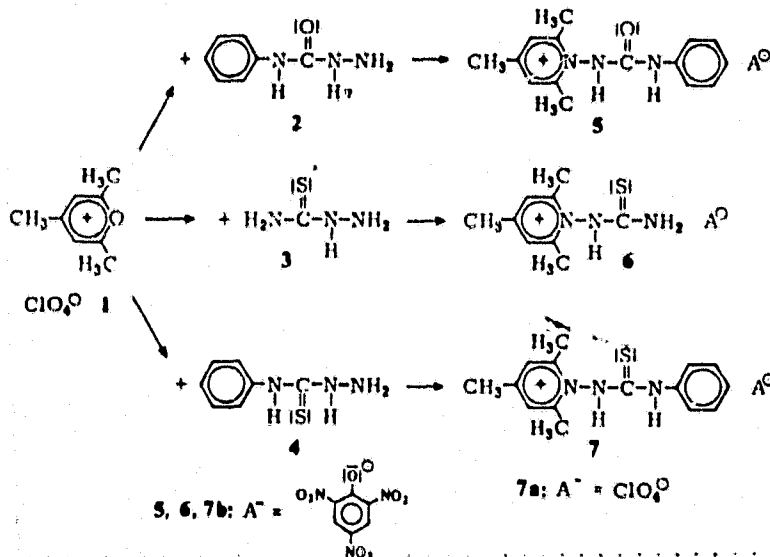
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16. Abstract The reactivity of some N-acyl and N-sulfonyl-hydrazines 2-4, 10a-10g, 12, 13, 16a, 16b and of hydrazones 18, benzyl-dihydrazone 21 towards pyrylium salts 1 was examined. By reaction of 2,4,6-trimethyl-pyrylium salt 1 with substituted hydrazines some pyridinium salts were obtained. Relationships between basicity and reactivity were discussed.					
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We reported recently on the synthesis of substituted pyridin-/649*
 ium salts¹; for several years now bis-pyridiniumaldoximes with ali-
 phatic residues -- bonding member between nitrogen atoms -- have
 been used as antidotes in intoxications with organic phosphates /650
 and thiophosphates^{2,3}. Bis-pyridinium salts proved to be much more
 effective than pyridin-aldoxim-methiodide (PAM)^{4,5} which has been
 known for a long time, whereby the effects consist in reactivation
 of acetylcholine esterase inhibited by phosphorylation or phosphon-
 ylation -- with the oxim grouping representing the actually active
 part of the molecule.

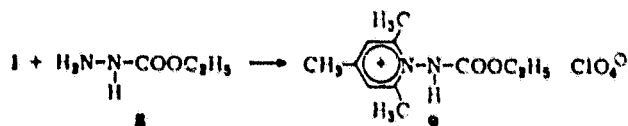
In the framework of these studies as well as those regarding
 the reactivity of substituted pyrylium salts we endeavored to syn-
 thetize acylated aminopyridinium and bis-aminopyridinium salts;
 thus, e.g., 2,4,6-trimethyl-pyryliumperchlorate (1) reacted with
 4-phenyl-semicarbazide (2), with thio-semicarbazide (3), and with
 N-4-phenyl-thio-semicarbazide (4) in aqueous or alcoholic solution
 toward the substituted pyridinium salts 5, 6, 7:



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The NMR spectrum of 7 in $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$ contains two signals at $\tau = 7.26$ and $\tau = 7.1$ corresponding to the α and γ -methylprotons of the pyridinium nucleus (9 H); the β -protons yield a signal at $\tau = 2.3$. The five aromatic phenylprotons appear as a sharp singlet at $\tau = 2.42$.

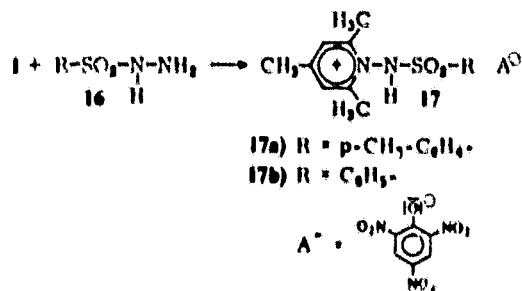
To effect a transition of the above described substances -- which are to be considered as hydrazides of carbamic or thiocarbamic acid -- to pure carbonic acid hydrazides we precipitated a /651 reaction between hydrazine carbonic acid ethyl ester and the pyridinium salt 1. The electron attracting effect of the carbonyl group was partly compensated by the (+)-M-effect of the $-\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ group. As the mesomeric effect of $-\text{OR}$ groups does not equal that of $-\text{N}(\text{R})_2$ groups, the basicity of the hydrazine carbonic acid ester ranges between that of semicarbazide and acetylhydrazide ($\text{pK}_a = 3.24$). Heating of equimolar amounts of 1 and 8 in methanolic solution yields 1-ethoxycarbonyl-amino-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (9):



9 can be scrubbed with an ethanol/ether mixture, however it is subject to fast oleaginous separation and crystallizes only after thorough refrigeration.

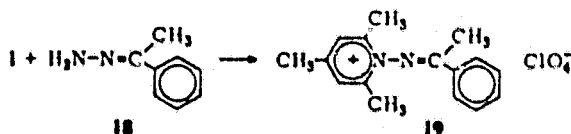
The basicity of hydrazides can be lowered further by introducing other electron attracting substituents into the molecule. To find out the gradation in regards to reactivity, the residue R of hydrazide was varied in such a manner as to obtain a sequential series with declining basicity. Thus, formic acid hydrazide without the inductive effect of the methyl group has a lower basicity than acetyl hydrazide. Proceeding further to benzoic acid hydrazide, basicity changes only slightly ($\text{pK}_a = 3.03$), on the other hand, it diminishes considerably with introduction of a cyanogen group; cyanogen acetyl hydrazide has a pK_a value of 2.34. Compounds with lowest basicity in this series are azobenzol carbonic acid hydrazide⁶ and isonicotinic acid hydrazide⁷ ($\text{pK}_a = 1.82$).

sulfonyl group these substances are less reactive than the N-acyl hydrazides p-toluene-sulfonyl hydrazide (16a) and benzol-sulfonyl hydrazide (16b)

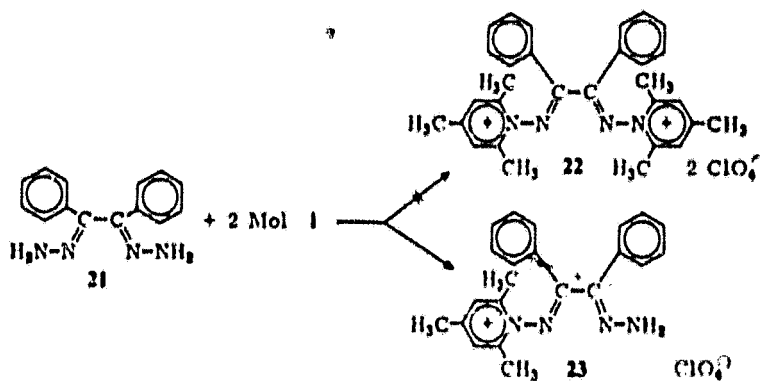


and yield through heating with 1 in aqueous or alcoholic solution the corresponding pyridinium salts 17a and 17b. As the N-sulfonyl hydrazides become subject to cleavage when heated for longer periods in water or alcohol, the reaction must not last long. The compounds were precipitated as picrates, as the corresponding perchlorates /653 could not be isolated. However, the yields are only moderate; the p-chlorobenzol-sulfonyl hydrazide and m-nitro-benzol-sulfonyl hydrazide could not be made to react. Namely, heating both compounds with 2,4,6-trimethyl-pyrylium perchlorate in ethanol or water with subsequent precipitation with picric acid yields merely the picrate of 2,4,6-trimethyl-pyrylium cation, a proof that no reaction whatsoever took place.

Hydrazones, as relatively basic substances -- e.g., acetone hydrazone: $\text{pK}_a = 5.1^b$ -- should yield with pyrylium salts in a smooth reaction pyridinium compounds. The greatest basicity from among the selected compounds shows acetophenone hydrazone (18) with a pK_a value of 4.70^b . It is proximatively comparable to aniline ($\text{pK}_a = 4.60^9$), the reactions of which with pyrylium salts are sufficiently known¹⁰.

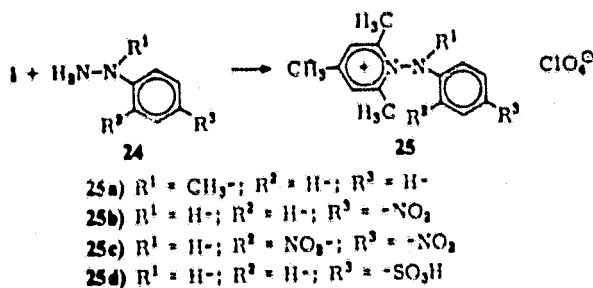


Less basicity is evinced with $\text{pK}_a = 3.85$ by benzophenone hydrazone; (18) due to expanded conjugation potential of the molecule. The basicity of benzyl-mono-hydrazone (20) could be somewhat lower;



Schneider et al.^{1, 12} converted phenyl hydrazine and substituted phenyl hydrazines with pyrylium salts whereby methyl, methoxyl, as well as bromine and chlorine were bonded to the benzol nucleus as substituents. Phenyl hydrazine has a pK_a value of 5.27¹³. Lower basicity is produced by introduction of a methyl group to an -stable N-atom. 1-methyl-1-phenyl hydrazine has a lower basicity (with $pK_a = 4.98$)¹³ than nonsubstituted phenyl hydrazine. There is a reversal of conditions here in comparison to alkyl-substituted ani- /655 lines; however, the same basicity conditions are found also in the case of alkyl-substituted hydrazines¹⁴.

A further decrease in basicity occurs also through substitution of the phenyl nucleus with a nitro group strongly attracting electrons. Thus, p-nitro-phenyl hydrazine has a pK_a value of 3.94¹⁵ and that of 2,4-dinitro-phenyl hydrazine is 2.68¹³.



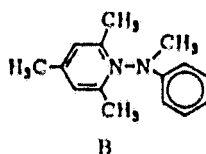
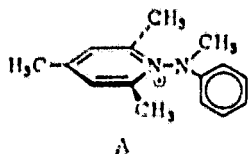
All three hydrazine derivatives 24a-24c yield with 1 crystalline pyridinium salts 25a-25c. The results show clearly a gradation of reactivity in relation to basicity. On the other hand, no reaction occurs when the benzol nucleus in the 4th position is substituted by a sulfonic acid grouping. Phenyl-hydrazine-p-sulfonic

acid (24d) even in prolonged heating with 1 in ethanol or benzol yields no crystalline product 25d that could be isolated. The electron attraction effect of the p-stabile sulfonic acid group is obviously so strong that no reaction can be forced any more.

The NMR spectra of the three compounds show signals for the methyl protons on pyridinium nucleus at $\tau = 7.1-7.3$. The correlation for the α - and γ -methyl protons occurs very simply following the integration ratio. The positionally constant signals for β -protons appear for all three compounds at approximately $\tau = 2.1$.

The spectrum of compound 25a shows an inversion of signals for α - and γ -protons (α -CH₃-: $\tau = 7.27$; γ -CH₃-: $\tau = 7.23$), while compound 25b shows the normal chemical displacement for these protons, such as it is known also for other N-alkylated 2,4,6-trimethyl pyridinium salts. In the spectrum of compound 25c the signals for α - and γ -methyl groups coincide.

The displacement of signals for the α -methyl protons to a higher field can be explained by transposition of the pyridinium ring in relation to the substituents in amino nitrogen (A).



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The mutual position of both planes (pyridinium ring and the "aminobond plane") is determined by two mutually inverse effects:

1. Electronic effects that strive for an even plane of the entire molecule, and
2. steric effects which strive for a transposition of both planes.

Taking into consideration Stuart's calotte models of the three molecules, it can be seen that at a level position (B) the interaction of the methyl-phenyl-amine grouping with the α -stable methyl groups is very strong. This shifts both planes into a vertical apposition, thus practically cancelling free rotation around the N-N bond axis. The phenyl ring and the methyl group are both above and below the pyridinium ring which results in strong screening of the α -methyl protons and, thus, in inversion of signals.

Conditions are similar in compound 25c in which the ortho-stabile nitro group hinders the rotation around the N-N bond. However, as the effect is not as pronounced as it is in 25a, the signal displacement for α -methyl is smaller. On the other hand, in compound 20b rotation around the N-N bond is possible, screening is not excessive, i.e., adsorption progresses at "normal" values.

Description of Experiments

Melting point: Lindstrom apparatus (uncorrected). IR spectra: spectrophotometer 257 Perkin-Elmer. NMR spectra: instrument of the Jeol company, Japan, model JNM-MH-60 Mark 2 (60 MHz, TMS as inner standard). Elementary analysis: automatically operating CHN-micro-analyzer of the Heraeus company, Hanau.

1-(3-phenyl-ureido)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-picrate (5)

2.2 g (10 mmol) 2,4,6-trimethyl-pyrylium-perchlorate (1) and 1.5 g (10 mmol) of 4-phenyl-semicarbazide (2) are fast brought to boil in 150 ml water. A warm solution of 2.3 g (10 mmol) of picric acid in ethanol is added to the reaction mixture; cooling produces yellow crystalline flakes. From aqueous ethanol, melting point 203-205 degrees (decomp.); yield: 2.5 g = 74%.

$C_{21}H_{20}N_6O_8$ (484.42) calculated: C 52.07 H 4.16 N 17.35;
found: C 52.21 H 4.17 N 17.18.

1-(thio-ureido)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-picrate (6)

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From 2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1, 1.0 g (11 mmol) of thiosemicarbazide (3) and 2.3 g (10 mmol) of picric acid in aqueous solution analogously to (5), yellow needles from aqueous ethanol. Melting point 165-166 degrees (decomp.); yield: 2.8 g = 66%.

$C_{15}H_{16}N_6O_7S$ (424.39) calculated: C 42.45 H 3.80 N 19.80;
found: C 42.73 H 4.19 N 19.88

1-(3-phenyl-thio-ureido)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (7a)

2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 1.7 g (10 mmol) of 4-phenyl-thi-semicarbazide (4) are heated for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr in ethanol. Boiling down of the

solution produces white crystals, recrystallization from ethanol. Melting point 152-154 degrees; yield: 1.6 g = 43%.

C H Cl N O S (371.84) calculated: C 48.46 H 4.88 N 11.31; found: C 48.51 H 5.00 N 11.38.

1-(3-phenyl-thio-ureido)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-picrate (7b)

Analogously to (7a) from 1.1 g (5 mmol) of 1, 0.85 g (5 mmol) of 4-phenyl-thio-semicarbazide (4) and 1.15 g (5 mmol) of picric acid. Yellow flakes from ethanol, melting point 152-154 degrees (decomp.); yield: 1.7 g = 68%. $C_{21}H_{20}N_6O_7S$ (500.5) calculated: C 50.39 H 4.03 N 16.80; found: C 50.41 H 4.05 N 16.82.

1-ethoxycarbonyl-amino-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (9)

1.1 g (5 mmol) of 1 and 0.6 g (5.7 mmol) of hydrazoic carbonic acid ester (8) are heated in 50 ml of methanol. After boiling down of the solution and strong cooling appears a white crystalline mass which is several times recrystallized from ethanol/ether. Melting point 84-86 degrees; yield: 900 mg = 58%. $C_{11}H_{17}ClN_2O_6$ (308.7) calculated: C 42.79 H 5.55 N 9.08; found: C 43.13 H 5.46 N 9.31.

1-(acetylamino)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (11a)

2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 1.2 g (16 mmol) of N-acetyl hydrazide are shortly heated in 50 ml of ethanol. White crystals form during cooling, recrystallized from ethanol. Melting point 151-152 degrees; yield: 1.9 g = 68%. $C_{10}H_{15}ClN_2O_5$ (278.7) calculated C 43.10 H 5.42 N 10.05; found: C 42.88 H 5.50 N 10.11.

Picrate of 11a

From 1.1 g (5 mmol) of 1, 0.5 g (6.8 mmol) of N-acetyl hydrazide (10a) and 1.1 g picric acid in aqueous solution analogously to (5), yellow needles after recrystallization from ethanol. Melting point 193-195 degrees (decomp.); yield 1.45 g = 72%. $C_{16}H_{17}N_5O_8$ (407.34) calculated: C 47.18 H 4.21 N 17.20; found: C 47.52 H 4.32 N 16.94.

1-(formyl-amino)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (11b)

From 22.4 g (0.1 mol) of 1 and 6.2 g (0.1 mol) of formyl hydrazide (11b), $\frac{1}{2}$ hr heating in ethanol analogously to (11a); white flakes after recrystallization from ethanol. Melting point 150-152 degrees; yield: 22 g = 83%. $C_9H_{13}ClN_2O_5$ (264.7) calculated: C 40.84 H 4.95 N 10.58; found: C 41.03 H 5.08 N 10.56.

1-(3',5'-dimethoxy-benzoyl-amino)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (11c) /658

From 2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 2 g (10 mmol) of 3,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid hydrazide (10 c) heated for 3 min in ethanol produce white flakes recrystallized from ethanol. Melting point 238 deg.; yield 3.4 g = 85%. $C_{17}H_{21}ClN_2O_7$ (400.8) calculated: C 50.95 H 5.28 N 6.99; found: C 51.21 H 5.32 N 7.12.

1-(benzoyl-amino)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (11d)

2.2 g (10mmol) of 1 and 1.4 g (10 mmol) of N-benzoyl hydrazide (11d) are heated for a short time in water. The warm solution is concentrated in vacuum; colorless crystals from methanol. Melting point 145-147 degrees; yield: 2.1 g = 67%. $C_{15}H_{17}ClN_2O_5$ (340.77) calculated: C 52.69 H 5.03 N 8.22; found: C 52.68 G 5.11 N 8.31.

Picrate of 11d

Analogously to (5) from 2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1, 1.4 g (10 mmol) of N-benzoyl hydrazide (10d) and 2.3 g picric acid in 150 ml water; yellow crystals from ethanol. Melting point 198-200 degrees (decomp.); yield: 3.3 g = 70%. $C_{21}H_{19}N_5O_8$ (469.40) calculated C 53.73 H 4.08 N 14.92; found: C 53.40 H 4.04 N 14.81.

1-(cyanogen-acetyl-amino)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (11e)

Analogously to (11a) from 2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 1 g (10 mmol) of cyanogen-acetyl hydrazide (10e), heated for 10 min in 40 ml of ethanol; white needles from ethanol. Melting point 187-189 degrees; yield: 2.5 g = 82%. $C_{11}H_{14}ClN_3O_5$ (303.7) calculated: C 43.50 H 4.64 N 13.84; found: C 43.50 H 4.59 N 13.81.

1-(p-phenyl-azo-benzoyl-amino)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (11f)

From 1.1g (5 mmol) of 1 and 1.2 g (5 mmol) of azobenzol-carbonic acid hydrazide (10f), heated in ethanol for 15 min; orange-red crystals

from ethanol. Melting point 189-191 degrees (decomp.); yield 1.15 g = 52%. $C_{21}H_{21}ClN_4O_5$ (444.9) calculated: C 56.70 H 4.76 N 12.60; found: C 57.01 H 4.79 N 12.59.

1-(isonicotinoyl-amino)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (11g)

From 2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 1.4 g (10 mmol) of isonicotinic acid hydrazide (10g) in aqueous solution analogously to (11d); white crystals from methanol/water. Melting point 283-285 degrees (decomp.); yield: 2.5 g = 73%. $C_{14}H_{16}ClN_3O_5$ (341.74) calculated: C 49.20 H 4.72 N 12.30; found: C 48.99 H 4.76 N 12.45.

Dipicrate of 11g

From 2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1, 1.4 g (10 mmol) of isonicotinic acid hydrazide (10a) and excess of picric acid in 50 ml water analogously to (5); long yellow needles from ethanol. Melting point 221-224 deg. (decomp.); yield: 3.2 g = 45%. $C_{26}H_{21}N_9O_{15}$ (699.5) calculated: C 44.64 H 3.02 N 18.01; found: C 44.70 H 3.07 N 18.02.

N,N'-bis-(2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridino)-ureido-diperchlorate (14)

2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 0.45 g (5 mmol) of carbonylhydrazide (12) are heated in 40 ml of ethanol overnight. After boiling down and cooling of the solution there appears a white crystalline mass; from glacial acetic acid/water melting point 226-230 degrees (decomp.); yield 1.1 g = 44%. $C_{17}H_{24}Cl_2N_4O_9$ (499.3) calculated: C 40.89 H 4.85 N 11.23; found: C 40.86 H 4.80 N 11.02.

N,N'-bis-(2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridino)-oxamide-diperchlorate (15)

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From 2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 0.6 g (5 mmol) of oxalic acid hydrazide (13) heated in ethanol in analogy to (14); white crystals from aqueous ethanol. Melting point 302-304 degrees (decomp.); yield: 1.7 g = 64%. $C_{18}H_{24}Cl_2N_4O_{10}$ (527.3) calculated: C 41.00 H 4.59 N 10.62; found: C 40.77 H 4.67 N 10.69.

1-(p-tolylsulfonyl-amino)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-picrate (17a)

From 1.1 g (5 mmol) of 1, 0.9 g (5 mmol) of p-tolyl-sulfonyl hydrazide (16a) and 1.1 g (5 mmol) of picric acid in aqueous solution analogously to (5); yellow needles from ethanol. Melting point

206-209 degrees (decomp.); yield: 1.3 g = 50%. $C_{21}H_{21}N_5O_9S$
(%19.48) calculated: C 48.55 H 4.08 N 13.48; found: C 48.47 H 4.11
N 13.51.

1-(benzolsulfonyl-amino-)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-picrate (17b)

2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 1.7 g (10 mmol) of benzol-sulfonyl
hydrazide (16b) are fast brought to boiling in 100 ml of ethanol.
The salt is precipitated by addition of a warm ethanolic solution
of 2.3 g (10 mmol) of picric acid; approximately 1 g of nonconvert-
ed pyrilium salt can be recovered from the mother lye. Yellow
needles from aqueous ethanol. Melting point 220-224 degrees (dec.);
yield: 1 g = 20%. $C_{20}H_{19}N_5O_9S$ (505.5) calculated: C 47.52 H 3.79
N 13.86; found: C 47.49 H 3.82 N 13.57.

1-(phenyl-methyl-methylene-amino-)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (19)

2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 are heated in 40 ml of ethanol to 60 deg.;
to this is added by drops a solution of 1.4 g (10 mmol) of aceto-
phenone hydrazone (18) in 20 ml of ethanol; the mixture slowly as-
sumes a dark red coloring. Dark brown crystals are obtained from
the solution after condensing and cooling, which are recrystallized
from ethanol. It is possible to isolate from the mother lye 200 mg
of acetophenone in the form of yellow flakes with a melting point
of 120 degrees; light yellow crystals from ethanol. Melting point
163-165 degrees; yield: 1.1 g = 33%. $C_{16}H_{19}ClN_2O_4$ (338.8) calcu-
lated C 56.72 H 5.65 N 8.27; found: C 56.78 H 5.71 N 8.31.

*1-(hydrazono-phenyl-methyl-)-phenyl-methylenamino-N-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-
perchlorate (23)*

2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 and 2.4 g (10 mmol) of benzyl hydrazone
(21) are heated under reverse flow in 90 ml of ethanol for 2 hrs;
long, white needles are separated during cooling which are recrystal-
lized from ethanol. Melting point 208-211 degrees (decomp.); yield:
4.1 g = 92%. $C_{22}H_{23}ClN_4O_4$ (442.5) calculated: C 59.66 H 5.23 N
12.65; found: C 59.71 H 5.37 N 12.80.

1-(phenyl-methyl-amino-)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (25a)

2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 are made into a paste with 20 ml of water-
less ether. To this suspension is added in drops 1.6 g (13 mmol) of

1-methyl-1-phenyl hydrazine (24a). After the reaction dies down, heating with reverse flux continues for 1 hr; the white pyryllium salt forms yellow crystals that are extracted and recrystallized from ethanol. Melting point 97-98 degrees, yield: 3.0 g = 94%. $C_{15}H_{19}ClN_2O_4$ (326.77 calculated: C 55.12 H 5.86 N 8.57; found: C 54.82 H 5.62 N 8.26.

1-(4-nitro-phenyl-amino-)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (25b)

2.2 g (10 mmol) of 1 are warmed in 40 ml ethanol. To this is added in drops, while mixing, a solution of 1.5 g (10 mmol) of 4-nitro-phenyl hydrazine (24b) in 60 ml ethanol. The solution turns yellow, condenses after some time and it is let to crystal- /660 lize under refrigeration; yellow crystalline powder, after recrystallization from aqueous ethanol yellow flakes. Melting point 239 degrees (decomp.); yield: 2 g = 56%. $C_{14}H_{16}ClN_3O_6$ (357.75) calculated: C 47.01 H 4.51 N 11.72; found: C 47.07 H 4.60 N 11.24.

1-(2,4-dinitro-phenyl-amino-)-2,4,6-trimethyl-pyridinium-perchlorate (25c)

0.55 g (2.5 mmol) of 1 are made into a paste with 30 ml of boiling benzol. To this is added in drops a solution of 0.5 g (2.5 mmol) of dinitro-phenyl hydrazine in 110 ml of benzol. After heating with reverse flux overnight occurs formation of light yellow crystals, light yellow colored crystals are obtained after recrystallization from ethanol. Melting point 270-271 degrees (decomp.); yield 500 mg = 50%. $C_{14}H_{15}ClN_4O_8$ (402.8) calculated: C 41.75 H 3.75 N 13.91; found: C 41.85 H 3.80 N 14.08.

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