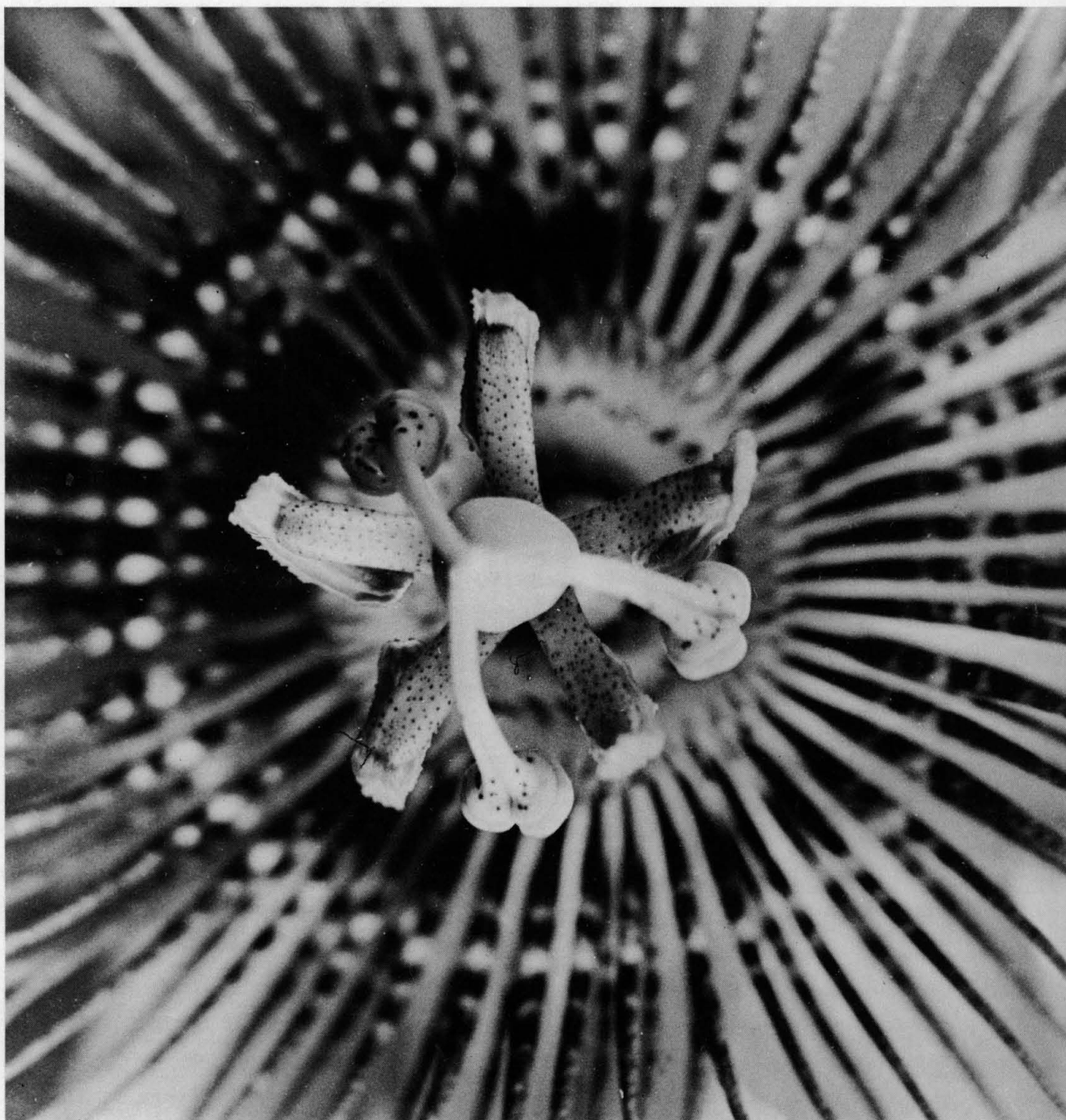


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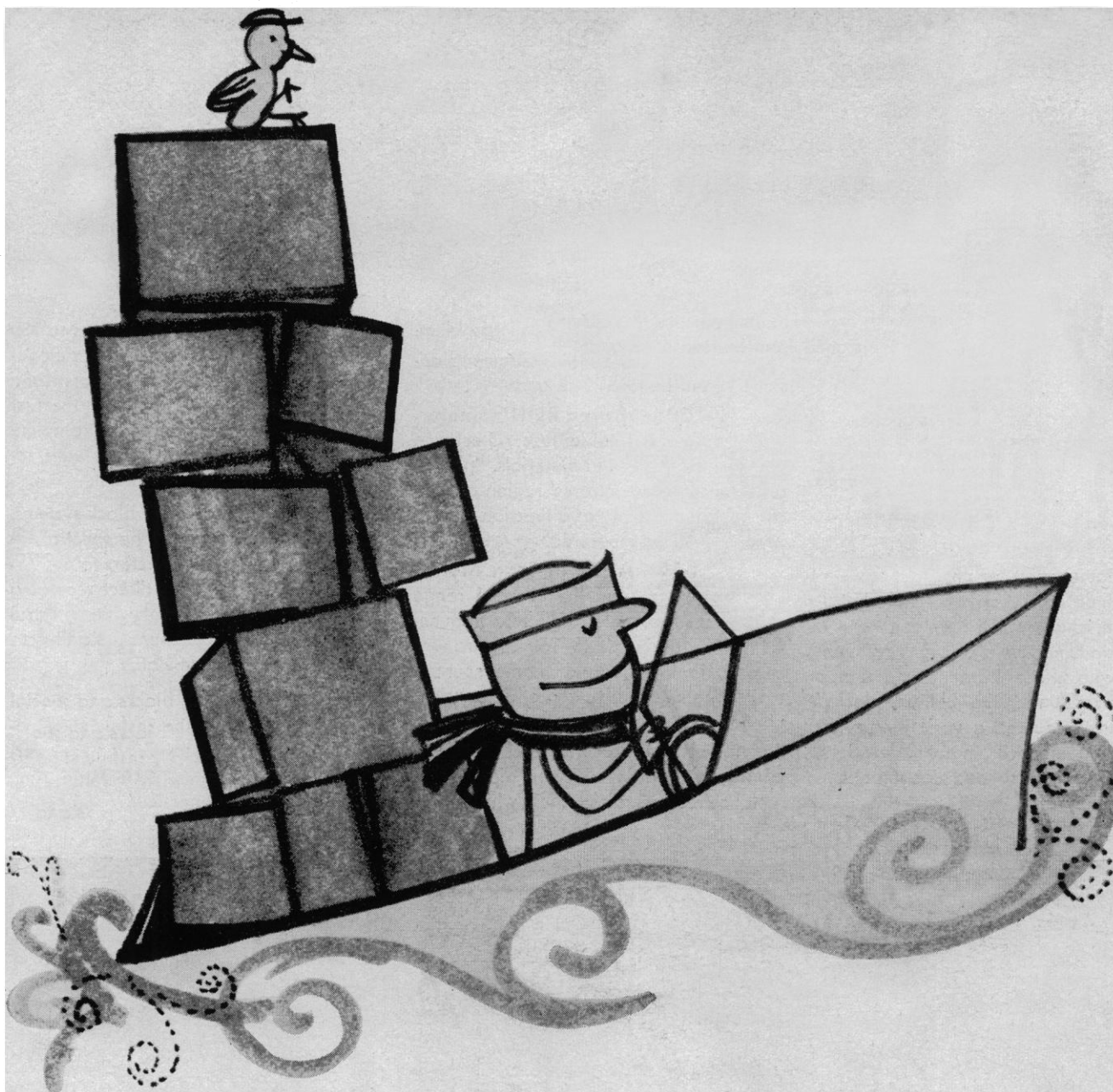
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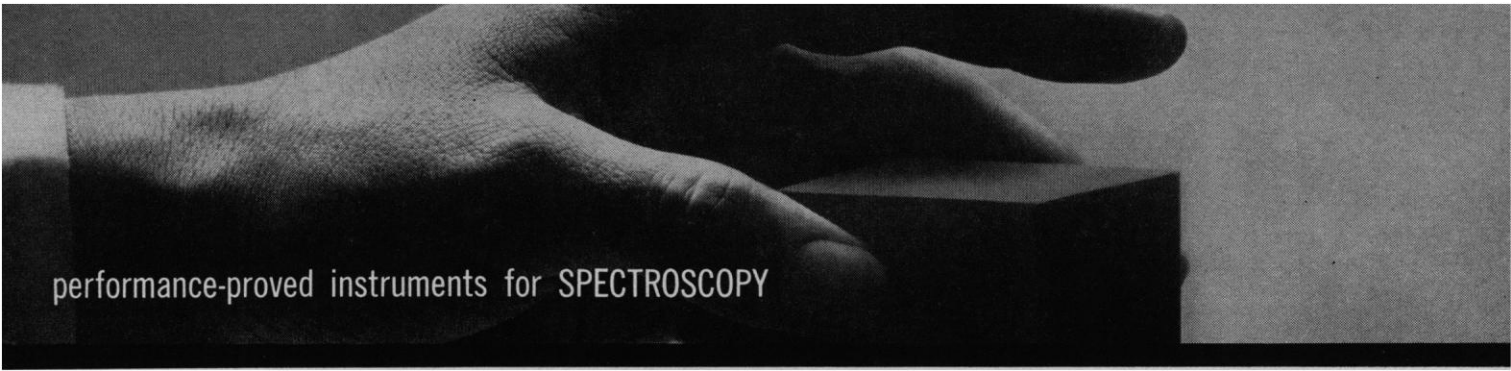
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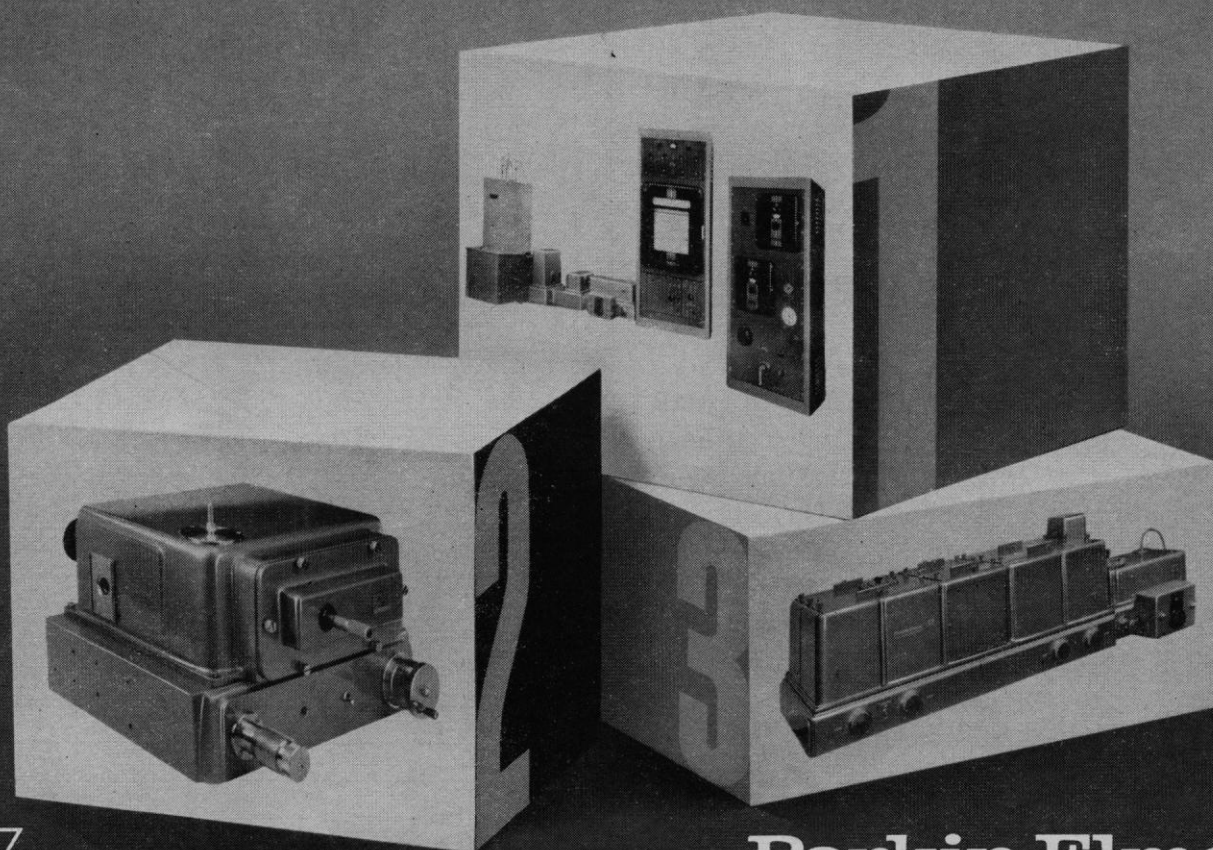
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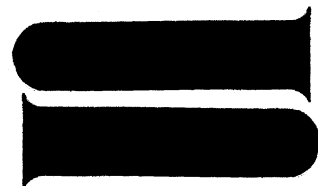
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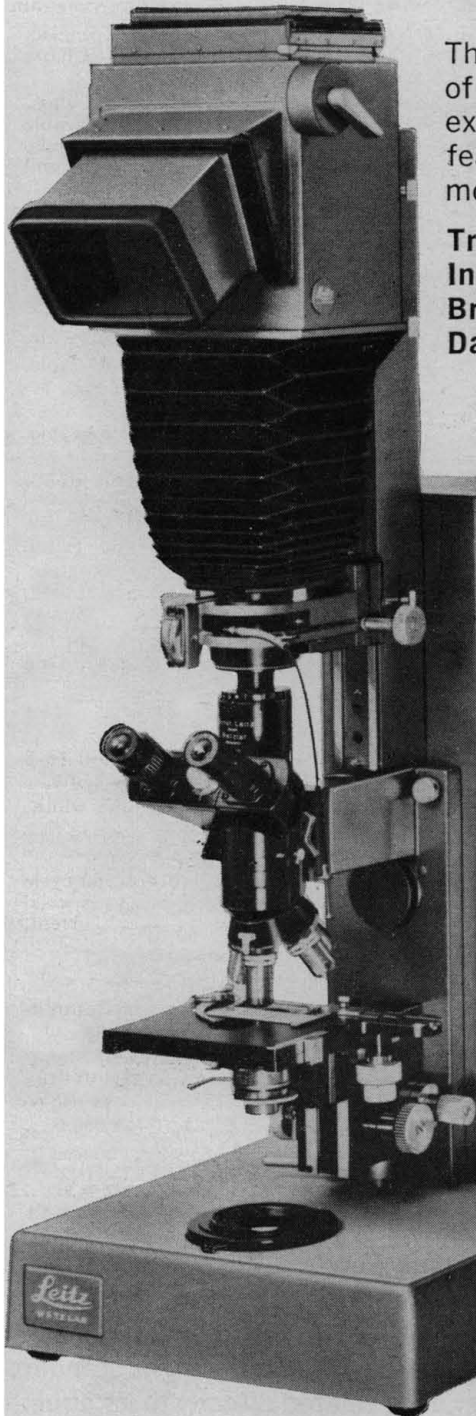
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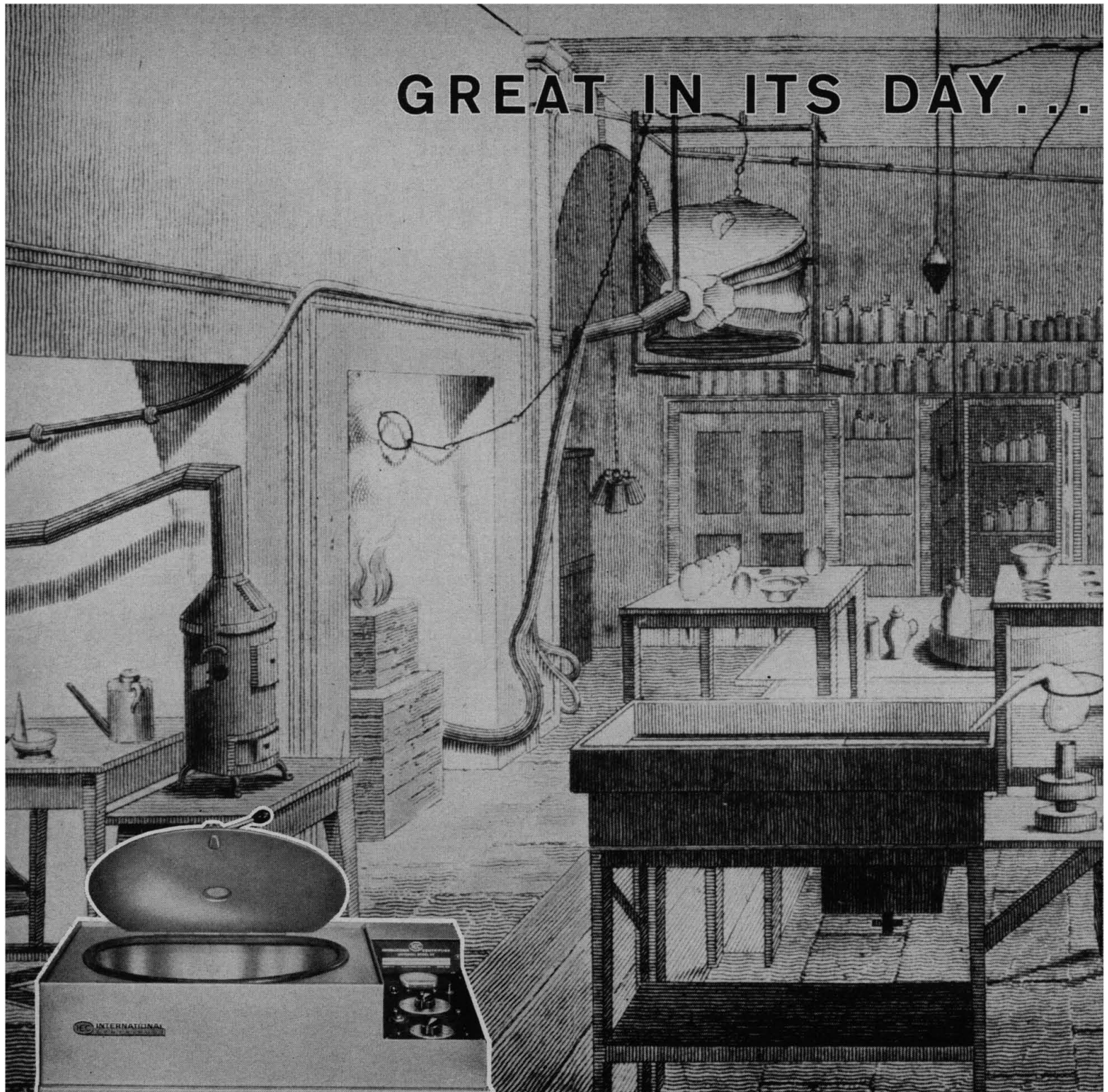
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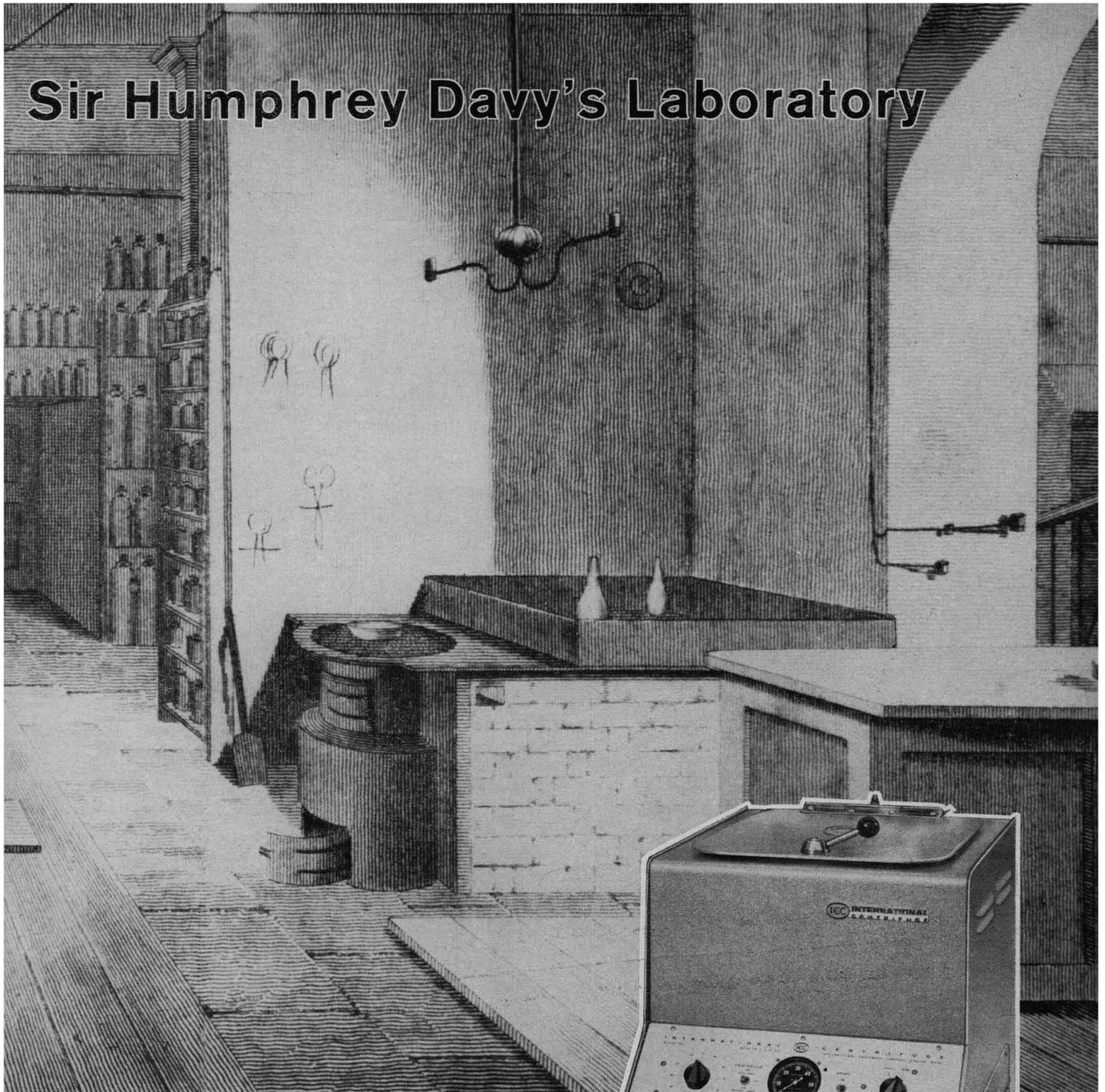


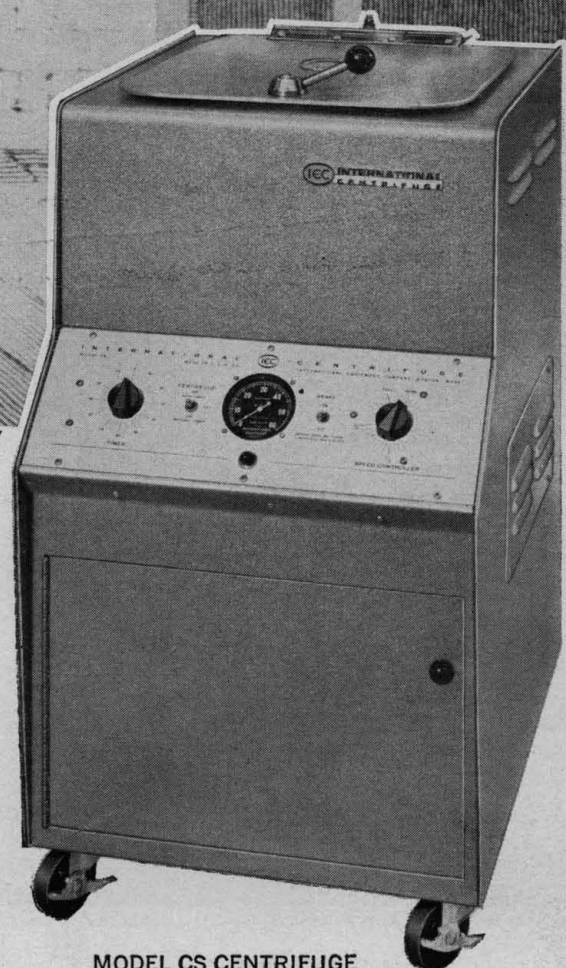
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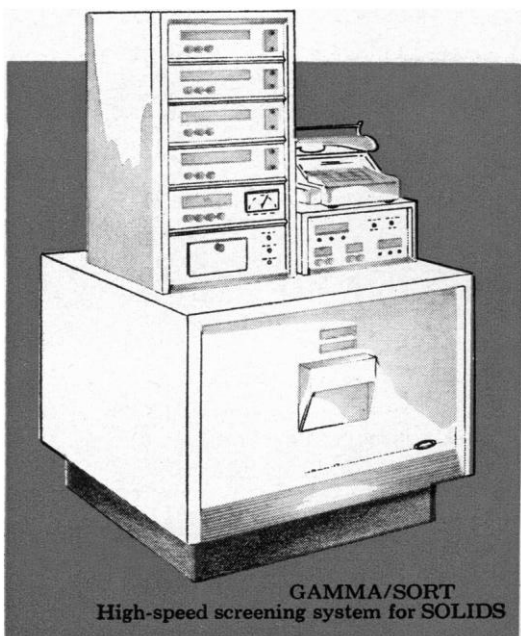
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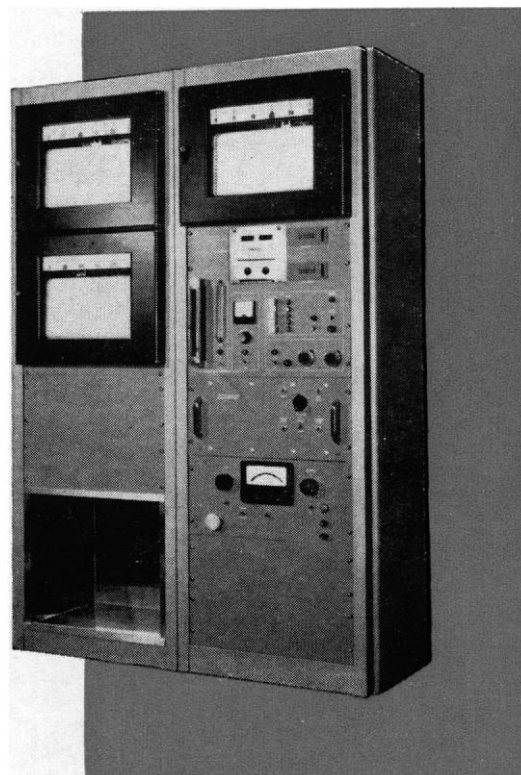
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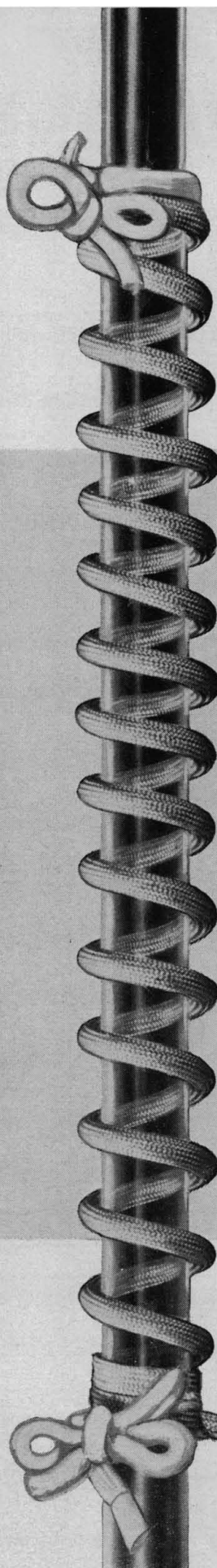
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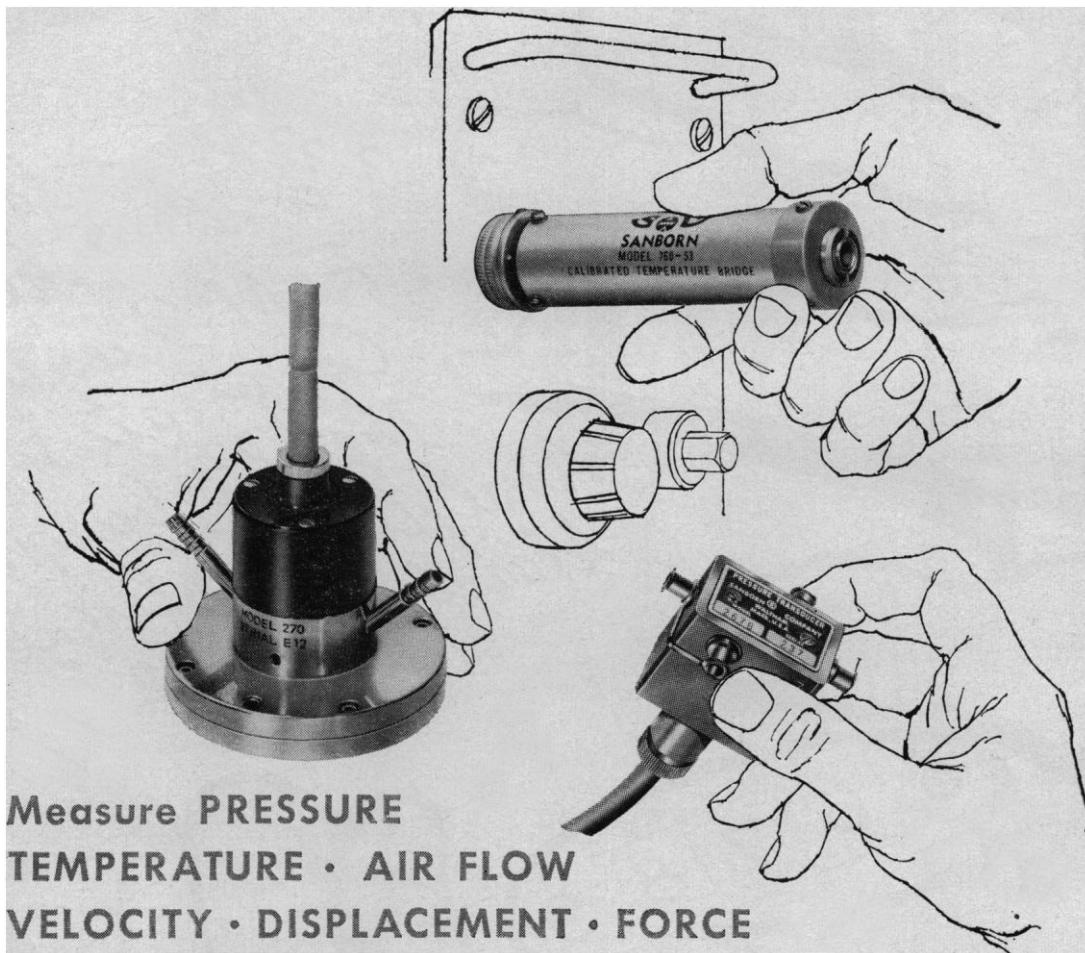
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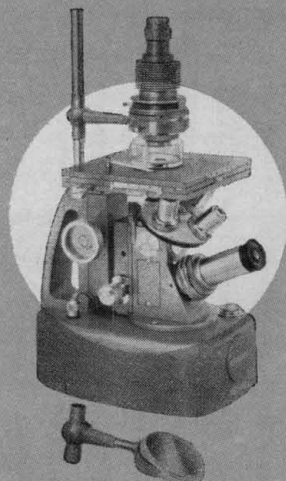
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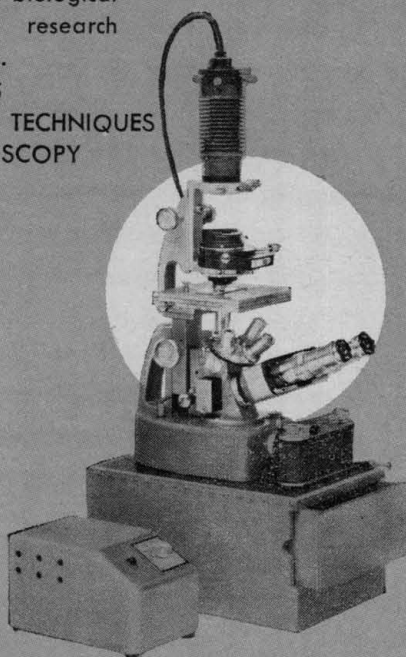
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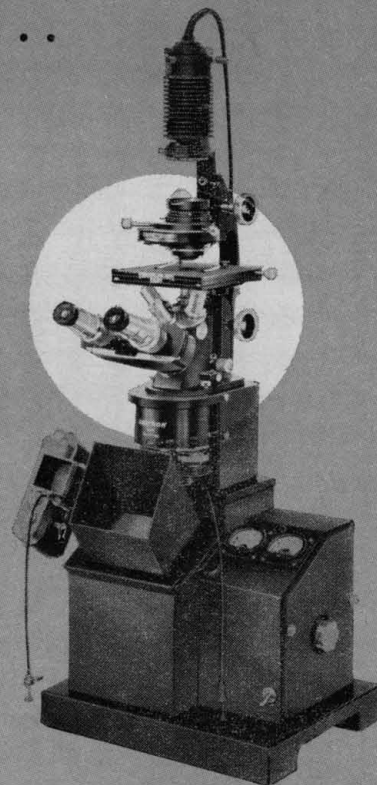
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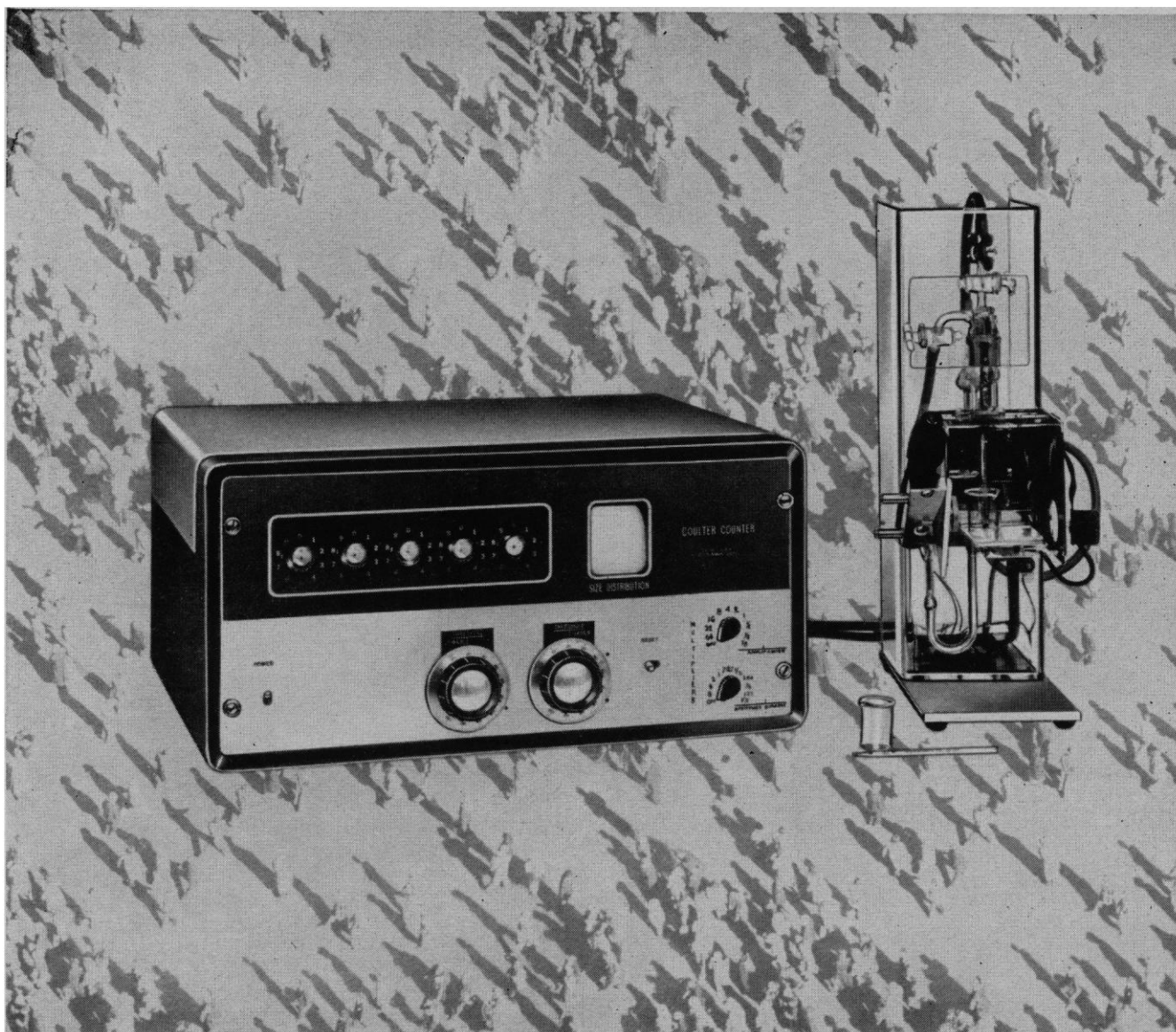
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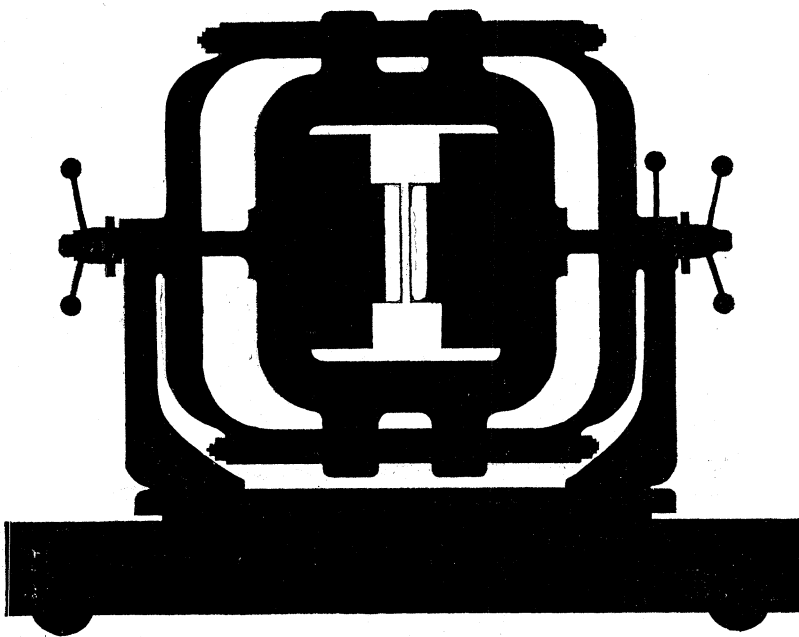


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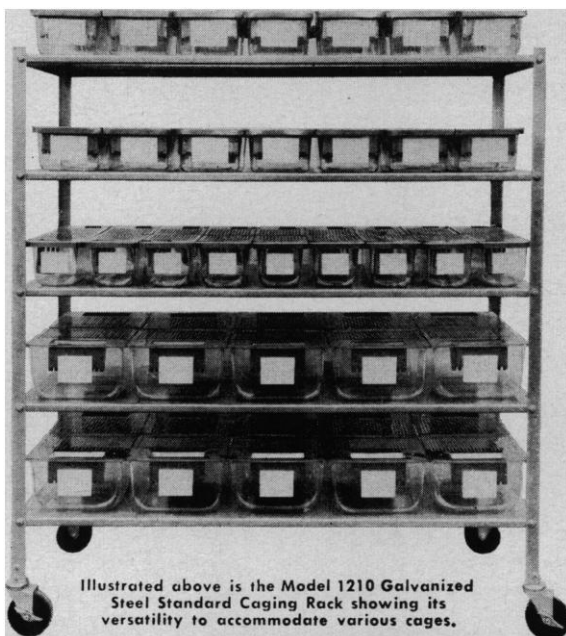
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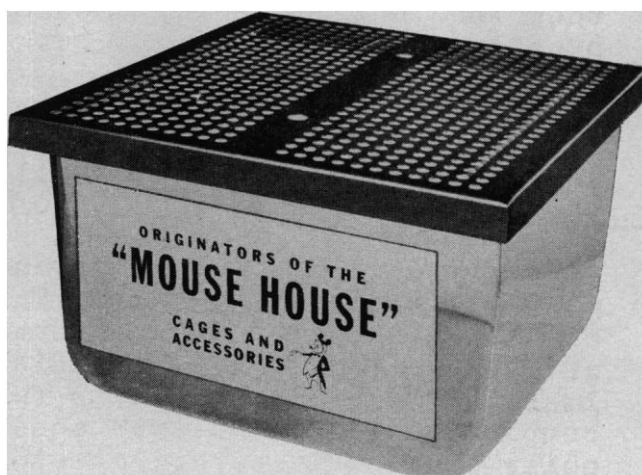


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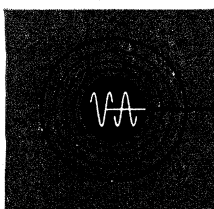
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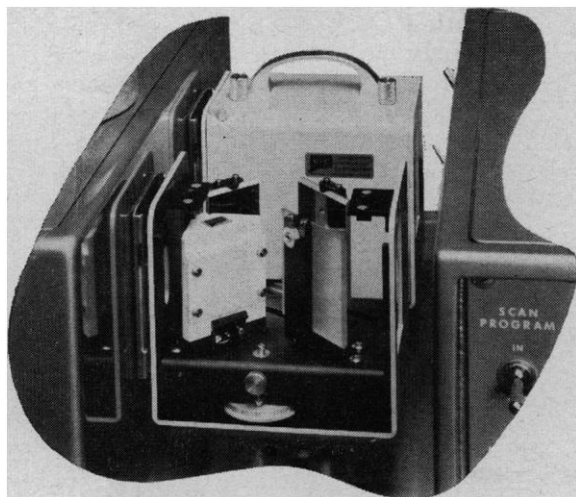
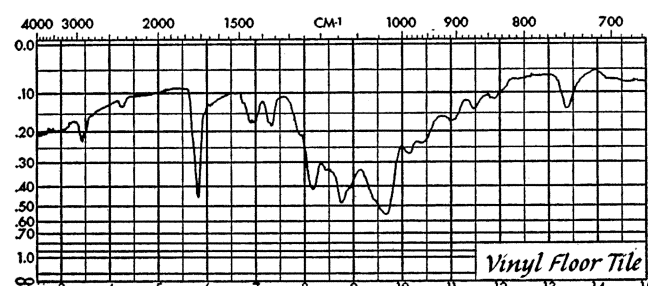
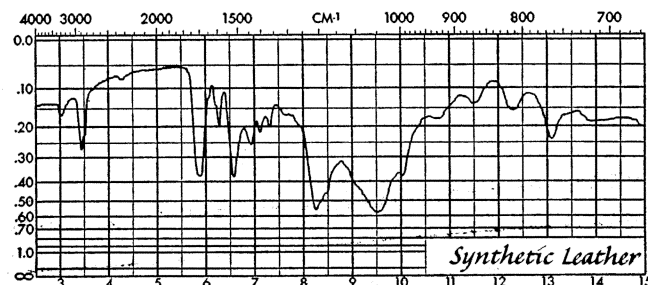
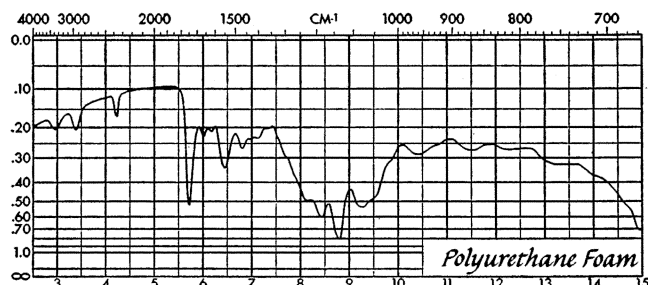
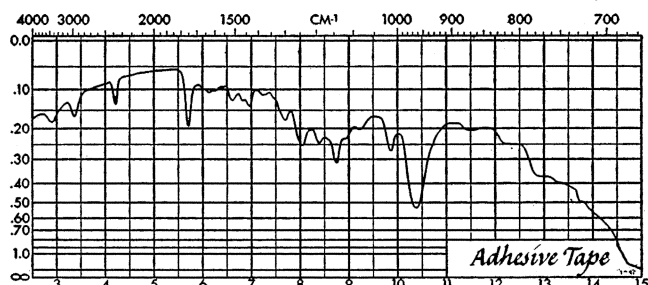
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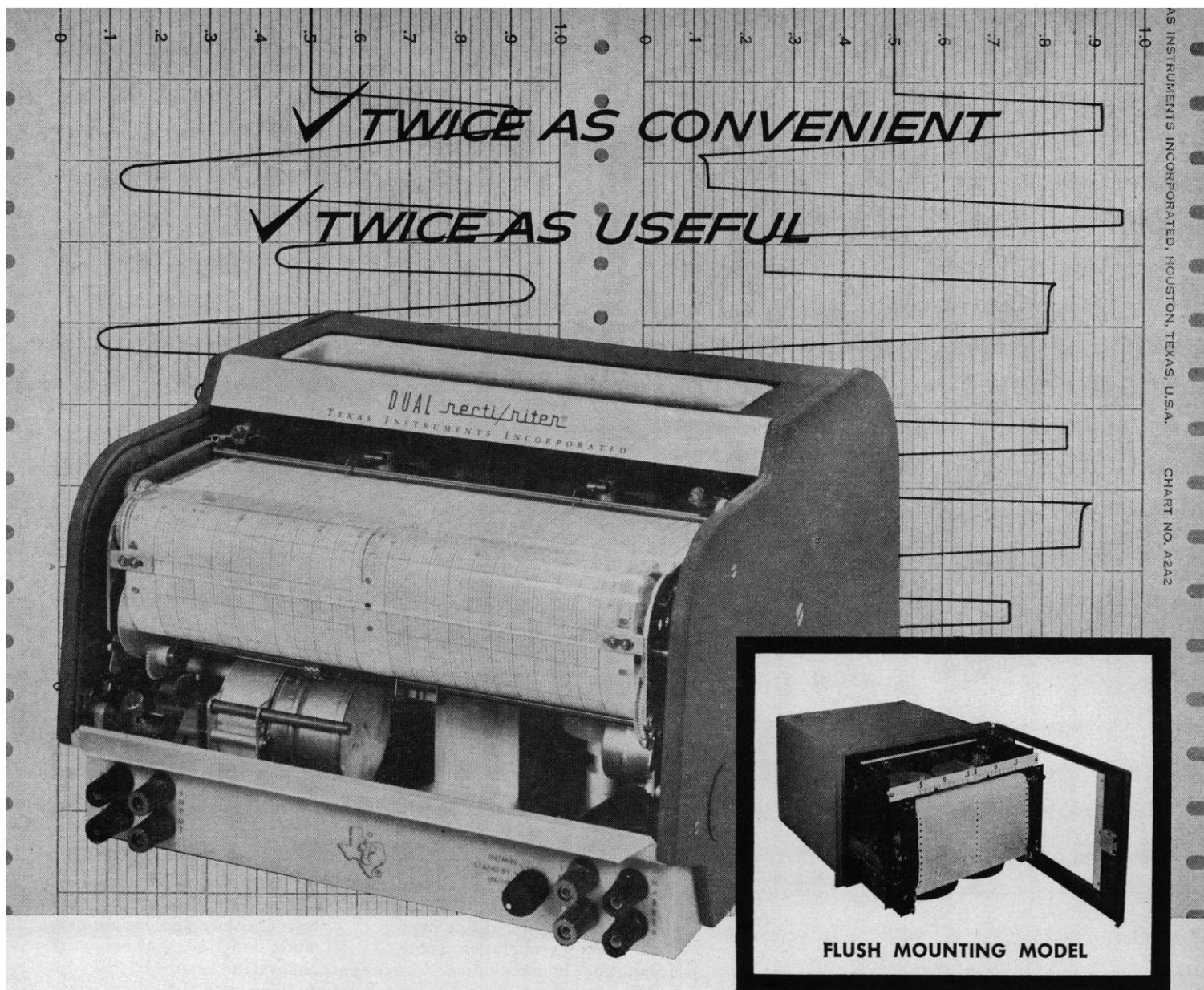
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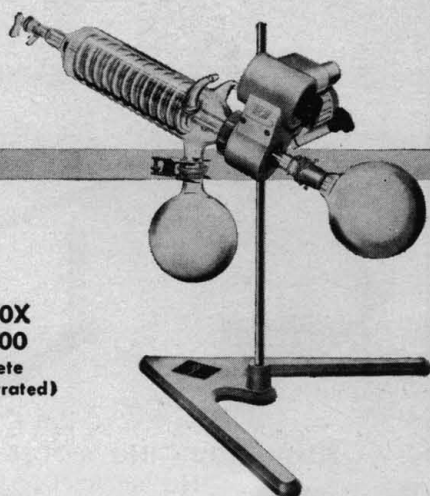


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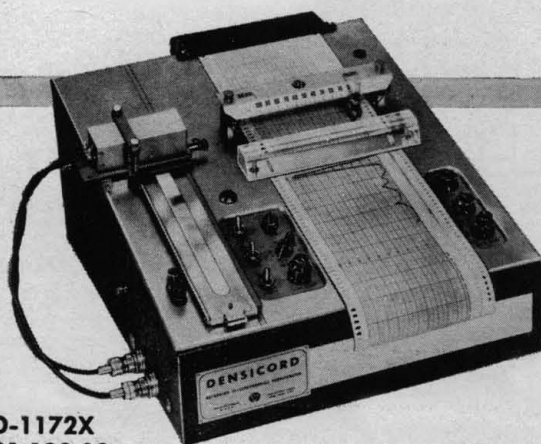


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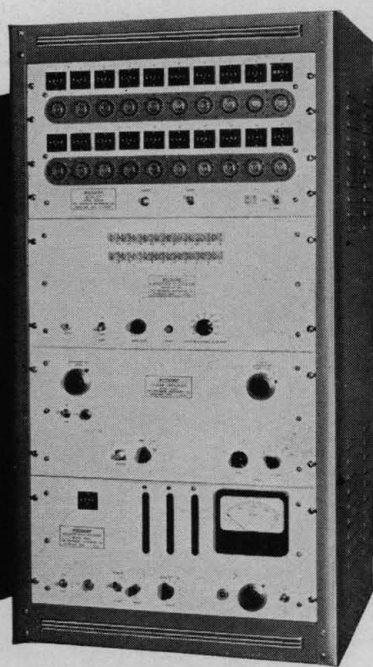


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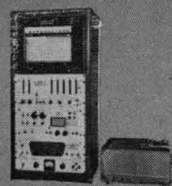
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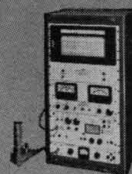
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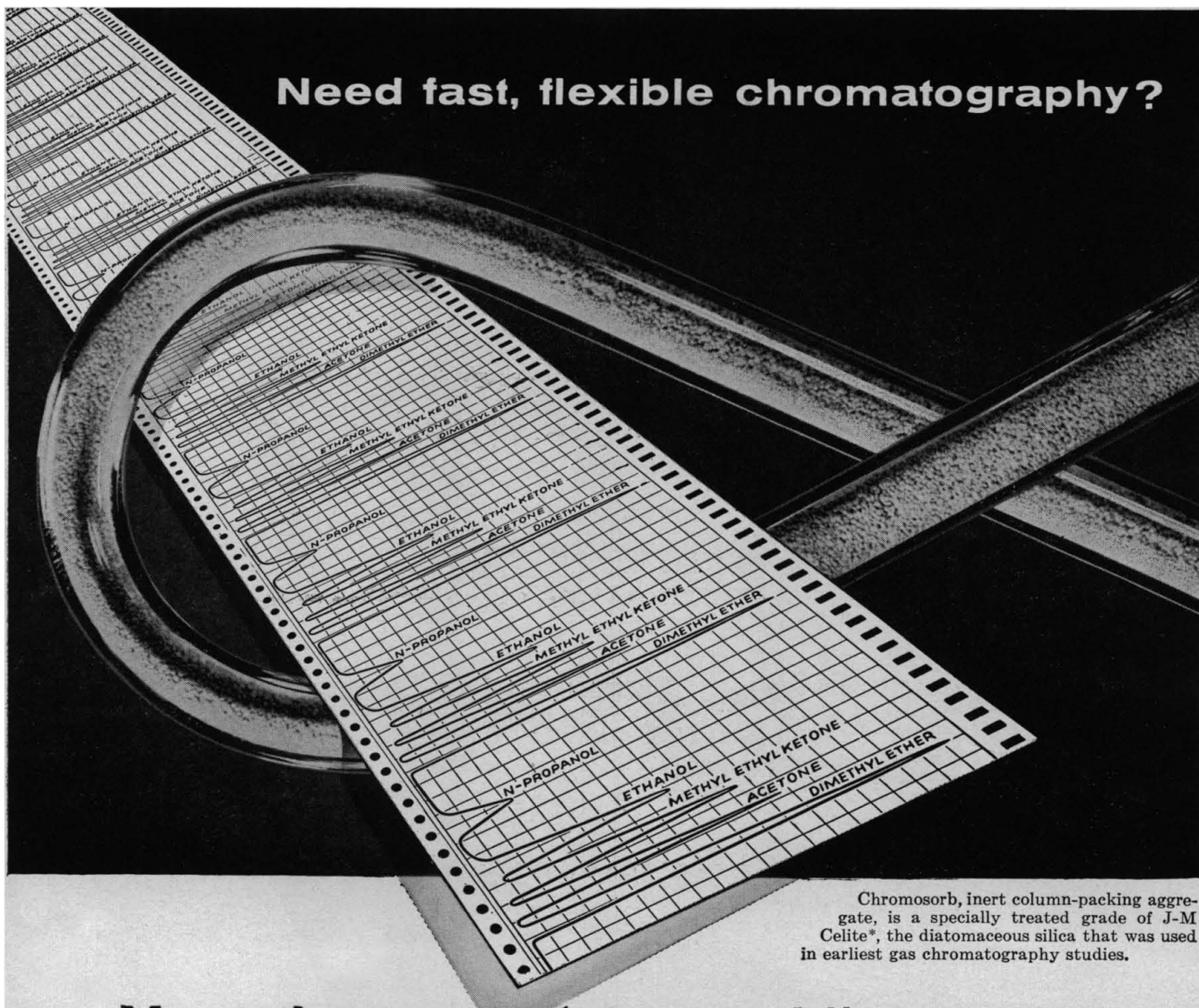
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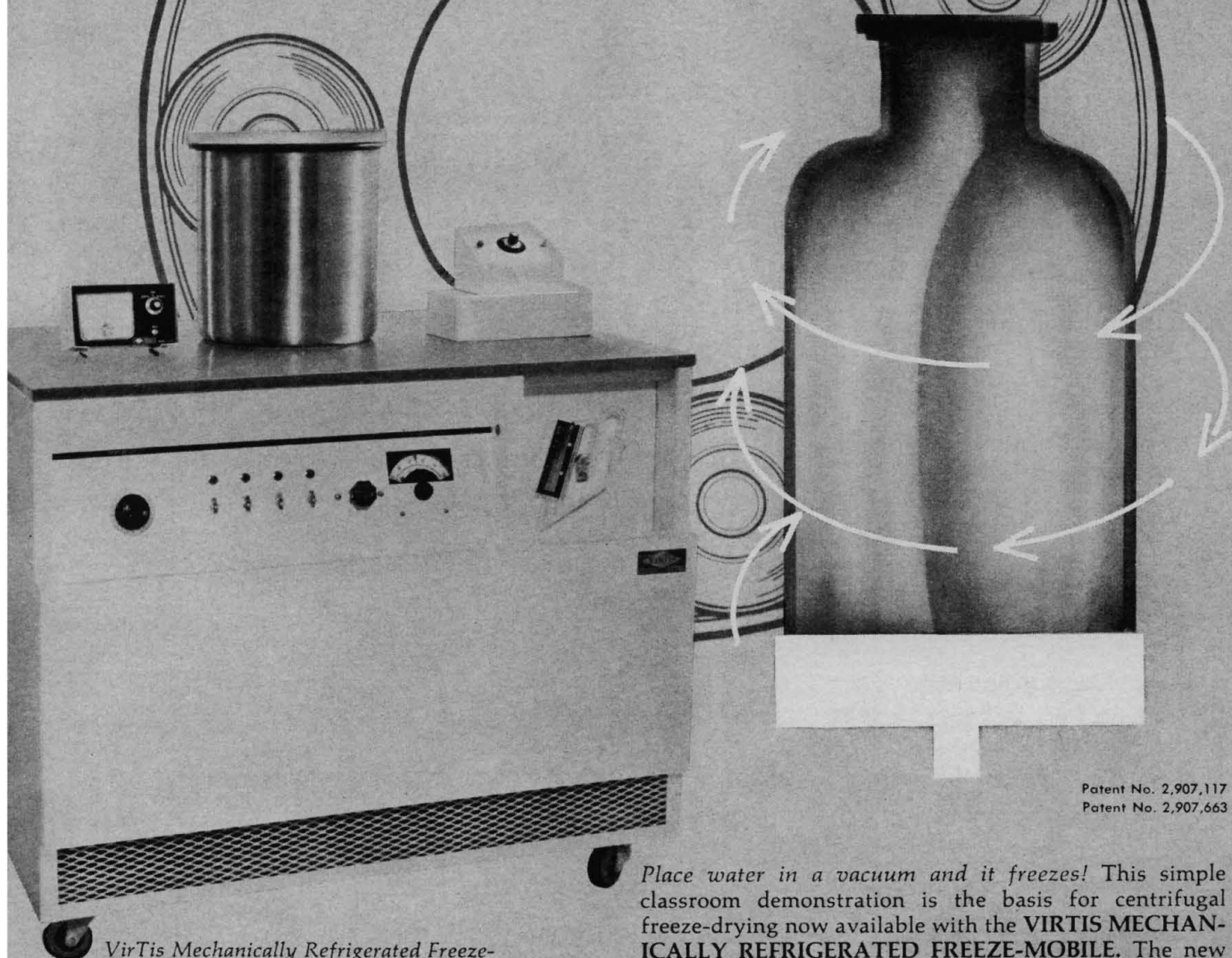
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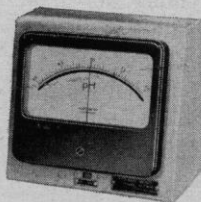


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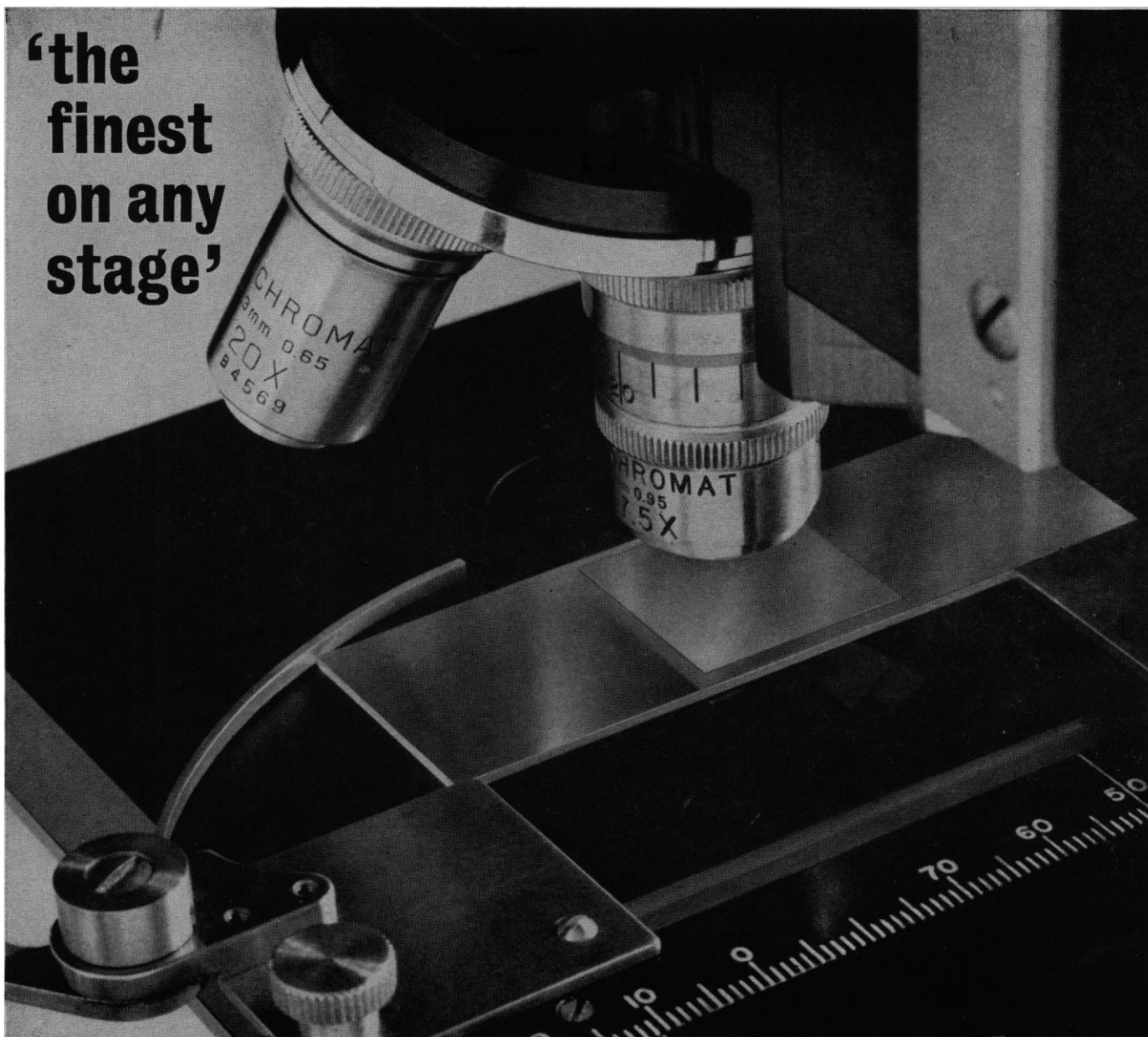
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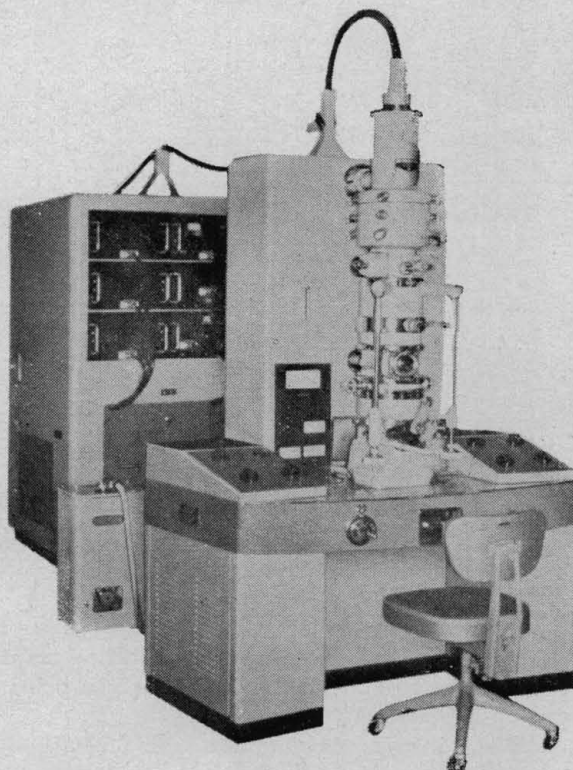
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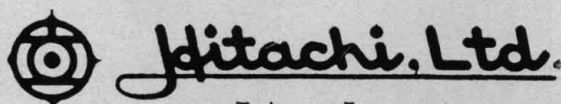
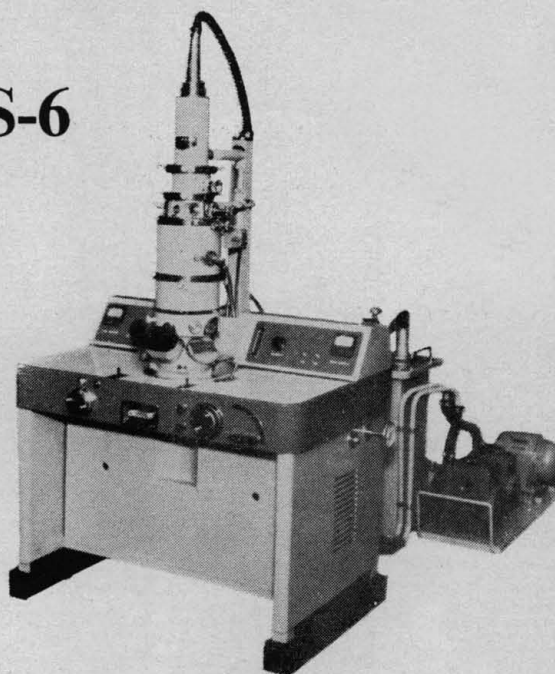
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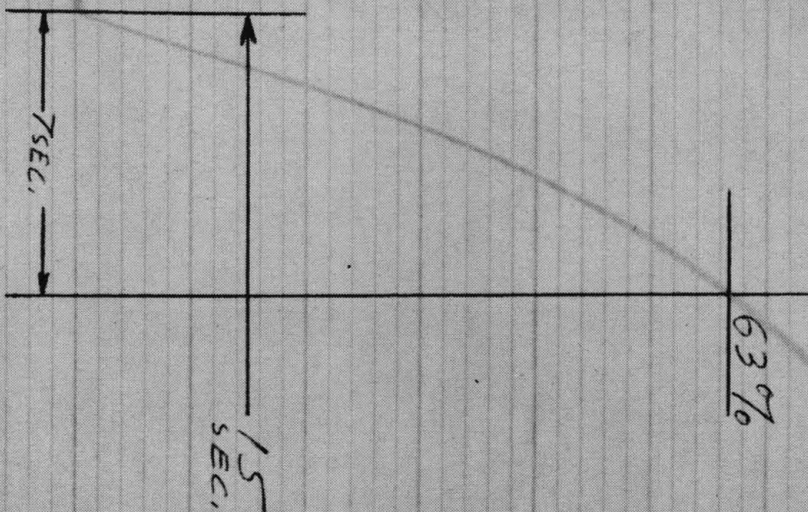
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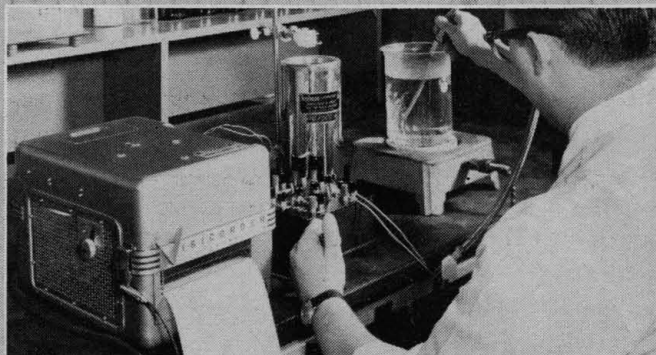
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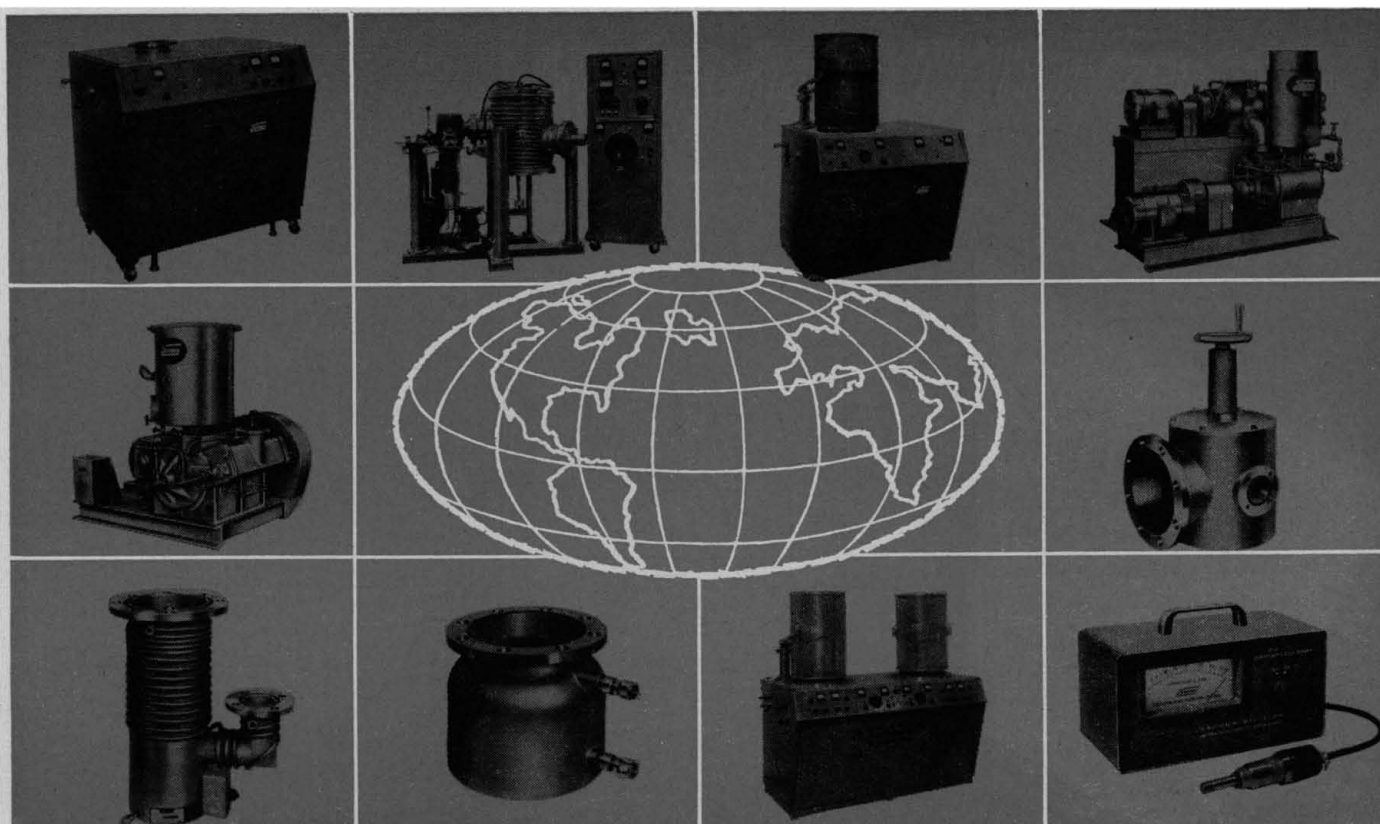
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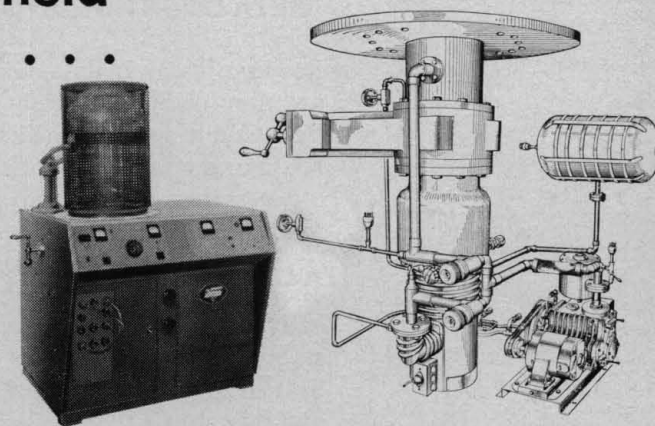
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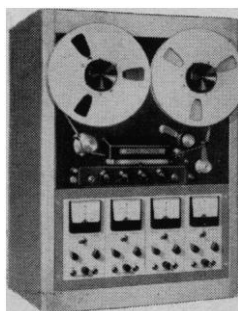
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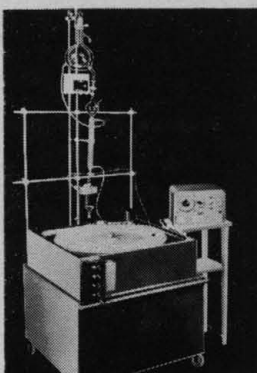
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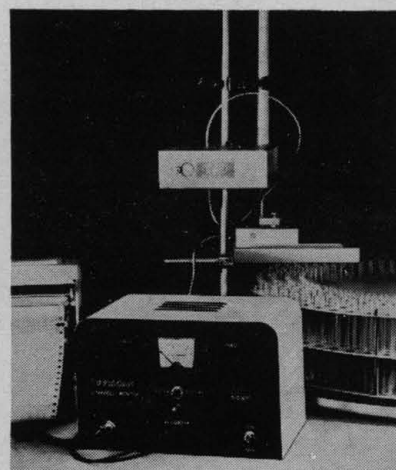
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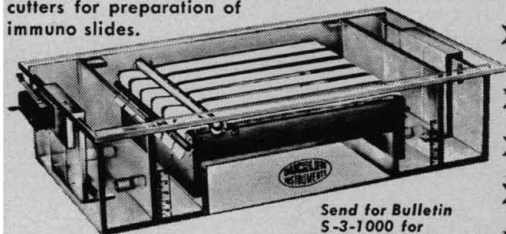
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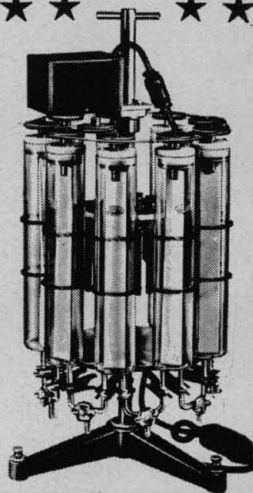
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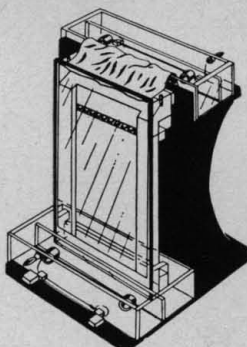


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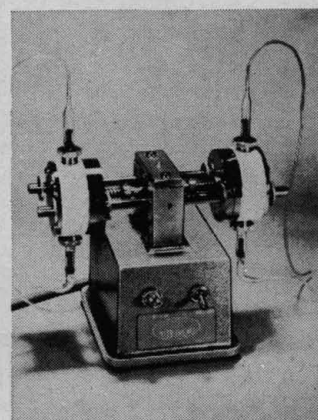
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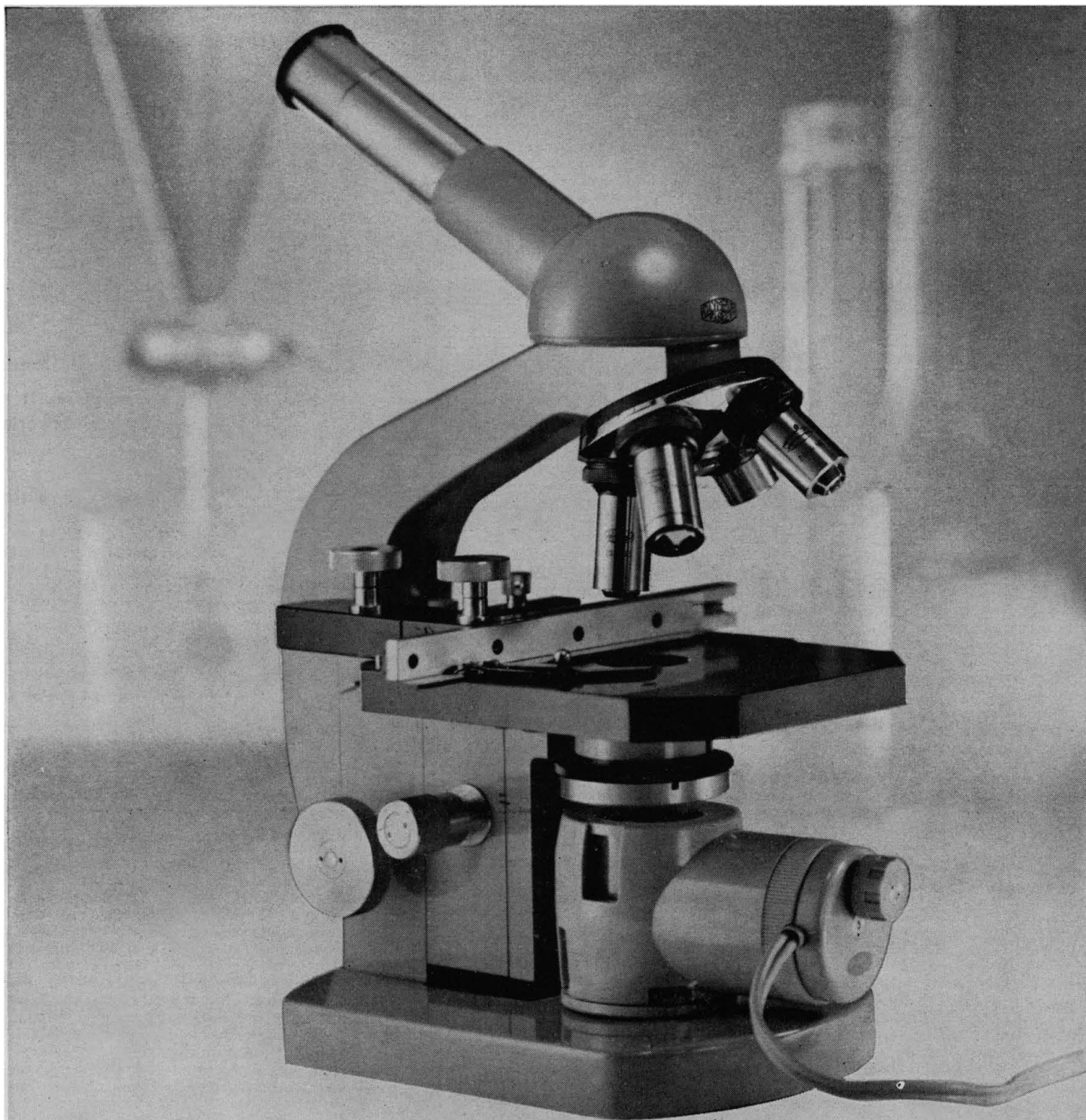
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To solve this problem, it is natural to consider marrying an array of discriminator circuits to an ordinary pulse height analyzer memory, for the cost per channel of such a system would be reasonable. The multichannel analyzer is a sufficiently useful tool in its own right, particularly in setting-up procedures preceding a measurement, that its cost is not offensive.

Such a marriage, however, would have serious limitations, unless special methods were used to combine the discriminators with the analyzer. One limitation, for example, would be that of speed. The analyzer requires some ten microseconds to accept and store a count, once the address scalar has been properly set to correspond to the correct counting channel. During this time the system would be 'dead' in all channels, so overall counting rates would have to be limited to a few thousand counts per second to avoid severe losses.

The process of properly setting the analyzer address scalar is in itself difficult, and the difficulty increases in a non-linear fashion as the number of channels increases. Especially awkward is the fact that signals appearing almost coincidentally on two or more signal lines tend to cause confusion that can be eliminated only by complicated circuitry.

In the Nuclear Data system, these problems have been avoided by using an entirely new method of combining the discriminators and the analyzer. Figure 1 shows the general arrangement. Counts received in a particular channel cause a one-decade scalar to advance. When it overflows, it sets the flip-flop associated with that channel. In the meantime, the analyzer address is periodically advancing, at a relatively high rate. When the address corresponds to the channel of interest, the recognition circuit and associated gates cause the periodic advance to be discontinued momentarily, and a count

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Two important characteristics of the system are apparent. One is that the entire system need not be paralyzed merely because one or more of the scalar overflow flip-flops is set. Other channels may continue counting undisturbed by this situation. As a matter of fact, even the channel which has just received its tenth count may continue counting. Only if ten counts are received following the setting of the flip-flop will there be a loss. The other characteristic is that there is no possibility of confusion due to nearly coincident pulses in two or more channels.

These characteristics permit average system counting rates, under the worst condition (all counts falling into a single channel) of well over 10,000 counts per second with losses entirely negligible except those due to the approximately 1.5 microsecond dead time of the discriminator circuits. Where counting rates are more evenly distributed among the channels, rates of well over 100,000 per second can be handled without losses except due to the discriminators. For pulsed beam particle accelerators, operating at repetition rates of 1 kc/s or slower, the average, not peak, counting rates govern the count losses, except for discriminator dead time effects.

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Although not shown in figure 1, circuits are included to provide for acceptance of counts residing in the decade scalars after completion of a measurement. It would be undesirable to ignore those counts, for in some channels it may be that just a few counts are of significance. The analyzer memory will contain actual counts received, after the measurement, without scale factor changes or round-off error.

The system is designed for use with Nuclear Data models ND120, ND130A, and the monitor analyzer for the new

ND2000 "Acquisition Series" analysis system soon to be formally announced. For ease and precision of set-up there are provisions for viewing the pulse height spectrum of any channel, with positive markers indicating the exact thresholds of the upper and lower level discriminators of that channel. Since millivolt stability is available, combined with means for rapid and accurate discriminator adjustments, counts may be restricted to even very narrow individual spectral lines in each channel.

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APPLICATION TO DISCRIMINATOR TYPE MULTICHANNEL ANALYSIS

An interesting application of the method is in multichannel discriminator type pulse height analysis. Instruments of that type ordinarily require a considerable number of counting channels, but because of the expense and readout problems there are rarely many channels provided. Nevertheless, because of the high speed of such analyzers, (typically only two or three microseconds is required for the analysis of each pulse) they are still in use despite their disadvantages.

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The model ND141 analyzer has a dead time of approximately 1.5 microseconds per event, may be slow coincidence gated, and may be operated as four seven channel analyzers, two fifteen channel analyzers or one thirty channel analyzer. One channel is used for timing pulses; after a preselected number of these timing pulses have been received, the count accumulating analyzer automatically terminates the analysis. Readout is by means of typewriter or paper tape punch. Four consecutive measurements may be made without intervening readout, merely by switching to different groups of memory channels. The overall high operating speed allows measurements of energy spectra of short lived nuclides.

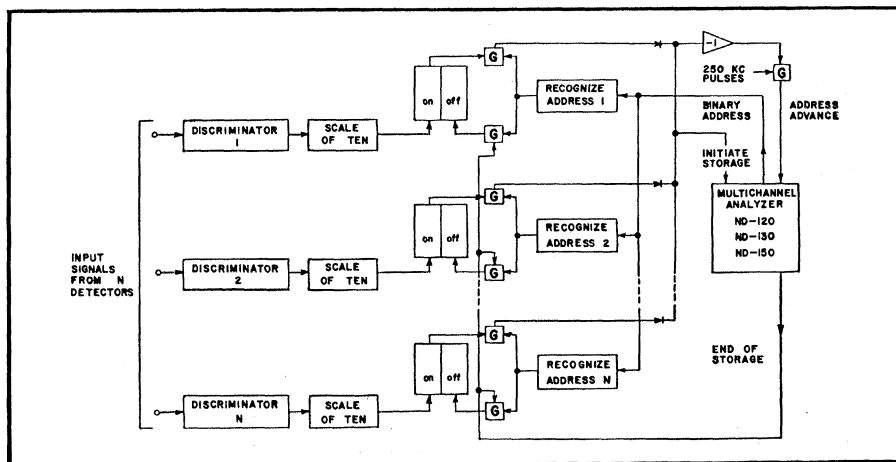
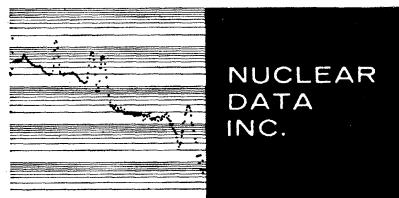


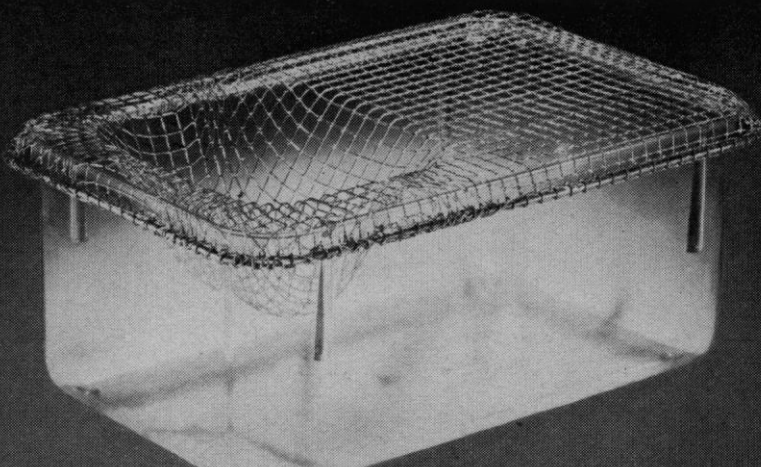
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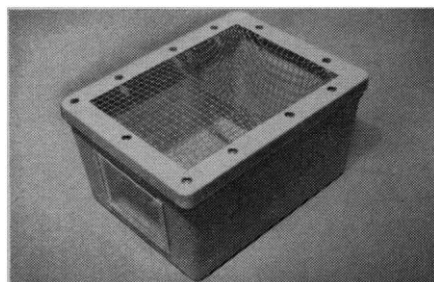
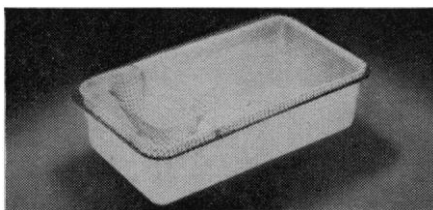
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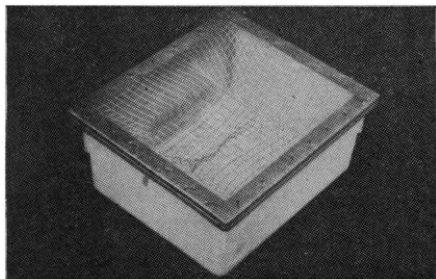
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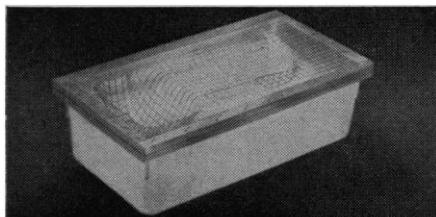
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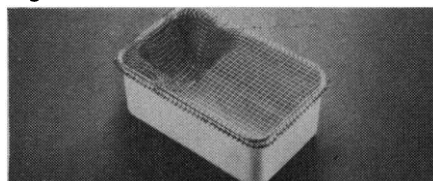


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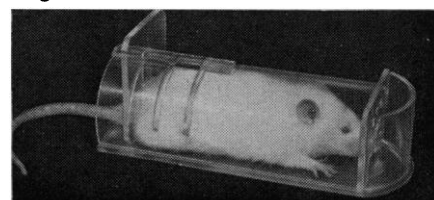
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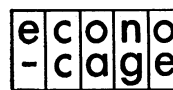
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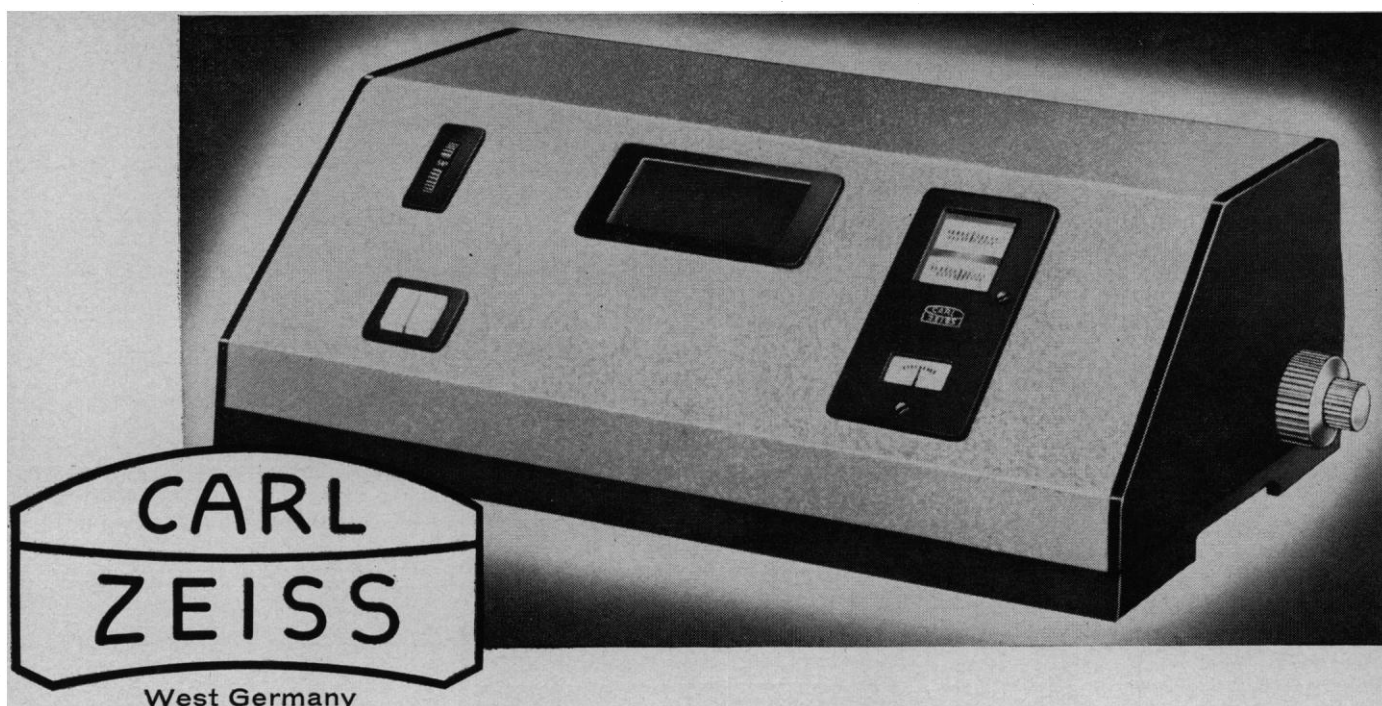
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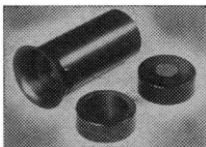


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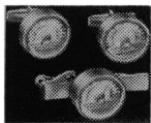


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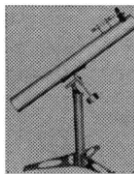
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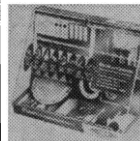
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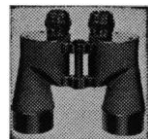


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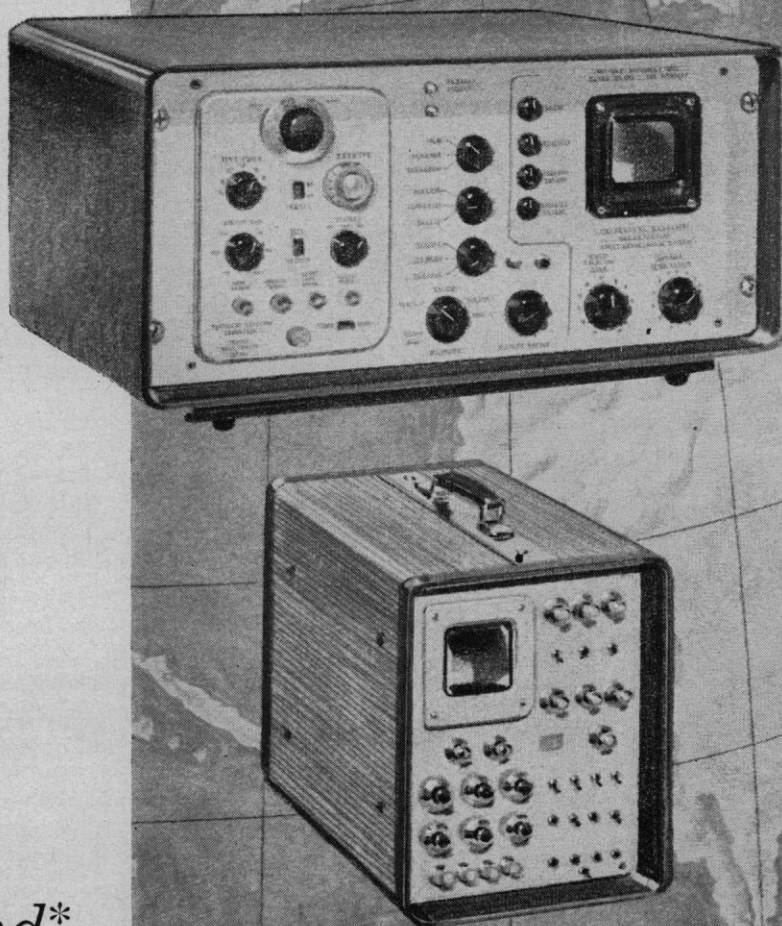
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Edward L. Thorndike, a former AAAS president, wrote these words in 1912. Mechanical ingenuity, theories of learning, and industrial enterprise have now, 50 years later, fulfilled Thorndike's prophecy in the form of some 45 different kinds of commercially available teaching machines. Aware of this headlong rush for production, the National Education Association has just published a survey of the burgeoning young industry that produces teaching machines and the programmed courses of instruction for which the machines are designed.

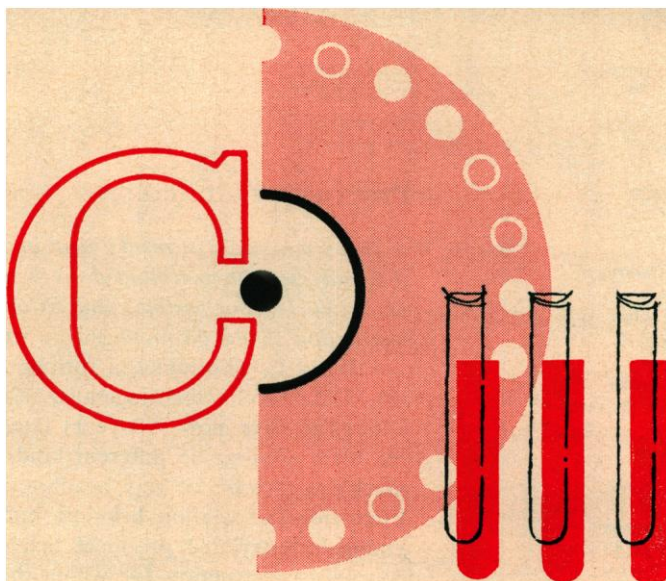
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By the end of this year, one will be able to choose among 250 programmed courses in elementary, secondary, and college mathematics, 60 in science, 25 in electronics and engineering, 25 in foreign languages, 120 in social studies, and others in contract bridge, parliamentary procedure, fundamentals of music, and even in chess and etiquette.

The list will grow; techniques will become more standardized; research and experience will bring improvements; emotional reactions against anything called a "teaching machine" will dwindle; and the devices—or, more important, the programmed materials—will come into widespread and effective use.

But in the meantime there will be inept and inadequate programs, exaggeration of both advantages and limitations, and compromise between what is available and what might be achieved with further research and development. Let these processes go on, but let them not kill off the great development around which the confusion swirls, for the potential value is of the order of value of textbooks rather than film projectors or other teaching aids.

There are several reasons for watching this development with continuing interest. It is the first major technological innovation in education since the development of printing. It is based on theories of learning; the theory-to-practice sequence is not as rigorous as is common in the physical sciences and engineering, but a direct connection is nonetheless present. Widespread adoption will not only provide the student with the advantages of proceeding at his own pace and mastering page 1 before he turns to page 2, but will also force teachers to a higher plane of educational endeavor. The teacher who does little that a machine could not do better will obviously be an inferior employee to the one who uses machines to fulfill their functions and devotes his time and knowledge to going on from where the machines leave off. Teaching machines will enable teachers to become better teachers.—D.W.



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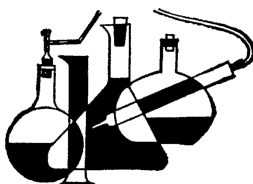
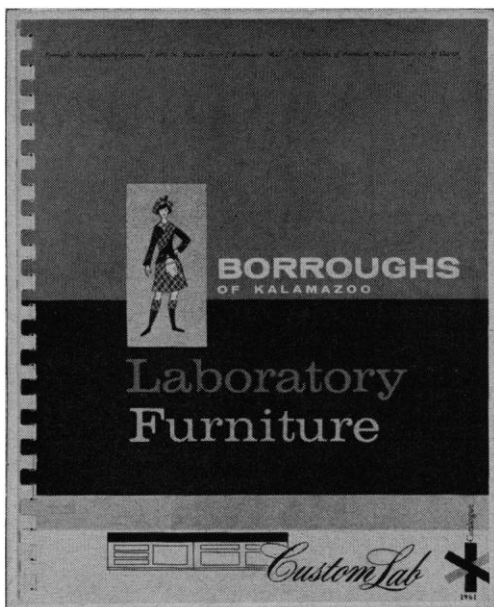
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patibilities leading to graft rejection may relate particularly to white cell antigens. C. L. Markert (Johns Hopkins) then showed that each species and tissue contains its own characteristic pattern of isozymes, the patterns changing systematically during development. In his summarizing remarks on the symposium, Dobzhansky reminded the audience of the succession of primary objects of attention (for example, *Drosophila*, viruses, nucleic acids) of geneticists over the years. He emphasized the advantages offered by the use of man in genetic investigations.

It was widely agreed that the remarkable developments in the study of the nucleic acid control of protein synthesis now lead to difficult problems involving the mechanism of expression of genetic factors in more biological terms—for example, in growth and differentiation. The vice-presidential address of J. B. Youmans (American Medical Association) was highly relevant to the program in that he discussed the increasing importance of medical problems with genetic facets and recommended expansion and improvement in the teaching of genetics in medical schools.

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Dentistry (Section Nd)

Section Nd, in keeping with the general program scheme of recent years, again chose to organize a multidisciplinary symposium on a topic basic to oral health—namely, oral aspects of genetics.

The two-session symposium, held in the Cosmopolitan Hotel on 27 December, was organized under the direction of Albert A. Dahlberg (University of Chicago), with the cosponsorship of Section N (Medicine); the International Association for Dental Research, North American Division; the American Dental Association; and the American College of Dentists.

The morning session covered the following subjects: recent advances in dental genetics (C. J. Witkop, Jr., National Institute of Dental Research); the respective roles of twin, sibling, family, and population methods in dentomedical studies (R. H. Osborne, Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research and Cornell University Medical College); effects of heredity and environment on the development of the dentition (J. D. Niswander, University of Michigan Medical School); chromosomes, nondisjunctions, and oral anom-

alies (R. Gorlin, University of Minnesota); and the effectiveness of selection in producing laboratory stocks genetically uniform for resistance or susceptibility to dental caries (H. R. Hunt, Michigan State University, and S. Rosen, School of Dentistry, Ohio State University).

The afternoon session covered family studies of the facial complex (B. Hanna, National Institute of Dental Research); clinical aspects of genetic research in dentistry (S. L. Horowitz, Bellevue Medical Center and School of Dental and Oral Surgery, Columbia); third molar polymorphism and dental genetics (S. M. Garn and A. B. Lewis, Fels Research Institute); and the regulative changes in tooth germs grown in tissue culture (S. Glasstone Hughes, Strangeways Research Laboratories, Cambridge, England). The symposium was concluded with a general discussion by the panel and audience.

In addition, Section Nd cosponsored a meeting, on 28 December, on career opportunities in medicine and dentistry, arranged by Alpha Epsilon Delta, which attracted a large audience. After introductory remarks (Norman F. Witt, University of Colorado) two formal reports were presented, on the future needs in medicine (A. N. Taylor, American Medical Association) and in dentistry (R. F. Sognnaes, University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center, School of Dentistry). There followed two panel discussions, on future challenges for physicians and dentists. The dental panel was moderated by H. B. G. Robinson (School of Dentistry, University of Kansas City), with discussants from several schools: W. C. Fleming (University of California, San Francisco, Medical Center), H. J. Noyes (University of Oregon Dental School), and B. C. McKinney (University of Texas).

After a group luncheon, addressed by Robert J. Glaser (University of Colorado Medical Center), arrangements were made for individual conferences with college admissions officials and for visits to local professional schools.

After these sessions Section Nd cosponsored, with Section N (Medicine), a 2-day symposium on general aspects of genetics.

Ned B. Williams (University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry) was elected to succeed Harold J. Noyes as vice president and chairman of Section Nd (for 1962); for committeeman-at-large (1962-65), S. Wah Leung (Uni-



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versity of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry) was elected to succeed Thomas Hill, who has completed his 4-year term of office.

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Pharmaceutical Sciences (Section Np)

Section Np held eight sessions, 27 through 29 December. There were 28 contributed papers on various studies, and one symposium was held jointly with sections on the zoological sciences, the botanical sciences, anthropology, psychology, the medical sciences, dentistry, agriculture, and education. Over 350 persons attended one or more of the pharmacy section meetings.

The AAAS Council, the governing body of the association, elected John Autian (School of Pharmacy, University of Texas) a vice president of the association and elected George F. Archambault (chief, Pharmacy Branch, Division of Hospitals, Bureau of Medical Services, U.S. Public Health Service) to serve on the committee-at-large of the section for a 4-year term. Autian will serve as chairman of the section for

the coming year and will preside at the Philadelphia meeting in 1962. John E. Christian (head of the bionucleonics department, Purdue) continues to serve as secretary of the section.

Of major interest to the group in attendance was a most interesting and stimulating vice-presidential address entitled "Pharmacy and hospital pharmacy," presented by Joseph A. Oddis. An interdisciplinary symposium in the biological-medical sciences, entitled "Existing levels of radioactivity in man and his environment—measurement and significance," attracted wide attention on the part not only of the pharmaceutical scientists but of many individuals from other scientific disciplines. Over 250 persons attended this session. Christian gave introductory remarks and radioisotope demonstrations, served as presiding officer, and served as moderator of the question and discussion session. Wright H. Langham and Ernest C. Anderson of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory discussed, respectively, "Radioactivity levels in man and his environment" and "Application and measurement of the existing radioactivity of people and foods." James R. Arnold (University of Cali-

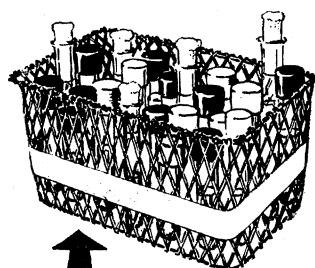
fornia) discussed existing levels of cosmic-ray-produced radioactivity, and P. R. J. Burch (University of Leeds) spoke on the relationship of existing radiation levels to carcinogenesis.

The hospital pharmacy group had a most informative and well-attended full-day session of discussions and contributed papers on the scientific aspects of hospital pharmacy, under the guidance of Oddis, Don E. Francke, and Gloria Francke. The following groups were represented: the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the Colorado Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the American Hospital Association, and the American College of Apothecaries. Luncheon, entertainment, and dinner were sponsored by E. R. Squibb and Sons, Wyeth Laboratories, and McKesson and Robbins, Inc., respectively.

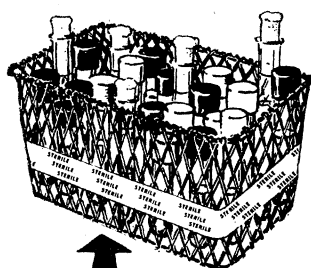
Autian opened the session for contributed papers which consisted of presentation of the results of original scientific investigations. Wayne V. Kessler and his coworkers at Purdue presented information on the design and operating characteristics of a large 2-pi-liquid scintillation counter for large samples, including man and animals. R. S. McCutcheon (Oregon State College) discussed antiarrhythmic actions of primaquine and amodiquin compounds with quinidine. The effects of reserpine pretreatment on drug responses were explained by R. G. Brown (University of Texas). D. B. Meyers (Butler) presented a pharmacological evaluation of six aromatic hydrazides, and D. C. Fitzgerald (Creighton) discussed estrogen levels and personality characteristics in adolescent females. G. H. Hamor described the synthesis and diuretic activity of 2-methyl-6-sulfamoylsaccharin.

Kessler presided over the remainder of the session, in which Autian presented the effect of quaternary ammonium compounds on polyvinyl chloride used in medical practice; L. A. Sciuchetti (Oregon State University) presented studies on the influence of gibberellic acid and kinetin on growth and alkaloid patterns; H. A. Lieberman (Warner-Lambert Research Institute) discussed the drying of tablet granulations in fluidized beds; T. P. Michaels (Merck Sharp and Dohme) presented an assay procedure for residual amounts of acetone in film-coated tablets; and W. W. Stiles (University of California) presented his views on preventive medi-

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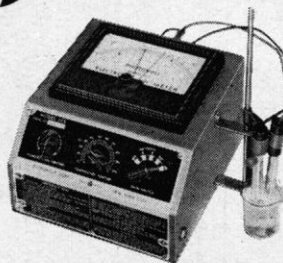


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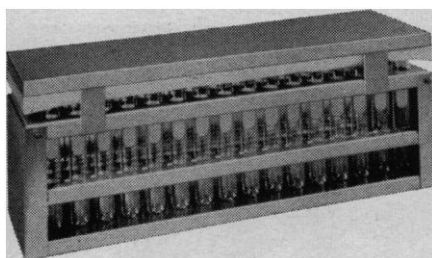


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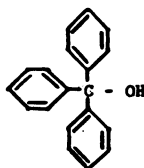
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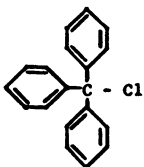
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Agriculture (Section O)

The program for Section O, arranged by chairman Wynne Thorne, consisted of a symposium on land and water use, with special reference to the plains and mountain regions. This symposium involved four half-day sessions, for which Section O had prime responsibility. In addition, Section O cosponsored, with the AAAS, a half-day interdisciplinary program on water and climate and two half-day sessions on water improvement, in conjunction with the Committee on Desert and Arid Zones Research of the AAAS Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division.

The first session (27 December) of the Section O program dealt with the subject of land and water resources (of the plains and mountain regions). Thorne substituted for Roland Renne (president of Montana State College) as presiding officer. There were four papers: "Population demands for land and water resources of the western hinterland," presented by S. C. Smith (University of California); "Land resources and potential use," by R. D. Hockensmith (U.S. Soil Conservation Service); "Water resources, development, and uses," by W. I. Palmer (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation); and "Public grazing lands in the economy of the West," by M. L. Upchurch (U.S. Department of Agriculture).

The second session dealt with optimum uses for resources, with E. L. Frolik (University of Nebraska) presiding. E. N. Castle (Oregon State College) discussed criteria and planning for optimum use; Nathaniel Wollman (University of New Mexico) presented a paper on economic priorities on water use in arid regions; B. D. Gardner (Brigham Young University) reviewed agriculture as a competitive segment of multiple use; and Marion Clawson (Resources for the Future) discussed recreation as a competitive segment of multiple use.

The third session (29 December) followed the AAAS half-day session on water and climate, held on 28 December, continuing the general consideration of the use of land and water resources. This third session dealt with

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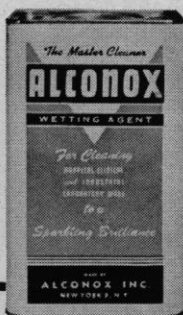
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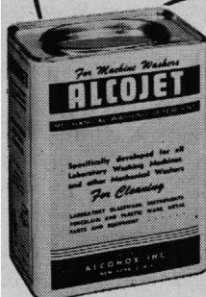
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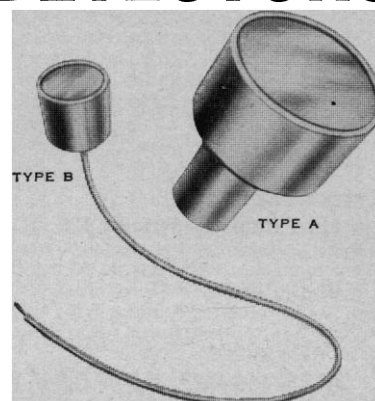
the impact of public policy on land and water use. W. E. Morgan (Colorado State University) presided. The first paper, on the government's responsibility for land and water, by L. B. Leopold and R. L. Nace of the U.S. Geological Survey, was presented by the associate author. The second paper, by C. R. Gutermuth (Wildlife Management Institute), presented problems associated with wilderness and other reserves of public lands. M. M. Kelso (University of Arizona) discussed problems growing out of the spaciousness of the West. The final paper, by W. E. Folz (University of Idaho), dealt with public and private investment in resource development.

The fourth session of the symposium (29 December) centered on the theme "Projecting management programs," with R. E. Hodgson (U.S. Department of Agriculture) presiding. There were four papers. Of these, the first, "Providing for multiple use in managing land and water," was presented by J. A. Hopkin. The second, "Modifying management and vegetation of watershed areas for improved water yields," was presented by F. H. Kennedy (U.S. Forest Service). The third, "Management associated with complex use for wildlife, livestock, and recreation," was presented by A. L. McComb (University of Arizona). N. K. Roberts (Utah State University) discussed management of private lands in relation to changing uses of public lands, completing the program.

On the following day the special programs on water improvement provided an important treatment of that subject, enlarging upon the themes developed in the Section O symposium. The entire series of programs, from 27 through 30 December, provided a comprehensive and well-balanced treatment of the problems associated with land and water resources and their use in the 17 western states. The information presented, and the analyses of potential programs and decisions, should be very useful to those seeking solutions to the critical problems facing these western regions.

The attendance totaled about 550 for the four half-day sessions of Section O and more than 400 for the three related half-day sessions. The audience included agricultural leaders from the federal and state agencies concerned with land and water use in the West and many leaders from private enterprises. The interdisciplinary nature of these programs was an excellent illustration of the role of science in solving basic

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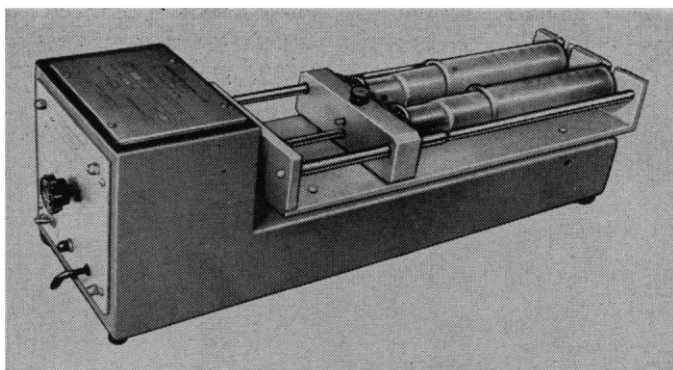
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HOWARD B. SPRAGUE, *Secretary*

Land and Water Use

Twenty papers were presented during the 3-day symposium on land and water use, one session being a general society symposium jointly sponsored and arranged with the Southwestern Division's Committee on Desert and Arid Lands Research.

Population increases of 1.6 percent per year, rising living standards, and changing interests and leisure-time activities are increasing the pressures on the nation's land and water resources (Stephen C. Smith, University of California). Higher-than-average population increases in the West, the nearly 400 million acres of public lands, and acute water limitations combine to make this an area of conflicting ideas about the use of resources.

With production on the nation's farms increasing about 2.6 percent per year, the approximately 640 million acres of land suitable for cultivation, plus anticipated developments in science and technology, will provide food and fiber needs for the foreseeable future (R. D. Hockensmith, Soil Conservation Service).

W. I. Palmer (Bureau of Reclamation) pointed out that water needs for the West could only be satisfied through a large public investment for storage, distribution, pollution control, and better measures for reducing losses. F. H. Kennedy (U.S. Forest Service) reported preliminary results of some long-term experiments which indicate that thinning or removing trees and replacing them with grass on many western watersheds could result in larger yields of

water. Similar increased water supplies were foreseen from capture and use of underground and surface water (J. Harshbarger, University of Arizona) and from better knowledge of climatic events (P. R. Julian, University of Colorado).

The role of government as a guardian and developer of resources has been accepted, according to L. B. Leopold and R. Nace (U.S. Geological Survey), but they foresaw need for action to guard public interest against government encroachment. Research to de-

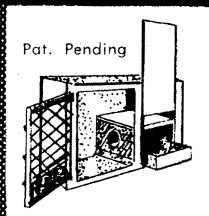
termine the consequences of long-term programs is needed, with more consideration of esthetic and social values. M. K. Udall (U.S. congressman, Arizona) concluded that legislative attempts to consolidate agencies concerned with national resources had failed; legislation is being sought to establish uniform criteria among agencies for developing and managing land and water.

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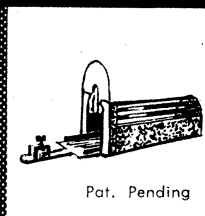
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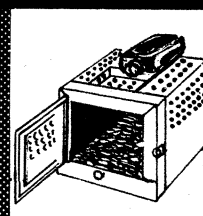
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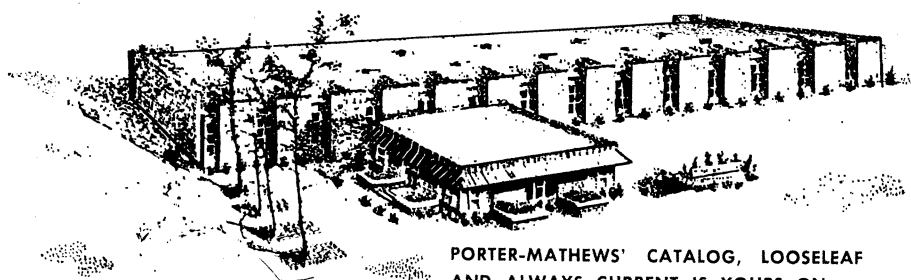
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in the Missouri Basin, concluded that returns in productive value of labor strongly favored use of water for manufacturing over use for agriculture. J. Hopkins (Bank of America) challenged the accepted concept of multiple use of resources and proposed the concept of optimum use, with public preference polls used as a supplement to present criteria for programs of public agencies.

M. Clawson (Resources for the Future) proposed procedures for comparing the demand curves and benefits for recreation with those for other uses of land and water. C. R. Gutermuth (Wildlife Management Institute) contended that the purpose of establishing national parks and monuments is to preserve national values rather than to provide public playgrounds. Recreation areas should be administered by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. A. L. McComb (University of Arizona) concluded that multiple use is acceptable for large areas but that in practice use should be defined by a detailed site classification.

Use of public lands for livestock grazing has declined. M. L. Upchurch (U.S. Economic Research Service) estimated that only 1.2 percent of livestock feed comes from the 400 million acres of public lands and that changes in grazing fees would have little influence on the income of federal agencies. K. Roberts (Utah State University) provided data to show that the value of grazing permits on public lands has been capitalized into regular ranch operations.

WYNNE THORNE, *Program Chairman*

Education (Section Q)

The Section Q program consisted of a symposium on factors identified with the early shaping of the scientist, and two sessions of contributed papers. In addition, Section Q cosponsored two sessions with the Council for Exceptional Children, two sessions with the American Educational Research Association, and a special program with the AAAS Cooperative Committee. Section Q also cosponsored one of the AAAS interdisciplinary symposia, "Existing levels of radioactivity in man and his environment." The teaching societies had their usual array of fine programs.

William Bristow gave the vice-presidential address for the section. His subject was "Some imperatives of curriculum research and development." Two meetings were scheduled for the

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section committee. Possible program improvements were considered, and greater involvement of section membership was urged. A continuing problem was seen in the relative tenuousness of the ties with various assigned affiliates of Section Q. Few of the representatives of the affiliate organizations attend the AAAS meetings. It would be mutually advantageous if affiliate societies would designate representatives who could and would attend the annual meeting.

There seemed to be general satisfaction with the quality of the programs. Some of them were really outstanding, but the attendance was relatively light. Some very deserving programs were rather poorly attended.

Kenneth E. Anderson (dean of the University of Kansas) was elected vice president and chairman of Section Q. Edgar Martin was elected committee-man-at-large for a 4-year term.

HERBERT A. SMITH, *Secretary*

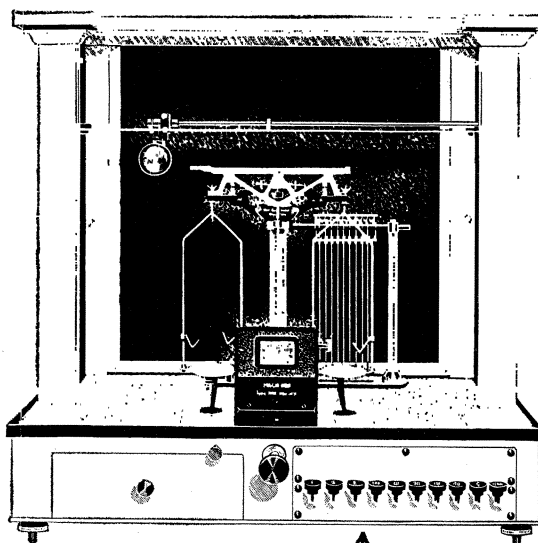
The Shaping of a Scientist

In setting the focus for the symposium "The shaping of a scientist," Ralph Tyler commented on the role of the scientist in our society. He pointed out the crucial need for an ever-increasing supply of scientists who are broadly educated in terms of the values of our society, as well as highly trained in their professional field of activity. He suggested that we view the life history of a scientist and the development of his career from his preschool days through the entire educational system and on into his postgraduate work.

Patrick Suppes discussed an investigation of the way in which young children learn mathematical concepts. He commented on the incremental, as compared with the all-or-none, learning theories and described some of the experiments he had conducted in teaching mathematical logic in the elementary schools. For example, in one of these experiments, conducted at the 5th-grade level, the boys and girls are learning material usually offered at the college level.

The kinds of students who do, and the kinds who do not, achieve in science at the high school level were discussed by Victor Cline. He characterized the former as persons who are "inner-directed" or psychologically independent. They are those to whom ideas are more important than people, those who have the capacity for self-criticism and self-expression. In the work he has done, Cline sees three factors as making the critical difference between those who

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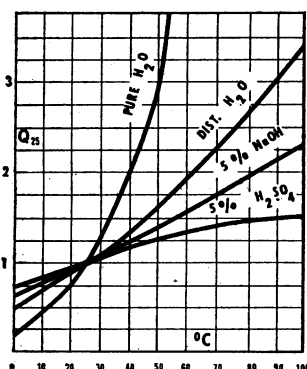
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The question of differentiating between the individual who is a generally good scholar and one who excels specifically in science was raised by John Dailey. Tests of creativity offer one means of differentiating, but such tests should be used in combination with other instruments, such as aptitude inventories, to help identify science talent. Dailey reported that a recent nation-wide study of high school students showed a trend away from science careers from the 9th grade to the 12th on the basis of the students' own statements of their future plans.

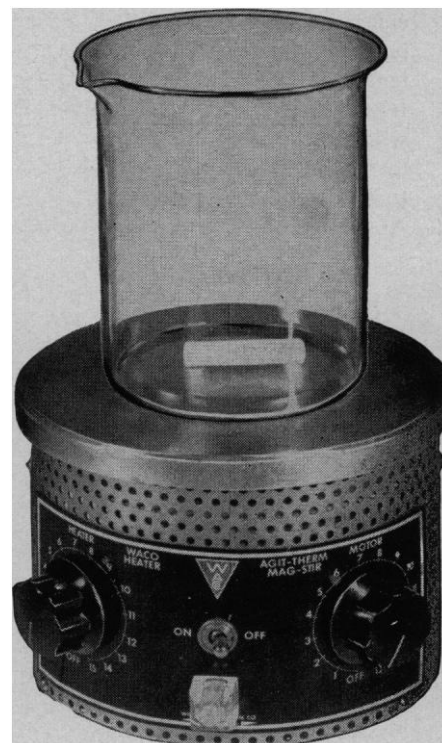
Howard Gruber discussed educational goals at the university level and and their relationship to self-directed study on the part of the student. He pointed out that science education must have two facets—the assimilation of a body of scientific knowledge and the learning of a scientific way of thinking. The second objective seems to be the more difficult to attain, and to receive much less attention than the first.

There followed a general discussion, under the leadership of Tyler, in which the panel members and the visitors joined. Tyler commented on the factors in the life history and career development of a scientist about which we need more information and pointed out current research which is seeking to provide needed insights. For example, much remains to be learned about early childhood experiences which may influence the individual with regard to science. Among the factors to be studied here are the development of curiosity in the young child, his opportunities for an increasing skill in manipulating objects, the growth of his readiness for new experiences, and the effects of rewards and punishments resulting from such behavior as asking questions. Other factors enter the picture at the high school and college level in the life of the future scientist—the expectations established for the child at home, the expectations of his peer group, the general climate of the school he attends, and the environmental press of the college or university he attends. At all levels of his development an important factor is the student's opportunity to identify himself with some older person who may serve as a model for him—perhaps a doctor, lawyer, or a scientist. Tyler also commented on the education of scientists in Russia, which he



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visited recently. He reported that a scientific career there carries the highest prestige. Also, during the development of the individual, much more time is devoted to educational pursuits than in the U.S., and there is therefore a correspondingly greater amount of time available for science education.

The consensus of the discussion on the shaping of a scientist in our educational system was that the mathematical foundations and the beginning of science as a way of thought as well as a body of knowledge should receive attention at the elementary school level. It was agreed that the determination of whether an individual is or is not likely to become a scientist is made well before the end of high school.

ALICE Y. SCATES, *Program Chairman*

The Exceptional Child


Section Q and the Council for Exceptional Children held two meetings in joint session on 26 and 27 December at the Shirley Savoy Hotel. The papers, with emphasis on research and theory, covered a wide range of problems concerned with exceptional children.

James Lent (University of Oregon) compared the attitudes of educable retarded children in special classes and in regular classes with respect to the level of aspiration in arithmetic-type and reading-type tasks. He noted that educable retarded children in special classes were significantly more realistic regarding their ability in arithmetic-type tasks than their counterparts in regular classes. However, no significant differences were found regarding reading-type tasks. To discover the social needs of retarded children, Barbara Edmonson and John de Jung (University of Kansas) reported on a modification of the Syracuse Scales of Social Relations. They stated that the educable retarded can recall a sufficient number of reference names to make the scale feasible for measuring social needs in an inter-group setting.

Marion Philippus (University of Colorado) and Louis Fliegler (University of Denver), in studying the personality, value, and interest patterns of elementary, secondary, and special-education student teachers, found that special educators differed significantly from the other groups on 11 out of 22 scales. Rather interestingly, all three groups rated social service interests above science and computational areas.

The problems of the gifted child were emphasized by Alice Hayden (University of Washington), Edwin Richard-

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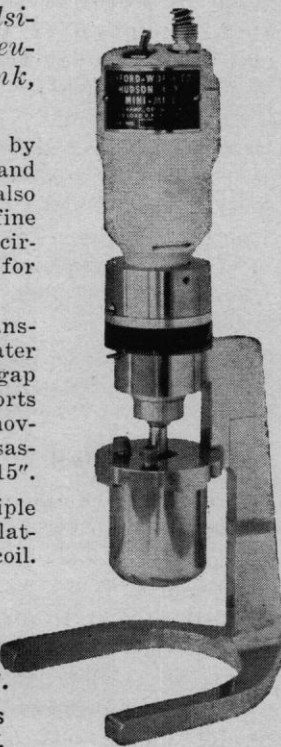
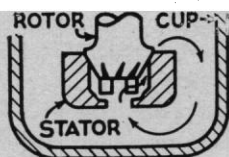
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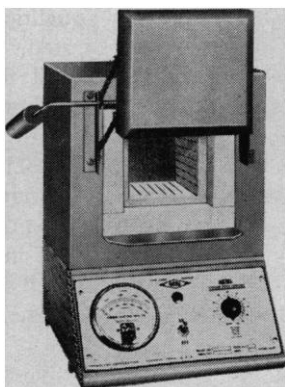
son (University of Nevada), and Calvin Taylor (University of Utah). Hayden evaluated the qualities and qualifications desired for teachers of the gifted as delineated by school administrators, gifted students, teachers of the gifted, and regular classroom teachers. She found that gifted children desired teachers who make them think, who create an interest in the subject, and who help them make good use of their time. Richardson stressed the fact that it is a mistake to overemphasize the I.Q. in determining the dynamic qualities of intellectualization demonstrated by the gifted. He further contended that the gifted appear to be more concerned with specific abilities than with general ability, are perfectionistic in their ideas, are sensitive to values, and are over-critical in their approach to problems. Taylor reiterated that current measures of intelligence are not identifying the creative individual. There is, he said, a need to define several types of giftedness and to construct adequate assessment procedures to delineate these aspects of giftedness.

Miles Zintz (University of New Mexico) discussed his 3-year research study, which was carried out to identify, define, and describe factors of cultural and environmental difference between Indians and non-Indians; to find ways to alleviate conflicts in classroom teaching-learning situations; and to provide a basis for planning appropriate classroom adjustments. Teachers' middle-class values and life style were contrasted with the values and life style of Pueblo and Navajo Indians and of the traditional Middle Rio Grande Spanish Americans. A pattern of over-age-in-grade status and increasing educational retardation as students move through the school grades was found. There was considerable evidence of a need for a systematic, sequential teaching of English as a second language for all minority ethnic groups in New Mexico.

The body image of stutterers was reported by Joseph Fitzpatrick (University of Denver). He contrasted the differences accentuated by the stutterers in drawing themselves and their ideal image in the process of speaking. Empirical indices suggested that the technique of drawing oneself is important in evaluating progress in therapy.

The way in which researchers use content words and certain causative phrases was challenged by Joseph Spradlin and Gerardeau (University of Kansas). They contended that content words should be defined in terms of ob-

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servable objects or events, or of the characteristics of such objects or events. It was also suggested that the term *cause* should be defined, and utilized only where an experimental manipulation had been made.

In summary, the high quality of papers reflected the increased research interest in the exceptional child.

LOUIS A. FLIEGLER, *Program Chairman*

Science Teaching Societies (Q8)

A superb symposium arranged by the affiliated science teaching societies and covering some of the more fundamental areas within the sphere of molecular biology was held and was well attended. The history of ideas leading to the present knowledge of the architecture of cellular components was beautifully developed in a remarkably coherent sequence by Leonard Lerman, Henry Borsook, and Irwin Sizer.

Genetic architecture was treated in some detail by Lerman (University of Colorado Medical School). The empirical evidence for establishing the molecular structure of deoxyribonucleic acid was presented from the standpoint of both chemical analysis and x-ray diffraction detail. A superb metal "mobile" of a few nucleotides attracted considerable attention.

Borsook (California Institute of Technology) focused attention on the molecular structure of proteins and developed the "sentence" structure of the amino acid "alphabet." The exact sequence of some simpler proteins was illustrated by means of simple, clear slides. A description of the various chemical bonds was related to the chemical activity in terms of enzyme attack sites.

The role of enzymes in the molecular architecture of cells was well presented by Sizer (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). The chemical characterization of ribonuclease was shown, and the method for determining the active enzyme site was followed through. Only a very short section of the long chain was pointed up as the active center.

ALFRED NOVAK, *Program Chairman*

Creativity in Science

In the research symposium on creativity in science, arranged by the National Association for Research in Science Teaching and held on 29 December, Calvin Taylor presented a paper which described research techniques, the characteristics of creative scientists, and some of the implications of the research results for the process of educating



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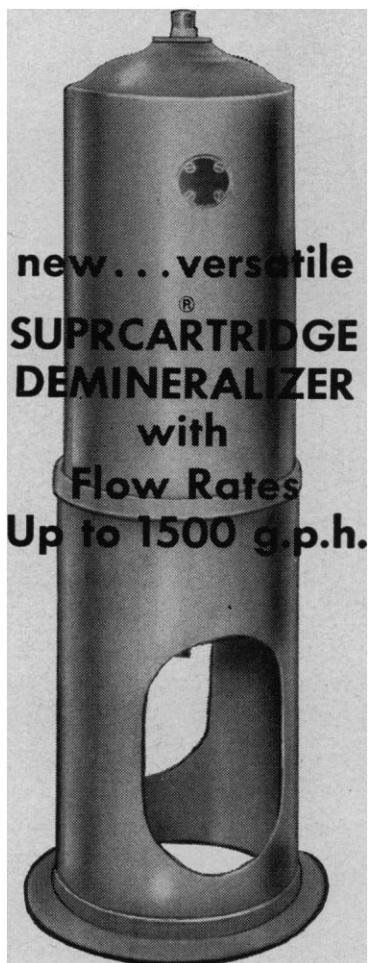
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science personnel. The results of the research activities to date indicate that the thinking processes involved in acquiring basic knowledge and those involved in producing new ideas and devising new research procedures differ. For full utilization of the creative talents of a scientist, an understanding of the nature of creativity is imperative. School grades and I.Q. scores are inadequate measures of creativity. Characteristics which exemplify creativity are intellectual persistence, a capacity for manipulating ideas, the ability to make intuitive decisions, resourcefulness, and emotional identification with a research problem.

Edward U. Condon (Washington University) was unable to attend the Denver meeting. Instead, Dr. Love (Sacramento State College) presented procedures for selecting the content of a proposed liberal arts biology course for college students.

EDITH M. SELBERG, *Program Arranger*

American Nature Study Society (X3)

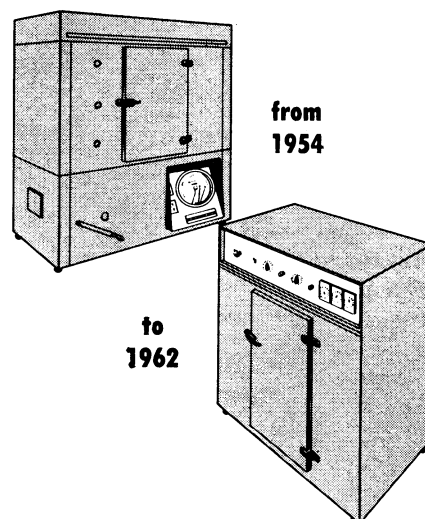
The American Nature Study Society, an affiliate of the AAAS since its founding, held its 53rd annual meeting in Denver from 26 to 30 December. The program included seven sessions, a banquet, and an all-day field trip and was unique in its emphasis on interpreting the natural world from viewpoints ranging from local to international.

The society cosponsored, with other teaching societies, the symposium on molecular biology.

In the first session of the society's program, the theme "Nature study around the world" was developed. The papers included one on Iran, by John Wanamaker (Principia College, Elmhurst, Illinois); one on science teaching in Brazil, by Paul Klinge (Editor, *American Biology Teacher*); one on general science in Pakistan, by Richard L. Weaver (University of Michigan); and one on worldwide interest in nature and conservation, by Mrs. S. Glidden Baldwin (Illinois Nature Conservancy).

Olaus J. Murie, director of the Wilderness Society, presided over the session on outdoor nature interpretation. An appeal was made for more interpretive programs and for more efficient use of the natural areas still to be set aside. Papers on these subjects were presented, by W. H. Woodin (Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum), Ted F. Andrews (Kansas State Teachers College), and Edwin C. Alberts and Wayne W.

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Bryant (National Park Service). The symposium on conservation and international resource development, sponsored jointly with the National Association of Biology Teachers, attracted over 100 persons. Walter P. Taylor, Richard L. Weaver, Frank O'Leary, and Robert C. Leestman presented papers.

The Kodachrome Showing by society members and their guests attracted an audience of over 150. Each series of slides presented excellent photography and a natural history story.

At the annual banquet, which was well attended, Ruth E. Hopson (Portland, Oregon), the outgoing president, handed over the gavel and scroll of presidents to the incoming president, S. Glidden Baldwin (Danville, Illinois). Baldwin presented a movie record of "Nature adventures around the world," the highlights of his family's 8-month trip in 1960. Sounds recorded by Mrs. Baldwin accompanied the film.

The all-day field trip by bus to the Garden of the Gods was a pleasant, informative affair arranged by David O. Davis and Sam S. Blanc. The excellent interpretation of the area, by the leaders and particularly by Paul W. Nesbit of Colorado Springs, greatly added to the day's pleasure.

Ruth Hopson presided at a symposium on the natural history of the Rocky Mountains. This included a review of the physical evolution of the Rockies, by S. H. Knight, a panorama of wildlife of the area, by Richard G. Beidleman, a talk on nature in the mountains, by Nesbit, and a study of animals in the Rockies, by Murie. All papers in this and other sessions were interestingly illustrated.

The final session involved a trip to the Denver Museum of Natural History, where director Alfred M. Bailey and his staff reviewed their major activities and the process of preparing new displays.

STANLEY MULAİK, *Program Chairman*

Conference on Scientific Communication (X5)

Chauncey Leake, chairman of the AAAS Board of Directors, announced at a luncheon following the annual meeting of the AAAS Council its formal approval of the new Section on Information and Communication. Recognition was tendered to members of the Conference on Scientific Communication (originally designated the Conference on Scientific Editorial Problems),

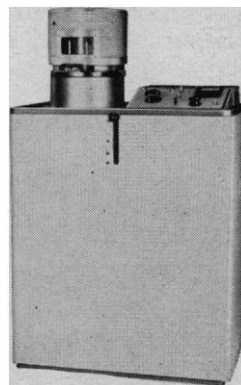
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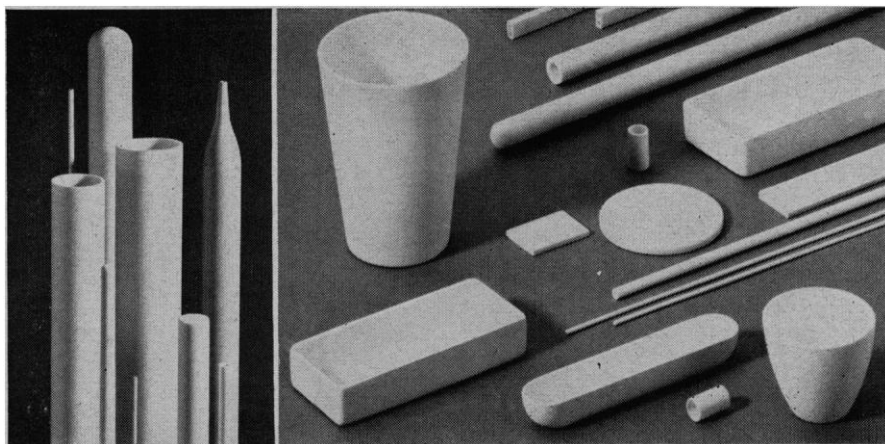
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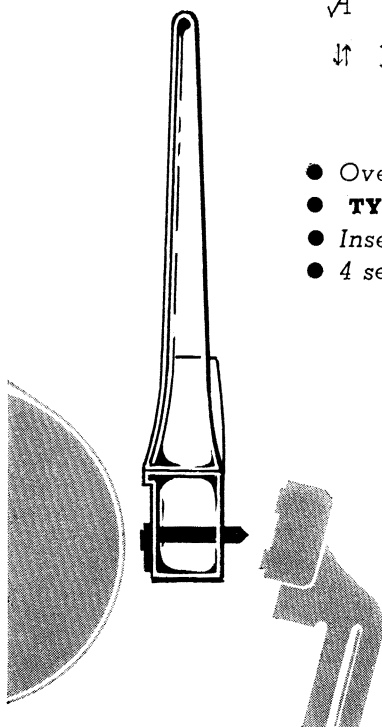
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In opening the program of the Conference on Scientific Communication (the first session of the new section), Leake said, "We know too much and yet we can't find out what we know." He pointed out that a new type of scientist will emerge, one who will be able to synthesize the data other scientists generate.

The new section (see page 535) will deal with problems of communication between scientists and between scientists and the public. The section may play a leading part in correlating information in those fields where scientific boundaries are crossed and in disseminating information on new techniques of publishing and data processing and on abstracting and information storage and retrieval.

Several related papers were presented during the first program. Published information is doubling every 10 years, according to Phyllis Parkins (*Biological Abstracts*) and Ralph Shaw (Rutgers), who discussed the problems of collecting, storing, and retrieving scientific information. Isaac Welt (Institute for the Advancement of Medical Communication) described the techniques and advantages of indexing in depth, and Foster E. Mohrhardt (U.S. Department of Agriculture) presented a paper on solving the problems of interdisciplinary communication in science.

There were two panel discussions, one on interdisciplinary science communication, under the chairmanship of Dale Baker (*Chemical Abstracts*), the other on communicating science to the people, under the chairmanship of Victor Cohn (Minneapolis *Tribune*). Members of the first panel were Miles Conrad (*Biological Abstracts*), Graham DuShane (AAAS), Eugene Garfield (Institute for Scientific Information), Richard Orr (Institute for the Advancement of Medical Communication), George L. Seielstad (Johns Hopkins Laboratory of Applied Physics), and Charles Shilling (AIBS Communication Project).

Members of the second panel were Watson Davis (Science Service), Hillier Krieghbaum (New York University), Edward G. Sherburne, Jr. (AAAS), and John Sherrod (Library of Congress).

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Conference on Scientific Manpower (X6)

The program of the conference on scientific manpower featured a paper by Truman H. Kuhn (Colorado School of Mines) on the topic "Engineering and science—a struggle for survival." The session was held on 27 December.

Howard Meyerhoff (Scientific Manpower Commission) served as chairman of the session. In his introductory remarks he noted that recent studies indicate an increasing demand for scientific and engineering personnel, while current enrollments, in engineering schools at least, are declining.

Kuhn noted the close relationship between science and engineering and stated that students in these fields are drawn from a common pool of talent; science's share of this talent is now growing at the expense of engineering's. The solution, according to Kuhn, is to increase the size of this pool of talent rather than struggle to divide the present inadequate pool. Furthermore, well-rounded graduates who can specialize are needed, rather than individuals who are already narrowly specialized.

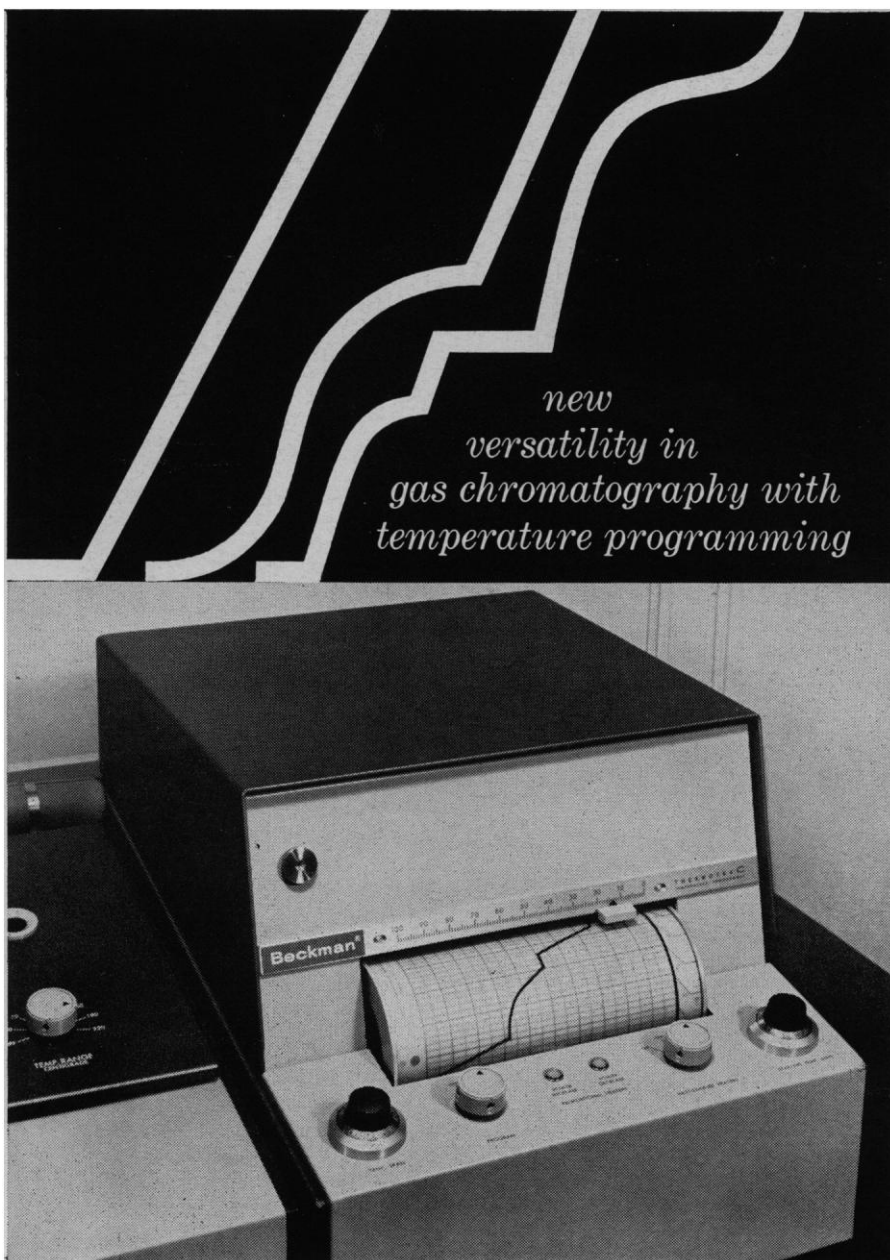
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Scientific Research Society of America (X11)

The 13th annual convention of the Scientific Research Society of America (RESA) was held in the Hilton Hotel on 29 December. The board of governors, at its October meeting, had re-elected W. J. Coppoc and D. B. Prentice chairman and director-treasurer, respectively, for 1-year terms, to begin 1 July 1962. The convention elected Donald L. Benedict and John W. Copenhaver members of the board of governors for 3-year terms, to begin 1 July 1962. At the RESA-Sigma Xi Luncheon, which followed the meeting, the annual RESA address was given by Edward R. Weidlein, former director of the Mellon Institute. The 1961 Procter prize of \$1000 for scientific research was presented to Weidlein by W. J. Coppoc, chairman of RESA.

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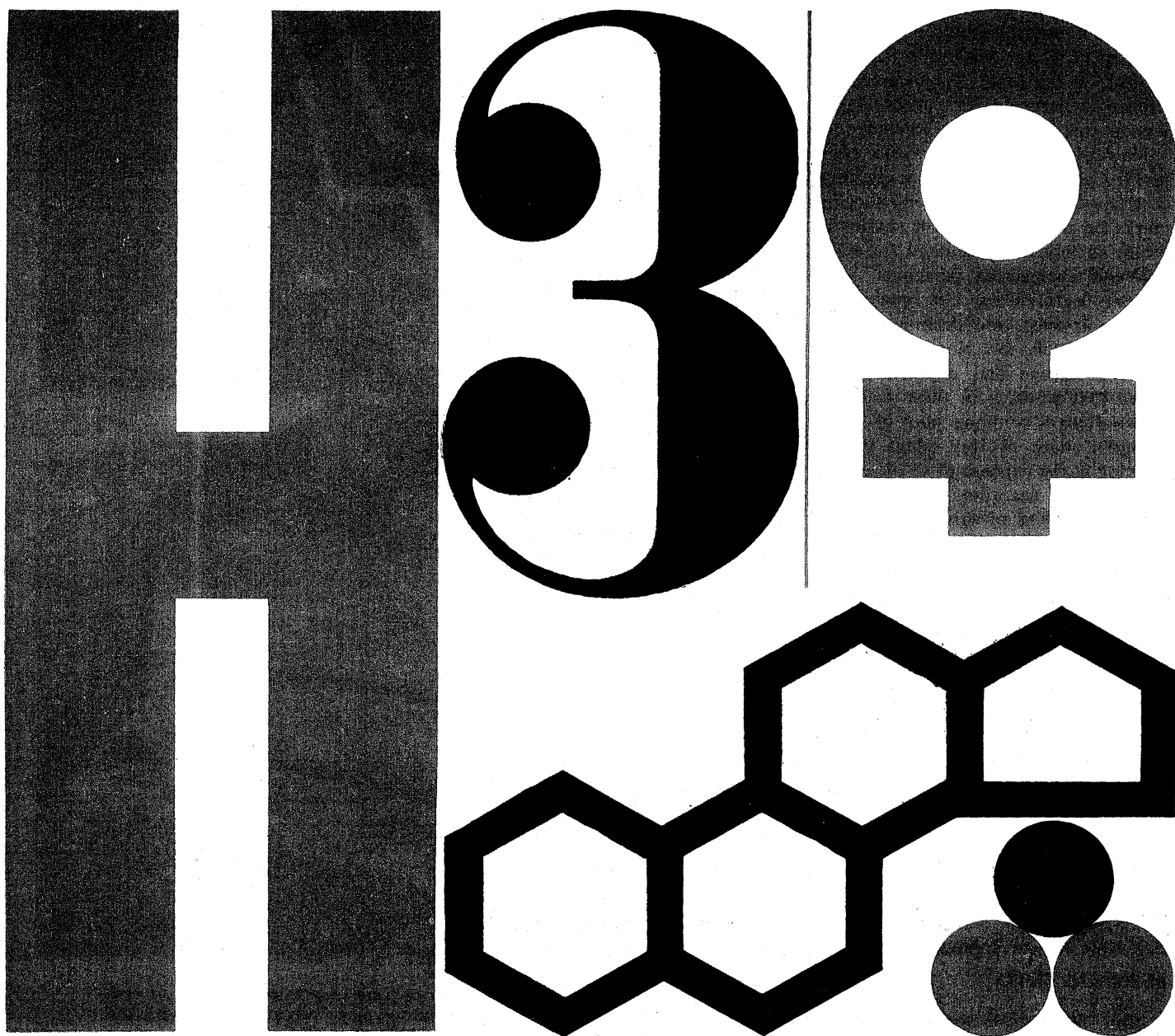
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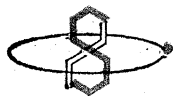
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size or concentration tolerance of desired particulates in suspension. Control circuits can be tied into these outputs. Particle-size readings can be programmed over any desired combination of 15 constant-percentage ranges from 5 to 160 microns in the standard instrument. The time period for the programmed size ranges can be 0.3, 1, 3, or 10 minutes. A built-in dilution system for handling fluids having a high density of particles is available.—J.S. (Royco Instruments Inc., 440 Olive St., Palo Alto, Calif.)

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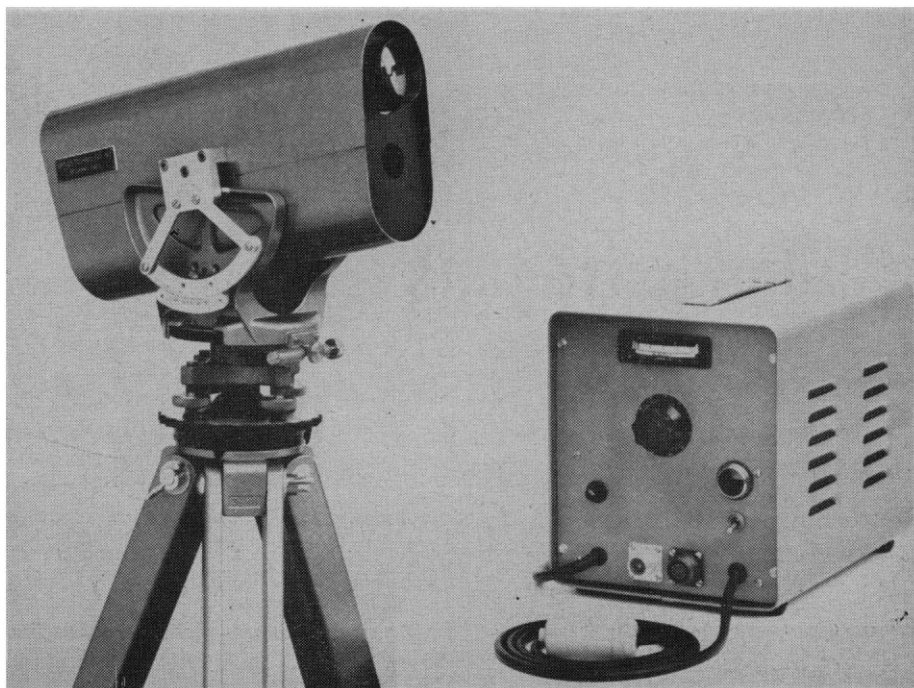


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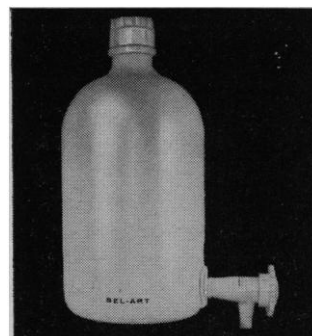
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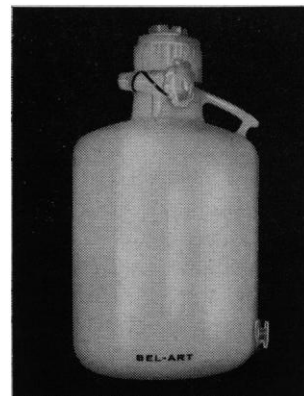
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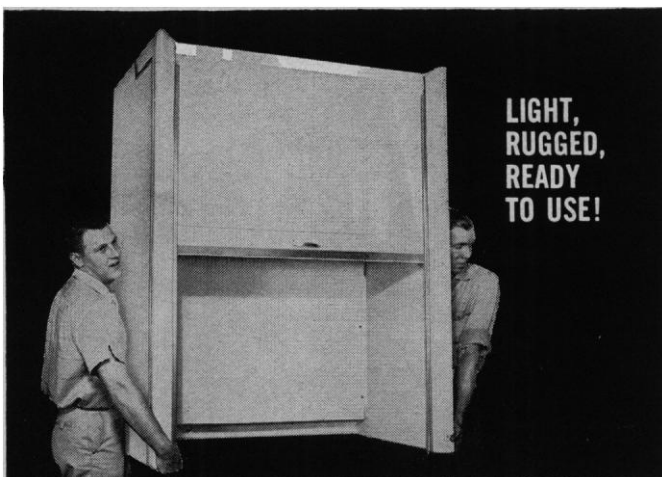


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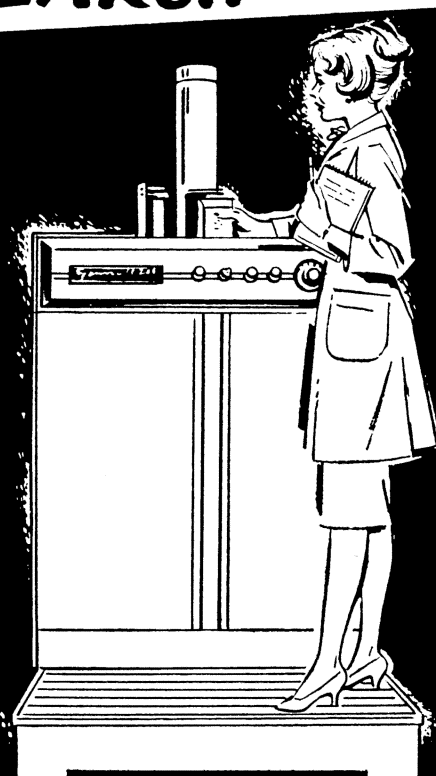
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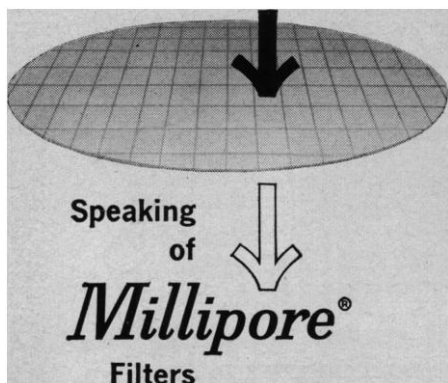
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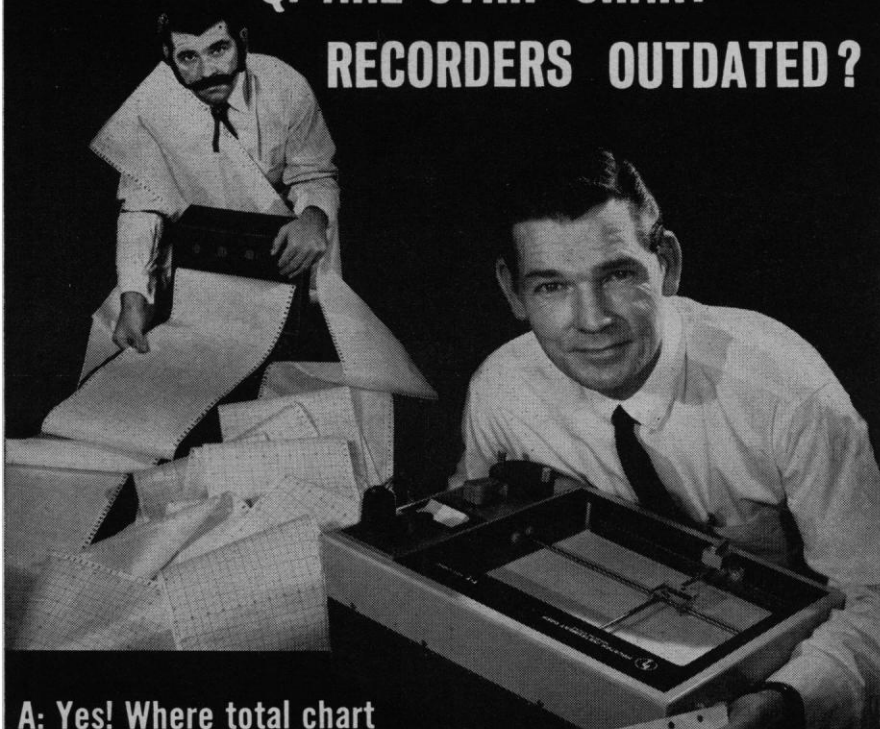
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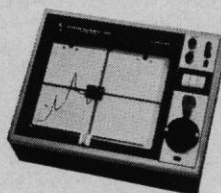
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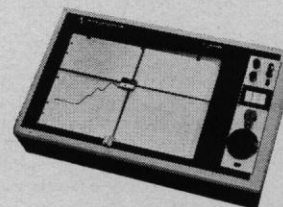
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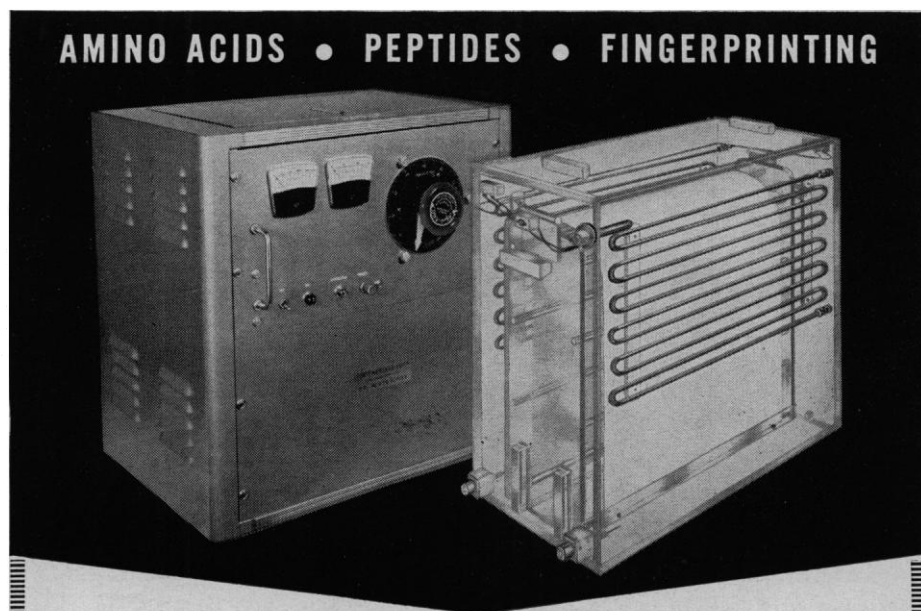
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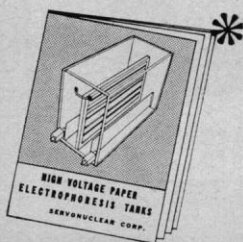
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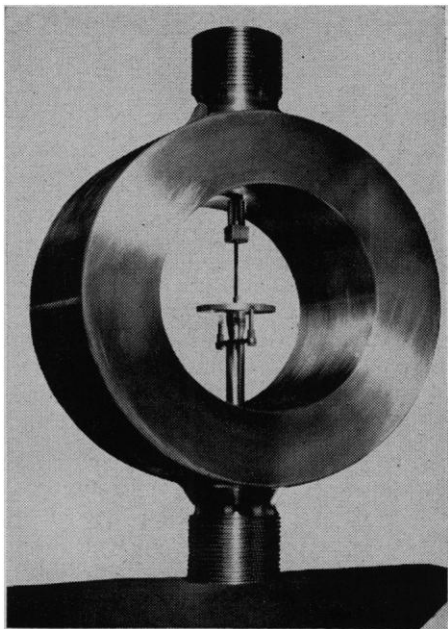
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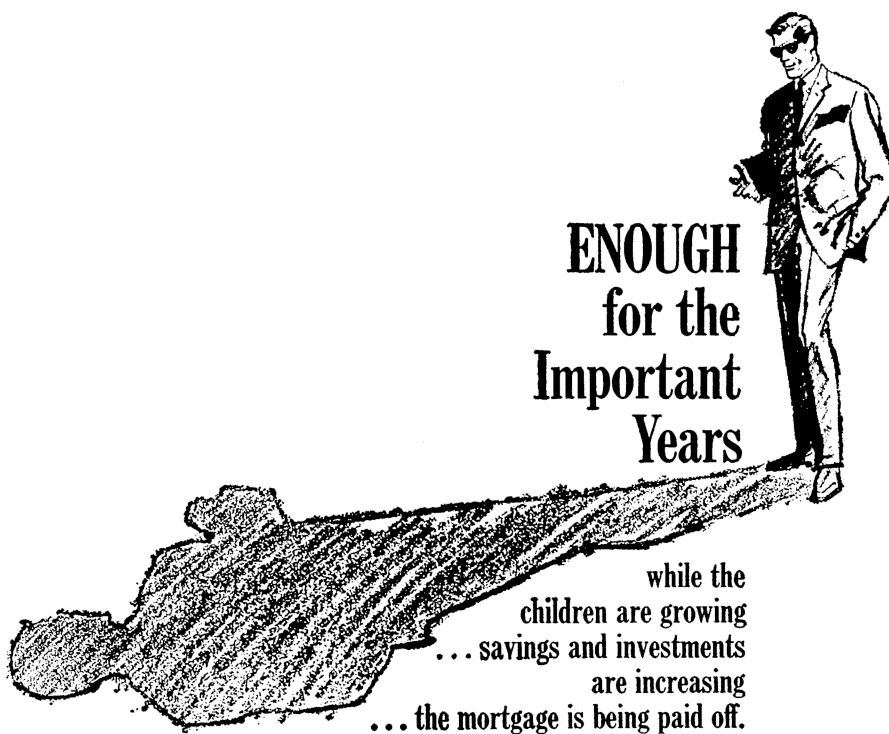
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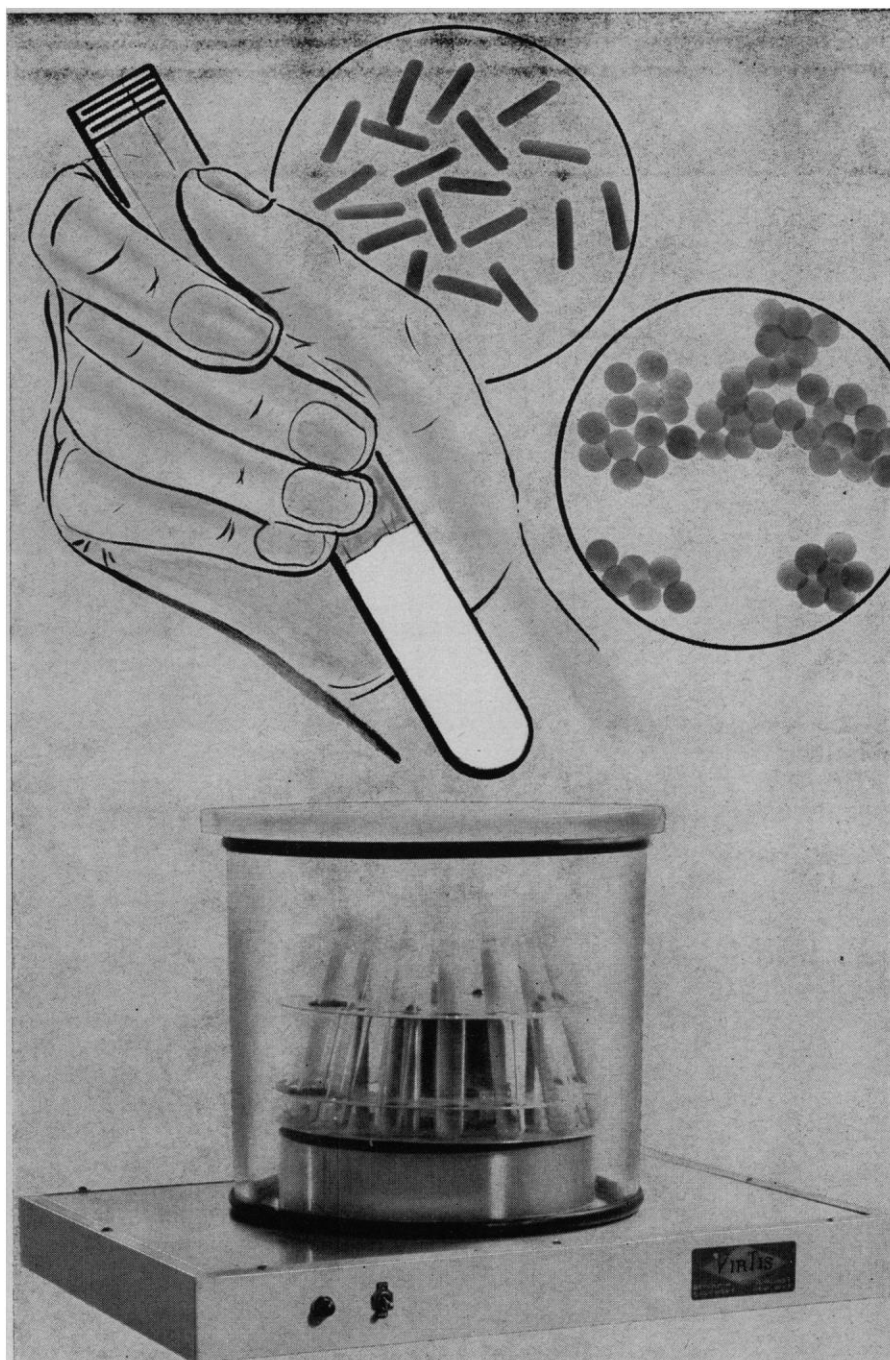
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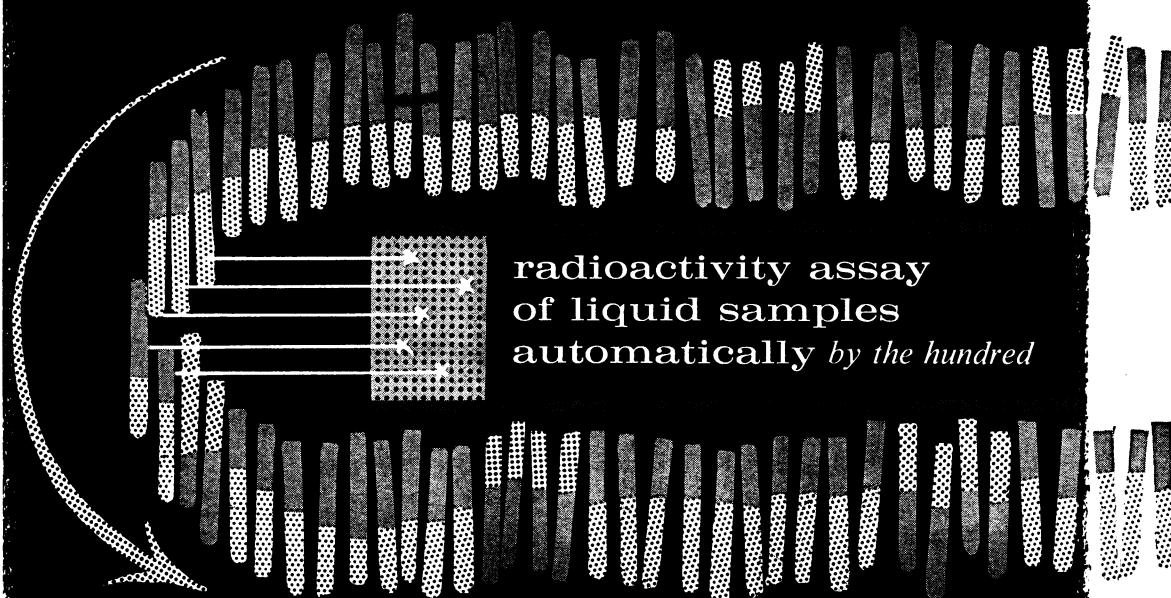
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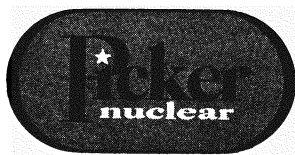
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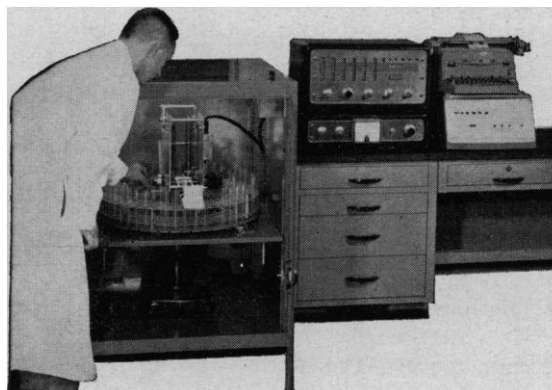
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cruel to animals again. This little account has another point as well; it brings out a distinction between suffering and pain. Obviously the lady suffered, although presumably she felt no physical pain; what the lobsters felt is, unfortunately, beyond the realm of human knowledge.

I am therefore not much concerned about Gunter's anthropomorphic statement, "anyone who watches the violent actions of crabs being scalded to death can see that they suffer extreme pain." Of course, we know nothing about the

extent of suffering in a lobster or crab. The violent movements last for a few seconds, but who will tell us whether the lobster stops suffering when he cannot flip his tail any more? Or whether he felt any pain at all? We do know that sometimes little or no pain is felt by human beings in a serious accident until well after the event.

More seriously, I am concerned about some of Gunter's other suggestions. He wants to place the animals in cool fresh water and raise the temperature steadily to about 40°C. How can we

find out whether the lobster suffers from being placed in fresh water? Of course, we have no possible way to define suffering in a nonhuman species, but I would suggest that a lobster may not like to be in fresh water. The lobster lives in ocean water and does not have physiological mechanisms of osmoregulation to counteract the effects of fresh water. The fact that his nervous system deteriorates and his reactions get slower in fresh water proves nothing about whether or not there is anesthesia, such as Gunter claims, or about when the hypothetical anesthesia sets in. How much "discomfort" does the lobster experience up to the point when the breakdown of nerve conduction is sufficient for "anesthesia"? If he could feel and speak like a human being, the lobster would probably tell us that he is extremely uncomfortable in a pot of fresh water.

The next step is to heat him slowly. The lobster prefers cool water, and as Gunter says, his tolerance for temperature increase is limited. Gunter certainly knows how uncomfortable he can be on a hot summer day in Texas. I myself shudder at the thought of a hypothetical Texas day with the temperature continuing to rise and rise, and I find no comfort in Gunter's statement that "death from heat occurs long before coagulation of the protein." It seems logical that the more slowly we heat the lobster, the more time we give him in which to suffer, but since we have such inadequate means for communicating with lobsters about suffering and pain, I propose that we use some common sense in deciding whether to kill him slowly or quickly.

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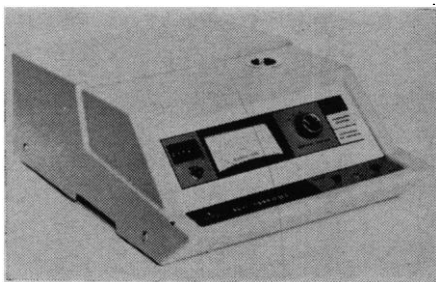
Criticisms pro and con of my idea on how to kill crustaceans have come by letter and from the newspapers at a surprising rate. Adverse criticisms state that the whole affair is a tempest in a crab pot, scalded crabs die instantaneously without suffering and are of better flavor, slow heating of crabs causes slow, torturous death, and the assumption that crabs suffer pain is based on specious reasoning and cannot be proved. One gentleman says the low-heat method gives more relief to the cook than to the crab.

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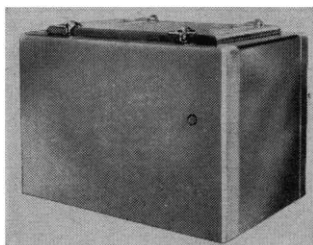
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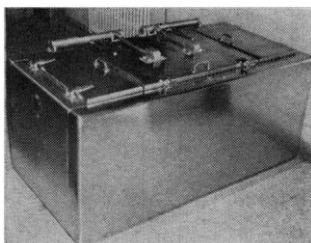
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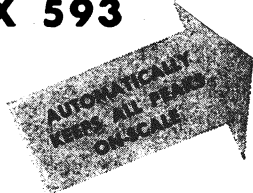
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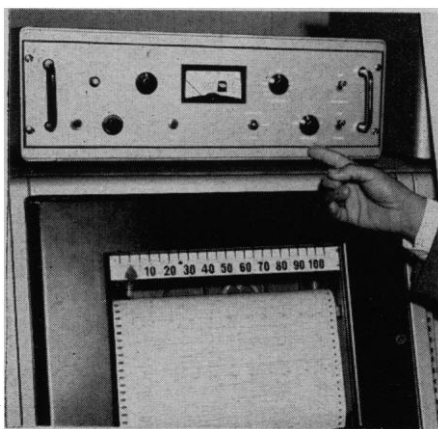
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Simon, president of the Wine and Food Society (British), in his *A Concise Encyclopaedia of Gastronomy* (1940). Bertrand Couch has stated that several older American cookbooks recommend placing live crabs in cold water and slowly raising the temperature, but that recent recipes generally recommend killing by boiling water. The latter is the common American practice, but I am glad to learn from the notes of Benarde and Baker that methods are different in northern Europe. Humane ways of killing crustaceans are certainly not well known in this country, as is shown by the widespread comment my brief note created in the newspapers and by the request received from a government official for a popular article for the benefit of the "thousands" of American housewives who will not now purchase live crustaceans for home cooking.

In reply to the criticisms which have come to me, I should like to add the following statements to my previous remarks.

Physiological and ecological studies on the effects of high temperature are scientific matters, and they also have something to do with cookery and the technology of seafood preparation, with which numbers of people are seriously concerned. Restaurateurs complain that some people force them to cut up live crabs and lobsters before cooking. This results in the loss of juice, and it may be no less painful than scalding. Destroying the crab's nervous center by stabbing also results in the loss of juices, and it cannot be done with facility by the ordinary cook. The low-heat method seems to be easier and surer.

With regard to sudden death, not everybody drops live crabs into boiling water. Instead, boiling water is sometimes poured on the crabs, and this prolongs the killing process by several seconds. Furthermore, larger animals such as lobsters do not die immediately in boiling water.

Critics who are concerned about the "slow, torturous death" of crustaceans in slowly heated water are not properly impressed with the relatively low temperatures required, which are of the order of temperatures that sometimes occur in natural waters in cool temperate climates. There is an extensive literature on heat death of aquatic organisms under natural conditions, which I cannot document here, and I call attention only to the following: "Heat stroke in Canadian Maritime stream fishes" (1) and "Differential mortality from high temperature in a mixed

population of fishes in southern Michigan" (2).

All physiological processes of aquatic invertebrates which have been studied increase in rate with temperature right up to the point of heat death at around 40° to 44°C. Presumably the reaction rate of the enzyme system increases with temperature, but as the temperature rises, the enzymes are destroyed faster than they are produced and the system breaks down. In any case, death ensues with no overt signs of distress.

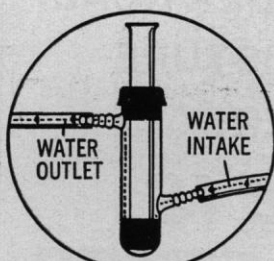
Crustaceans subjected to the low heat are certainly not paralyzed. They stir about vigorously if touched, and their gills work increasingly fast up to the moment of death. There is no sign of pain or distress, and it is reasonable to assume that an organism showing such reactions is much less likely to be distressed than one which goes into a violent spasm and throws off or cracks its own claws. There is no physiological basis for assuming that boiling water is not painful to various invertebrates, and there is ancillary and indirect evidence that it is painful. The question as to whether or not crabs suffer pain cannot be rigorously proved one way or the other, but there is no known reason why the pain sense should be correlated with intelligence, and all animals show some degree of sensitivity. Crabs certainly show a violent reaction to hot water, comparable to what would be considered evidence of extreme distress if exhibited by human beings or other mammals, and it has every appearance of a reaction to pain. I believe that the sensation we call pain is of enormous survival value, that it is unrealistic to hold the view that a similar situation does not exist in lower animals, and that it is proper to conduct ourselves, in the manner of Brooks, whom I cited in my report, as if all living things have a sensitivity somewhat akin to our own.

In connection with these matters, I should like to quote parts of a letter from William R. Catlow, Jr., in which he said he had been using the low-heat method for 30 years but was influenced by motives different from those I mentioned: "These are: *a.* With a full kettle of crabs there is likely to be a distressing amount of slopping about as the last of the lot go into the boiling pot. *b.* I am convinced that the northern lobster and the southern spring lobster (crawfish or langusta) when plunged into boiling water die under tension which promotes toughness. In your method, they appear to go to sleep, relax, and die quietly."

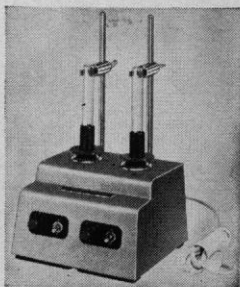
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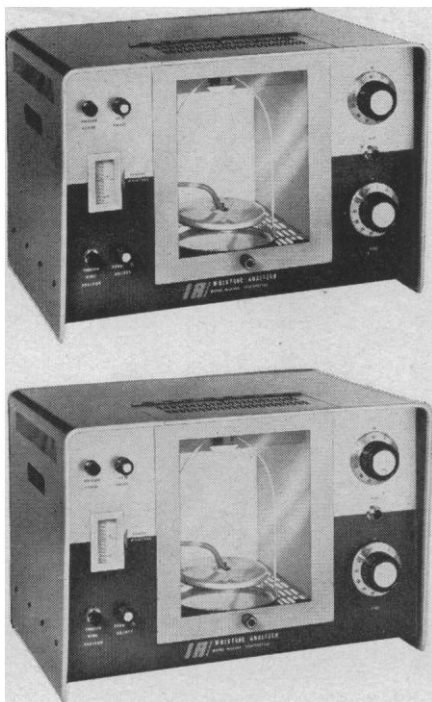
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Regarding Schmidt-Nielsen's remarks, one misconception needs correcting. I never intended to recommend or advocate the placing of marine crustaceans in fresh water as a method of killing. In this part of his argument, Schmidt-Nielsen is charging a windmill. I merely mentioned the matter as an example of what some people do in an attempt to minimize the distress of the animals they kill, and I stated further that "only one more thing is needed"—namely, the application of low heat.

The largest American lobster ever reported weighed 36 pounds. Such animals are not cooked in private homes, but even much smaller ones, weighing only a few pounds, are relatively formidable creatures in the kitchen. The application of Schmidt-Nielsen's "common-sense" method for killing these crustaceans has often resulted in a half-scalded animal flopping vigorously around the kitchen floor, to the dismay of the cook. Such episodes have disturbed the peace of some fairly large neighborhoods. Actually, the housewife usually has no adequate facilities for handling large lobsters.

I assume that the lower animals suffer pain for the same reason that some of the physicians who have written me assume that human beings suffer pain—that is to say, I have set up an arbitrary criterion as proof of pain. These criteria are assumptions and inferences only, because there is no known way that we can measure pain in terms of physics or chemistry. We cannot prove basically that several states of feeling exist in another human being. We assume that they do, but these assumptions remain inferences, and this is the reason for the old medical aphorism, "The physician is at the mercy of the man who says he suffers pain." For these gentlemen to hold me to account for not being able to prove pain finally and absolutely in an invertebrate animal, while they cannot prove or even define pain in human beings except in terms of itself, is, in their terms, anthropocentric.

In summary, crabs and the larger crustaceans are of various sizes and species, and of different shapes, and they have different locations of the brain, all of which factors virtually preclude the use of the stabbing method of killing except at the hands of an expert. In addition, most housewives will not handle individual live crustaceans. People who cannot use the stabbing method would do better to heat water containing the animals very slow-

ly to temperatures near 100°F. If this process is properly carried out, the animals die with no signs of distress, but the process carries no automatic safeguard against misapplication and ranks as another cooking art which must be executed with finesse. No valid physiological objections have been raised to this method of killing crustaceans, and it should be employed by those people who assume that lower animals feel pain and who are revolted by their violent reactions to boiling water.

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Studies of the Cuna Religion

Those who witnessed the "burning" of myself and my book *Apples of Immortality from the Cuna Tree of Life* [*Science* **134**, 278 (1961)] will wonder why Stout wasted 73 lines of type rather than tell the editor that my little 68-page essay was so bad that it did not merit review. Possibly Stout was defending his 5 months' San Blas study (1940-41) against my eight trips to the Cuna tribe from 1950 to 1959.

Stout failed to mention that *Apples of Immortality* was merely a postscript to a 352-page study of the Cuna religion as compared with other primitive religions of the world, called *Secrets of the Cuna Earthmother*, in which striking parallels of sacred symbol, belief, and ritual are discussed.

There are those who do not take Stout's dim view of these studies.

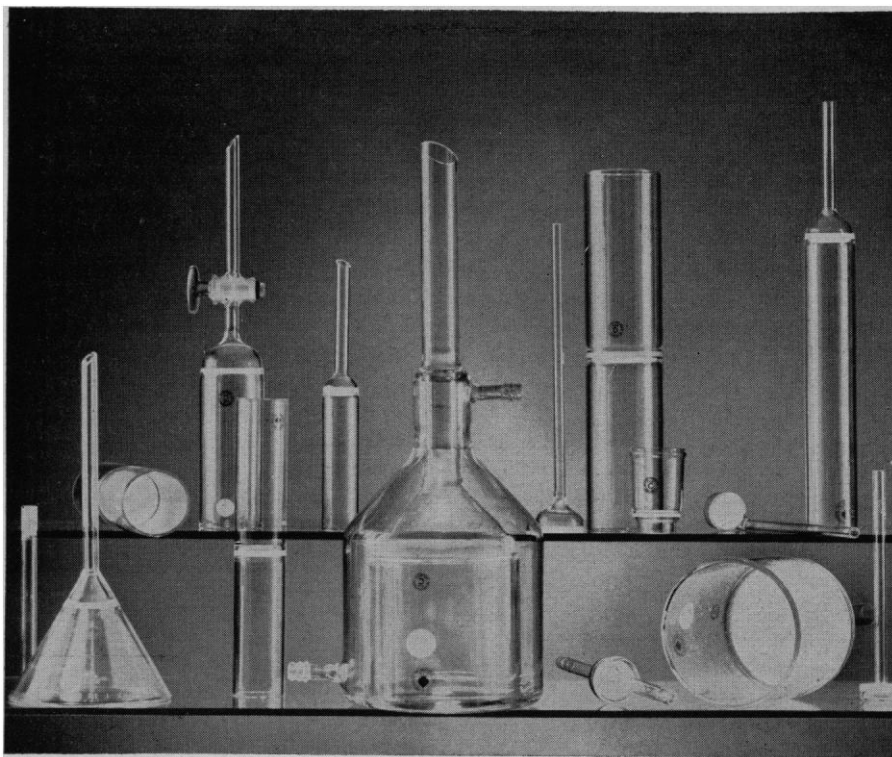
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While I appreciated the lively journalistic style of Robert Toth in "Science and the news" [*Science* **134**, 822 (22 Sept. 1961)], the news item relative to the appropriations for the National Institutes of Health is so obviously slanted that I cannot help but feel it will give a false impression of the attitude of scientists in general toward the attempted solution of problems of illness.

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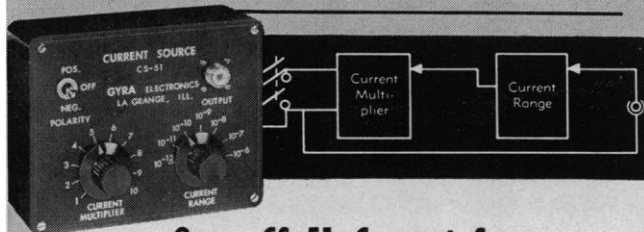
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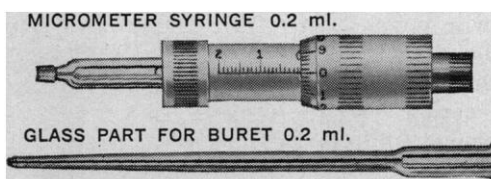
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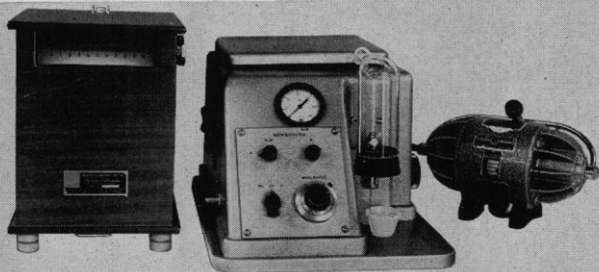
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In Toth's last paragraph he seems to imply that there have been no results from the research done. Many of the results of research available today or in the future will not be immediately applicable; some are already applicable, as witness vaccination against infantile paralysis, the promise of an effective vaccine against mumps, the thousands of people now living useful lives because of better understanding of the control of diabetes or the management of heart disease. Shall we say to the inmates of our many mental institutions that advances in mental health can be made only at a rate to be determined by some arbitrary figure?

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The article "Congress presses funds on the National Institutes of Health" is a rather distorted and somewhat misleading interpretation of the background of increased federal support for medical research.

Toth makes quite a point of the percentage increases in contrasting this year's appropriations for the National Institutes of Health with appropriations a few years ago. He neglects to point out that federal support for medical research was practically nonexistent 15 years ago; all increases above a rock-bottom level naturally produce handsome growth percentages.

He fails to relate increases in federal medical research support to comparable programs in other areas of national concern. Support of our space program, for example, has jumped from practically zero a few years ago to close to \$2 billion in the current fiscal year,


with predictions from our physical scientists that a few years from now Congress will be asked to appropriate \$6 billion annually for this program alone. If Toth applied his slide rule to these space appropriations, he would obtain astronomic percentage increases.

Furthermore, Toth does not relate expenditures for medical research to the total federal budget. Not only is medical research support far less than 1 percent of total appropriations but it is a small segment indeed of the \$9 billion which the federal government currently spends for research of all types.


It is also charged that there is a good deal of "force feeding" of medical re-

search by Congress with a consequent "regurgitation." The exact contrary is true. In each year that Congress increased the monies for medical research over the Administration budget, the critics cried out that the money could not, and would not, be spent properly. The record shows, however, that at the end of each of these fiscal years there was always a sizeable backlog of *scientifically approved* research and training projects which could not be supported because of lack of funds. Furthermore, the present rate of rejection of research grants denies support to more than half of all applications submitted to Bethesda.

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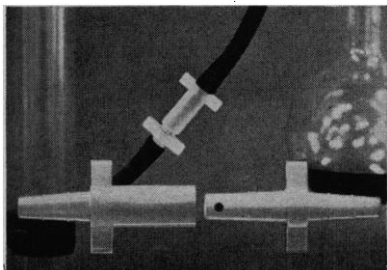
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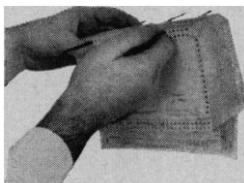


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Concluding his article, Toth asks us to produce "a golden egg or two." I will resist the obvious temptation to dwell on some of the less-than-golden eggs produced in the research programs of the Department of Defense and elsewhere in our government. We have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in developing planes which never flew and additional hundreds of millions for missiles which were later abandoned.

With a much smaller federal investment, medical research has produced many golden eggs over the last 15 years. Space does not permit a listing of most of these accomplishments, but a few should be cited here.

1) In the field of cancer, one of every three Americans is saved today as against one in every four a few years ago. This gain has been achieved largely through the national cancer chemotherapy program supported by the Congress. We now have 5-year cures against three types of cancer. This is the first time in history that this has occurred. Through the remarkable cancer compound screening program, we have produced more than a score of chemical agents which are effective in some degree against various forms of cancer.

2) In the field of cardiovascular diseases, which account for more deaths in our country than all other diseases combined, more progress has been made in the past decade alone than in all the previous years of recorded history. This has been achieved largely through research supported by congressional appropriations. Heart disease is no longer regarded as a sentence of death. In less than a decade the prognosis in most forms of congenital heart disease has been converted from "hopeless" to "surgically curable." Similarly, aneurysms and occlusive lesions of the aorta and major arteries which were previously considered inevitably disabling or fatal conditions are now amenable to corrective surgical treatment. In the majority of patients hypertension can now be well controlled or cured. Over the past decade an impressive body of scientific knowledge has been developed concerning the etiology and treatment of arteriosclerosis.

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4) In the field of neurology, research work at the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness led to the discovery of the cause of retrolental fibroplasia, the prime cause of blindness in infants for many years. It has been stated that the cost of the care for the thousands of children already blinded will be 100,000 times the cost of the medical research which led to successful prevention of the disease.

Day in and day out, week in and week out, there are reports of additional advances against many baffling diseases.

On 27 September, a few days after Toth's article appeared, the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service announced that isoniazid, a drug widely used to treat tuberculosis, was 80-percent effective in preventing the disease among more than 12,000 people directly exposed to newly discovered cases of tuberculosis. In man's ancient fight against tuberculosis no one ever before dared hope for this degree of prevention.

While Toth's article is heavy on statistics and percentages, it strangely omits any discussion of the truly staggering human disability resulting from unchecked disease. In World War II, for example, 5 million Americans in the prime of life were unable to join the fight to preserve this democracy because of pronounced physical and mental defects. Two diseases alone, heart disease and cancer, killed more Americans in 6 months of last year than were slain in all 4 years of World War II. Every minute at least two persons die from heart disease and cancer in the United States, and two-thirds of all Americans now living will eventually have these diseases.

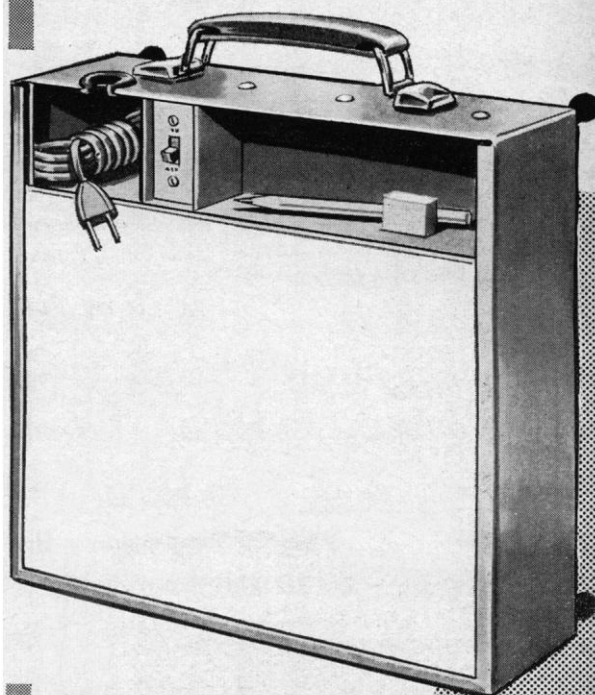
It really gets down to a very simple question: What price human life? What price do we put upon a drug which arrests leukemia in a child and gives him, and his parents, a few more years of hope and happiness? What price do we put upon the discovery of a research breakthrough which prevents blindness in a child? What price do we put upon the heart surgery which restores a victim to productivity and to usefulness in our society?

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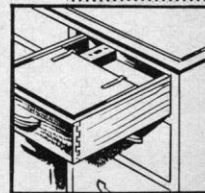
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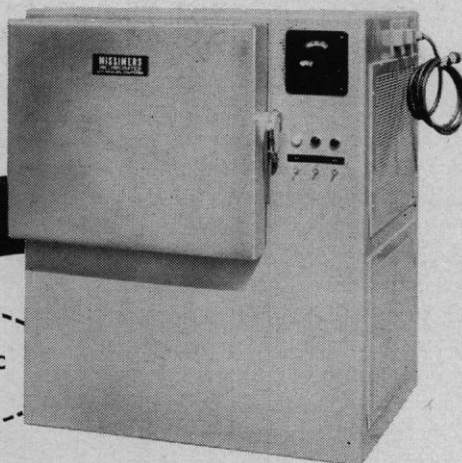
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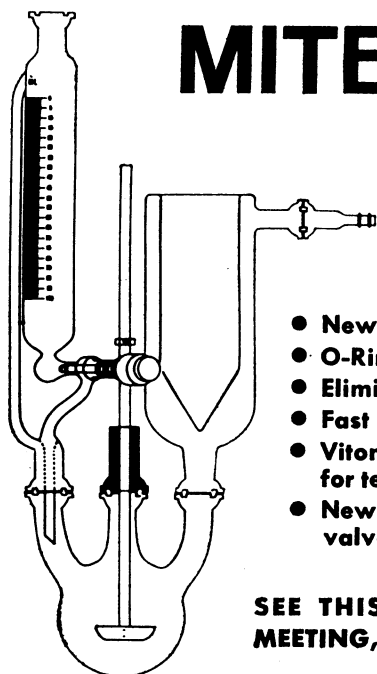
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Congratulations to Toth for a succinct commentary dealing with Congress and the National Institutes of Health. I hope it will be read widely, both in and outside of Washington. Indeed, at least on one important count, Terry must have a unique bureaucratic responsibility.

One must agree that such governmental outlays to the Institutes of Health are in a very real sense "investments in human capital," and one must therefore appreciate the obvious zeal Congress manifests in supporting such expenditures. However, a serious difficulty evolves here when one realizes that the United States is apparently handicapped by a shortage of "brains" at the moment (hence, the scourge of cancer and problems in space technology), rather than by inability to use what is available. Naturally, it is gratifying that we seemingly have few medical research projects of merit wanting for financial support, but our greatest need is for more highly trained scientists. For those who have run the gamut of a Ph.D. program, it is abundantly clear that more talent is not developed simply as a result of increased monetary outlay—the time element plays a vital role. In short, it appears most incongruous that these public-spirited representatives will consistently add to NIH appropriations in excess of budget requests (presumably made in terms of known need), while in the same hallowed halls essentially refusing to make more direct "investment" in people. How about a large sum for postgraduate grants (not loans) to pursue scientific studies? In light of some speculation it will pay off handsomely.

Finally, to carry examination of these inconsistencies a step further, one is compelled to comment on the utter folly of cutting down an already grossly inadequate Food and Drug Administration appropriation. If public health is of genuine concern in this "age of food additives, etc.," such an unenlightened maneuver is patent nonsense.

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In an article purporting to review and criticize the budget history of the National Institutes of Health, Toth sees fit to refer to Representative John Fogarty as "a former bricklayer from Rhode Island" and to Senator Lister Hill as "son of a small-town doctor from Alabama." These otherwise irrelevant biographical details might have been introduced to reveal that in this land of opportunity modest origins need not preclude attainment of high position. It appears from the context of the article, however, that such was not Toth's intent. Rather have these facts been included to discredit the two eminent legislators and to disqualify them from holding valid opinions on matters of the federal support of biomedical research.

I believe that character assault such as this is entirely out of place in a scientific journal, whatever the practice of the New York *Herald Tribune*, which normally employs Toth, may be. It happens that Representative Fogarty and Senator Hill, as a result of many years' study of the problem, have become among the best informed non-scientists in matters of biomedical research. They have thought and acted creatively in this area, and whereas one may argue with the numbers in their budgets, no one can question their high motivation or the magnitude of the contribution which they have made to scientific research in this country. One wonders when Toth will become as well informed and whether he will ever make a like contribution. Perhaps he is not so fortunate as to have been a skilled bricklayer and was not blessed with a father who was a small-town doctor.

Editorial scrutiny of contributions to scientific journals is always irksome to authors. Editorial boards are not devoid of responsibilities, and among these is the obligation to delete irrelevant polemic. I believe that in the present instance the editors of *Science* have been remiss in their duty.

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None of the letters of criticism challenge the facts in my news article. They were the basis of my conclusions. Others can draw their own.

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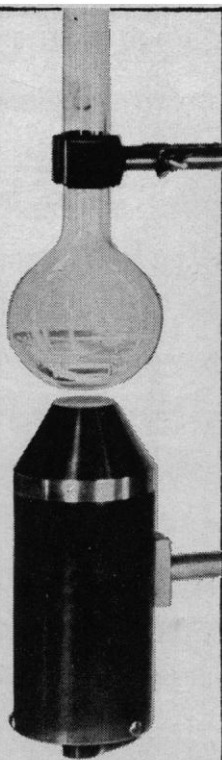
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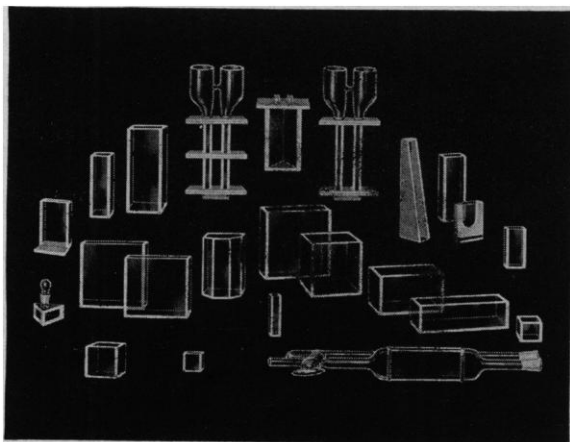
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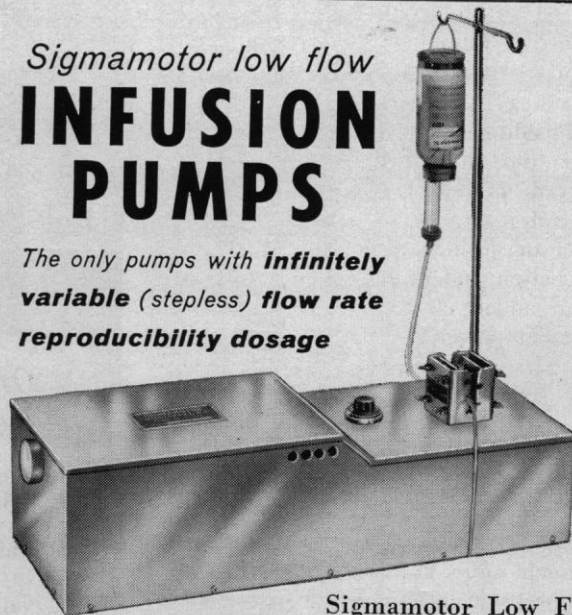
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tions to which he so violently objects. I wanted only to add some dimension to the men within the context of portions of the article. Similar descriptions were included in profiles on the men in recent issues of *Medical World News*, profiles with which, I understand, both men were quite pleased. That on Fogarty (18 Aug. 1961) was headlined: "One-time bricklayer becomes a key force behind the \$4 billion federal medicine and research programs." As science relies more and more on government money, the politicians themselves become factors in federal appropriations for science. In this respect it is noteworthy that De Bakey's letter to *Science* was released to the press by Fogarty's office shortly after it was written.

I wish to again credit the pioneering study of NIH appropriations made last year by Robert P. Clark of the Louisville *Courier Journal* while he was a Nieman fellow at Harvard University.

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Shelter and Survival

Please allow me to offer a brief rebuttal of the editorial on President Kennedy's fallout shelter program, an editorial titled "Better nothing than something?" [*Science* 134, 1955 (1961)].

The editorial discusses the President's contention that the proposed shelter program is meant to serve solely as survival insurance in case of an irrational or accidental nuclear attack on this nation and is not to be construed as an added element of our military deterrent power.

I personally support the President with some enthusiasm, but the fact that he said the words and himself believes the words does not make them true. He is flatly disputed by one of his most ardent supporters, who, insofar as the subject of civil defense is concerned, is much more knowledgeable than he is himself—Chet Holifield, congressman from California. Holifield heads the subcommittee which has been riding close herd on civil defense for the past decade, as recorded in volume after volume of expert testimony.

It is Holifield's well-buttressed judgment that shelters will definitely contribute very substantially to both the credibility and the actuality of weapons deterrence. And it is on this basis that he is pressing for an eventual expendi-

ture of \$20 billion on a nationwide shelter system. The Kennedy proposal simply gets our feet in the water, and once that happens the logic of being committed to "survival by shelter" will soon take us into the deeper water of "more shelters, more survival," "bigger bombs? deeper digging!" "faster weapon-delivery time? full-time safety by full-time living, working, and sleeping underground!"

I do not say the President himself will push us into this deeper water, or will even approve of it. My feeling is that he would do just the opposite. But the Pentagon hasn't opened with the Herman Kahn civil-defense gambit with

any intention of stopping short of a checkmate to stifle the opponents of more arms and more bellicosity.

So the people of America have no simple choice between insurance and deterrence, as the editorial implies they have when it asks, "Is the distinction between insurance and deterrence really so hard to grasp?" The question can be answered easily and directly with a "No."

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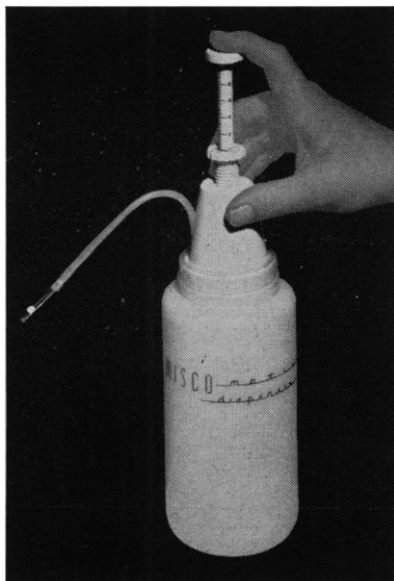
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cluding that civil defense is not only a useless but a dangerously diversionary activity when it is directed against the threat of destructive forces as overwhelming as those of thermonuclear war. And my attitude is the outgrowth of 7 years of full-time professional service for civil defense in the field of public information.

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As civil defense seems inevitable whether we believe in it or not, one may indeed join the writer of the *Science* editorial in the hope that the Kennedy Administration's ambitious civil defense program "may make . . . people look squarely for the first time at the consequences of atomic war." Some of us entertained a similar hope 20 months ago when Tucson was selected to be ringed with Titan missiles and thus turned into a high-priority target likely to receive intense local fallout after an attack on the upwind missile installations (1).

From their actions it appears that economic self-interest continues foremost in the minds of community leaders and that contemplation of the outcome of nuclear war is considered irrelevant or even unpatriotic. Fear of economic reprisal, in the form of withdrawal of the local SAC air base and location of the costly Titan silos elsewhere, persuaded community leaders to accept, over the protest of local scientists, a pattern of Titan base encirclement which presents the greatest possible civil defense hazard (2).

Local civil defense leaders have also demonstrated that if their intimate association with the program has led them to look closely at the consequences of atomic war, the result has not led them to consider alternatives. In a public statement, State Civil Defense Director Ralph R. Redburn proposed that the United States consider going to war against Russia now, when there is a fifty-fifty chance of our winning (3).

Admittedly Tucson may present a special case; furthermore, in the absence of a careful attitude survey it is impossible to evaluate the impact of intimate association with advanced defense installations on the mind of the average citizen. Future experience may show that the shelter construction program beginning here did finally impress people with the danger of atomic war. For the moment there is little in the Tucson case to demonstrate that serious

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confrontation with matters of civil defense brings the result the *Science* editorial hopes for.

Regarding President Kennedy's request that patriotic citizens construct their own fallout shelters, some individuals, who have come to believe that continued civilian participation in the defense program is a dangerous means of bringing home to one's neighbors the insanity and immorality of atomic war, may prefer an alternative. In protest against both the folly and the selfishness of building a private fallout shelter in a world where hundreds of millions of people lack any form of decent housing, many Americans may choose to contribute instead to a recently announced program of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, "Shelters for the Shelterless."

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I concur 100 percent with your editorial of 15 December concerning our national civil defense program. I have been taking this position for many months now and have been reproached by almost all my scientific colleagues. Apparently these people feel that the "don't look at it and maybe it'll go away" attitude will solve the problem.

I just can't understand how the usually sound rational thinking of competent technical workers can fail to lead them to the conclusion expressed in your editorial. Somehow the usual "brotherhood of man" attitude which prevails internationally among scientific men continues to becloud their thinking in the political areas. For example, I heard Harrison Brown express this "let's not have shelters" sentiment in a recent national TV broadcast, where he took a position opposite to Kahn's very realistic point of view.

I hope that enough of your readers who believe that Khrushchev and his colleagues are not rational leaders read your statement and see through to the kernel of the matter—that insurance is essential.

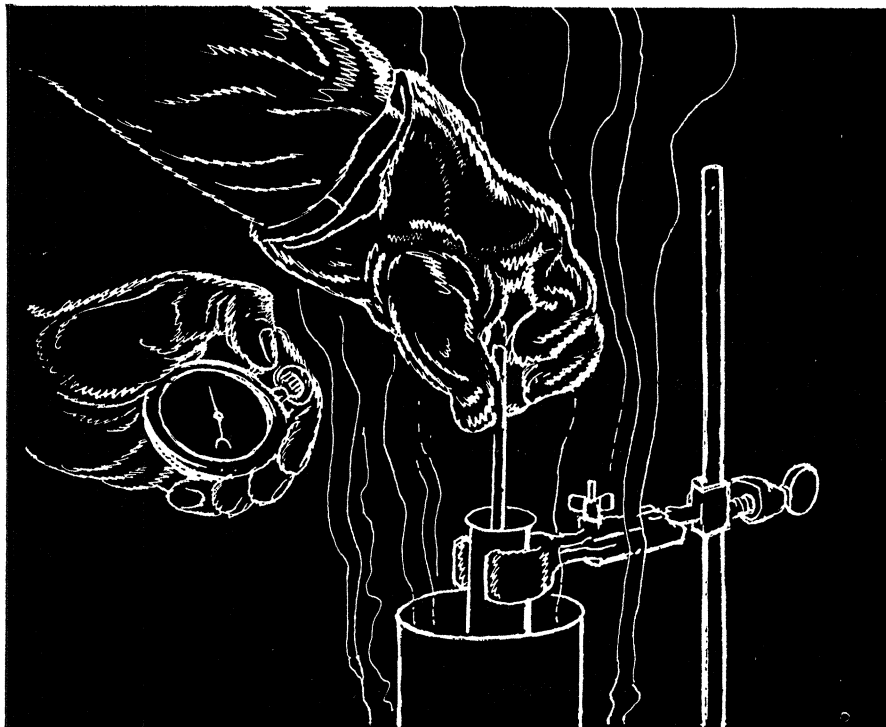
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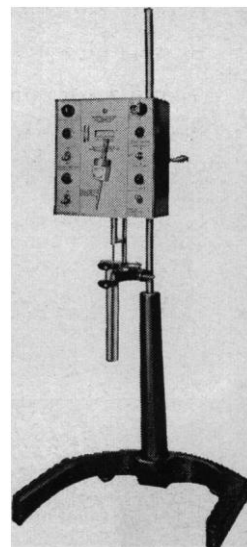
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Allow me to commend, as well as criticize, your excellent editorial, "Better nothing than something?"

I am in complete agreement with the underlying major premise of the editorial, that it is absolutely imperative that the likelihood of atomic war be eliminated. Whether the building of shelters under private or public auspices would contribute to the general awareness of the utter destructiveness of such a war is a delicate question. As one of the 285 faculty members of the Chicago area who signed an open letter protesting

against the shelter program on the ground that it created a false sense of security and predisposed the public to underestimate the tragic futility of nuclear warfare, I took a position different from that of your editorial. If your editorial has left me unconvinced that I was wrong (one can never be sure that one is right in such matters), it was mainly for the following reason.

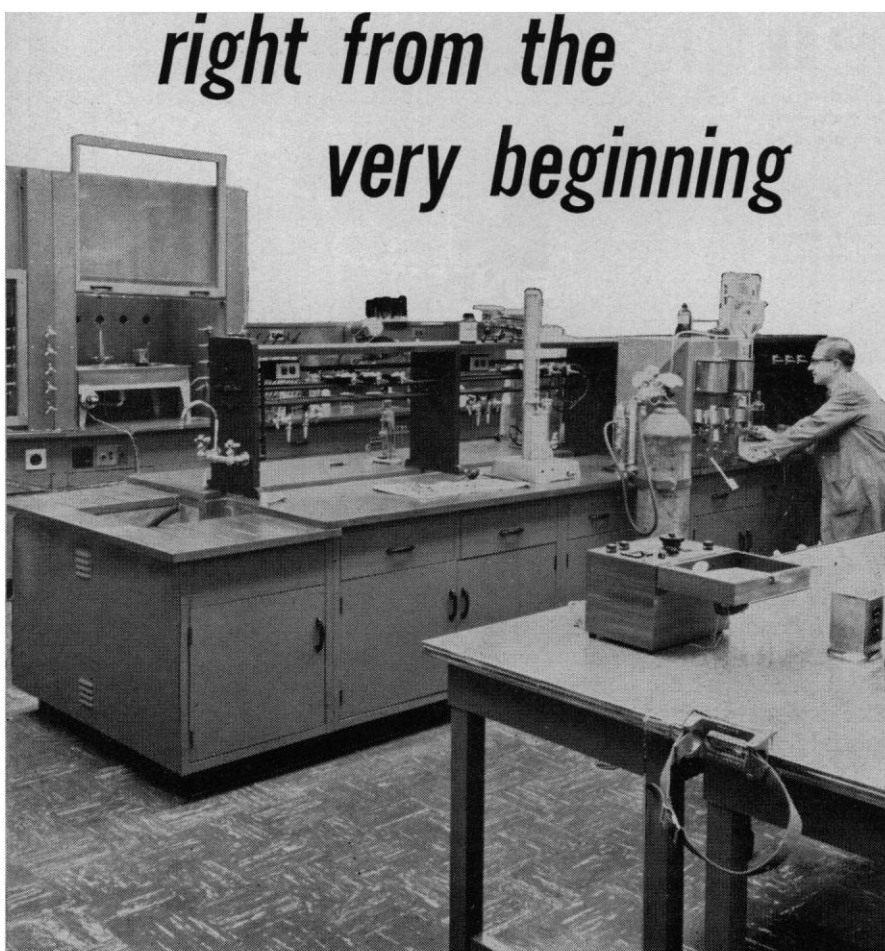
The editorial cited the President's distinction between deterrence and insurance and then proceeded to argue as if the two were entirely independent,

as if insurance never weakened caution against risk-taking. Simply because the shelter program, like accident policies, may spell out the dangers and enumerate excluded risks, is there any good reason to expect that this will predispose the public to discountenance adventures in "brinkmanship"? Do not accident policies frequently undermine the motorist's sense of personal responsibility, a sense that would otherwise deter him from driving recklessly? The very analogy your editorial drew, leads, I should say, to the conclusion (the very opposite of your own) that the shelter program would not preclude taking fearful risks.

Forgive me if I write less as a fellow of the AAAS than as a grandfather of five pretty babes and as a teacher of more than 30 years' standing, who rebels at the thought of exposing the youth of the world to annihilation or to the prospect of begetting generations of crippled progeny.

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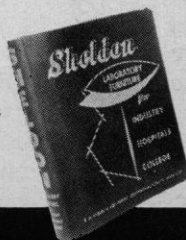
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Walter Crosby Eell, in a recent letter [*Science* 134, 797 (1961)], pointed out that the center of population is not necessarily the point at which the population can convene with minimum travel mileage, and he proceeded to show this with two simple examples.

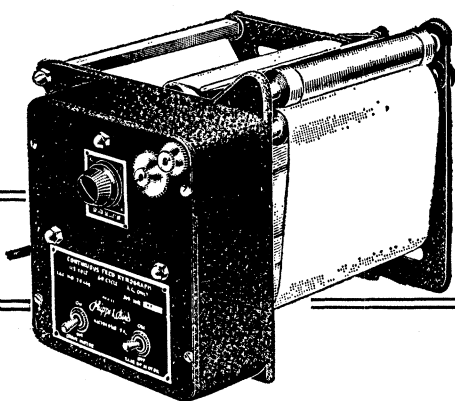
While there can be no doubt about the soundness of his basic contention, we would like to point out that his second example of three persons living at the vertices of an isosceles triangle is not entirely correct. Speaking of the distance from the base AB of the triangle to the vertex C , he states, "regardless of that distance, the point of minimum travel for the three [people] to convene will be a fixed point, the center of the equilateral triangle of which AB is one side."

This is true whenever the distance from the vertex C to the base AB of the isosceles triangle is greater than the distance from the center of the equilateral triangle to the base AB . But if we have a "short" isosceles triangle, the point of minimum travel is the vertex C itself.

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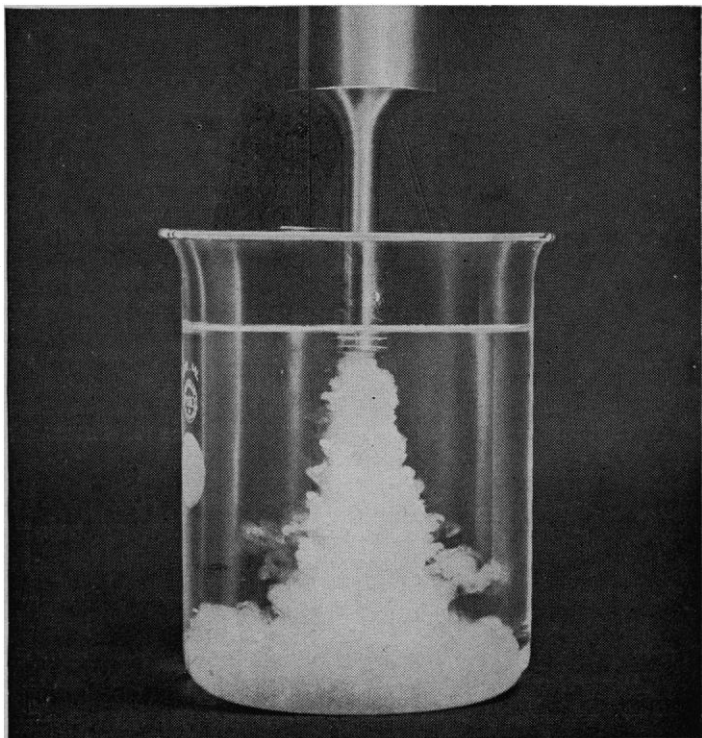
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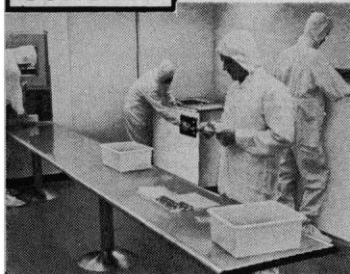
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19-23. International Conf. on Equatorial Geophysics, Lima, Peru. (J. A. Broggi, Instituto Geofísico de Huancayo, Apdo. 46, Huancayo, Peru)

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26-27. High Energy Nuclear Physics, symp., London, England. (C. C. Butler, physics Dept., Imperial College, London, S.W.7)

26-29. Circum-Pacific Petroleum Exploration, Amer. Assoc. of Petroleum Geologists-Soc. of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, annual, San Francisco, Calif. (G. B. Oakeshott, State Div. of Mines and Geology, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco 11)

26-29. Institute of Radio Engineers, intern., New York, N.Y. (E. K. Gannett, IRE, 1 E. 79 St., New York 21)

26-29. Recent Advances in Acarology, symp., Ithaca, N.Y. (J. Naegele, Dept. of Entomology, Cornell Univ., Ithaca)

26-20. World Meteorological Organization, Commission for Synoptic Meteorology, Washington, D.C. (WMO, 41, Avenue Giuseppe Motta, Geneva, Switzerland)

27-29. American Physical Soc., Div. of High-Polymer Physics, Baltimore, Md. (H. D. Keith, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, N.J.)

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27-30. Cellular Basis and Aetiology of the Late Somatic Effects of Ionizing Radiations, symp., London, England. (P. Alexander, Chester Beatty Inst., Inst. of Cancer Research, Royal Cancer Hospital, Fulham Rd., London, S.W.3)

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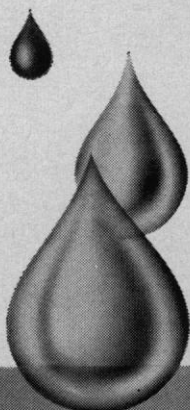


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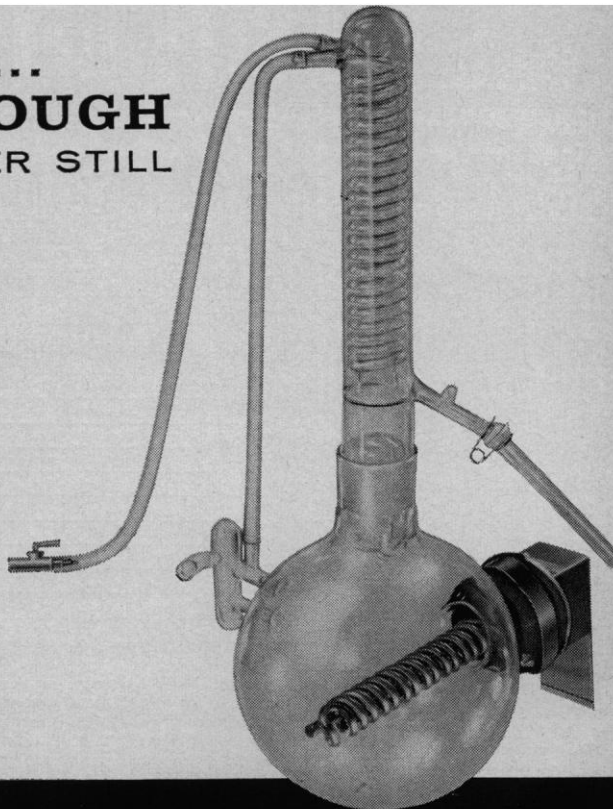


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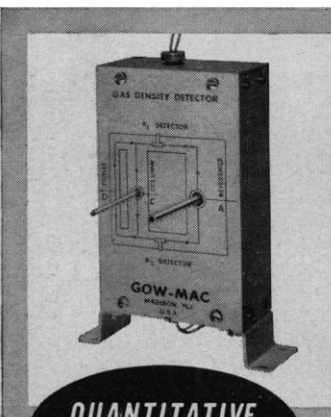


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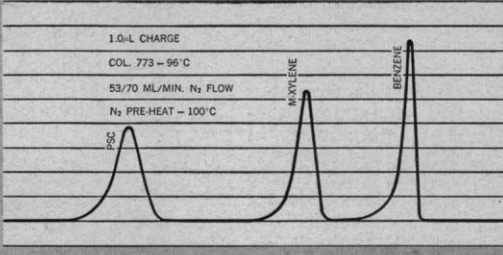
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1-4. American Radium Soc., annual, New York, N.Y. (C. G. Stetson, Dept. of Radiology, Englewood Hospital, Englewood, N.J.)

1-6. American Soc. of Abdominal Surgeons, clinical congr., Chicago, Ill. (B. F. Alfano, ASAS, 663 Main St., Melrose 76, Mass.)

2-5. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Chicago, Ill. (Chief of Information, Dept. of the Army, Washington 25)

2-5. Instrument Soc. of America, instrument-automation conf. and exhibit, Pittsburgh, Pa. (W. H. Kushnick, ISA, 313 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh 22)

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3-5. Organic, Inorganic, and Physical Chemistry, symp., annual, Chemical Soc., Sheffield, England. (General Secretary, Burlington House, London, W.1, England)

3-5. Plasma Sheath, symp., Boston, Mass. (C. Ellis, Air Force Electronics Research Directorate (CRRD), L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass.)

3-6. Society of Automotive Engineers, natl. aeronautic, production forum and engineering display, New York, N.Y. (R. W. Crory, SAE, 485 Lexington Ave., New York 17)

3-7. Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission, Mexico City, Mexico. (IANEC, Pan American Union, Washington 6)

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4-6. Physics of Graphite-Moderated Reactors, symp., Bournemouth, England. (Inst. of Physics and the Physical Soc., 47 Belgrave Sq., London, S.W.1, England)

5-7. Pacific Sociological Assoc., annual, Sacramento, Calif. (R. Nisbet, Univ. of California, Riverside)

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9-13. Physiology, Behavior, and Ecology of Orthoptera in Relation to Metamorphosis, intern. colloquium, Paris, France. (F. O. Albrecht, Laboratory of Natural Evolution, Natl. Scientific Research Center, 16, rue Pierre Curie, Paris 5°)

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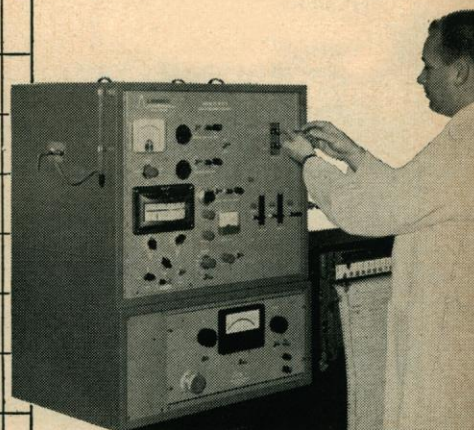
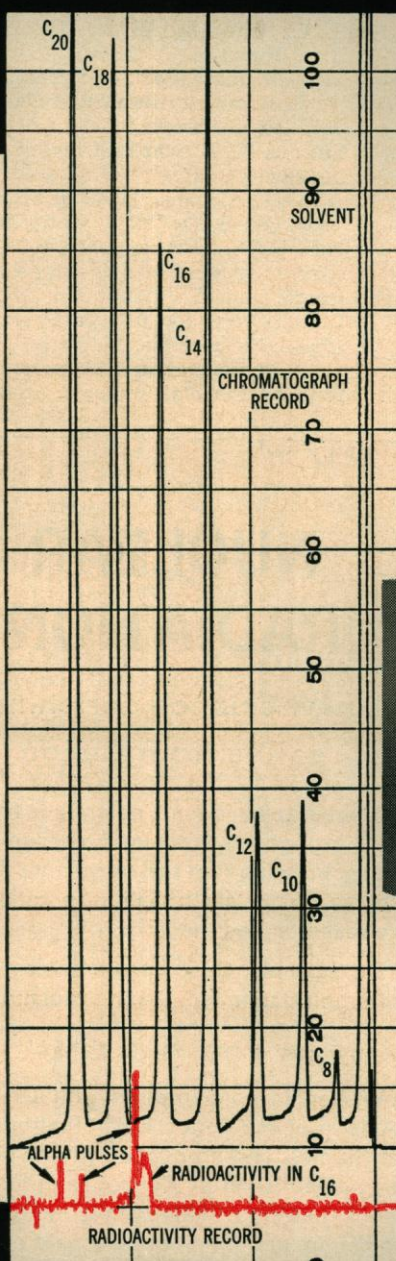
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16-19. Paleoclimatology and Paleopedology, symp., International Soc. for Plant Geography and Ecology, Stolzenau, Germany. [R. Tüxen, Intern. Vereinigung für Vegetationskunde, Stolzenau (Weser)]

16-19. Vacuum Ultraviolet Radiation Physics, intern. conf., Los Angeles, Calif. (G. L. Weissler, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles 7)

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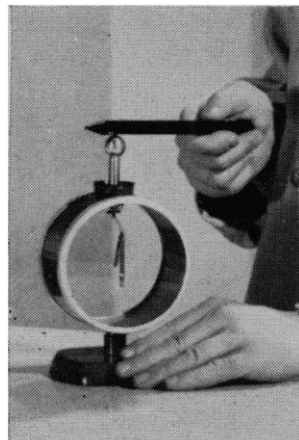
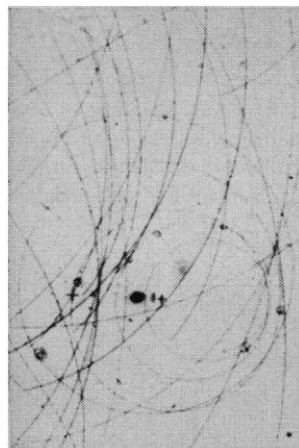
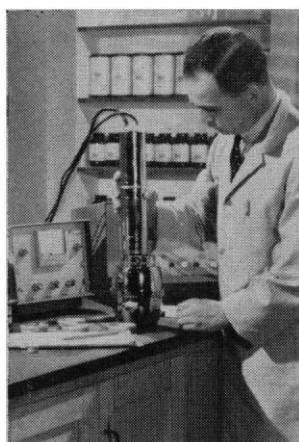
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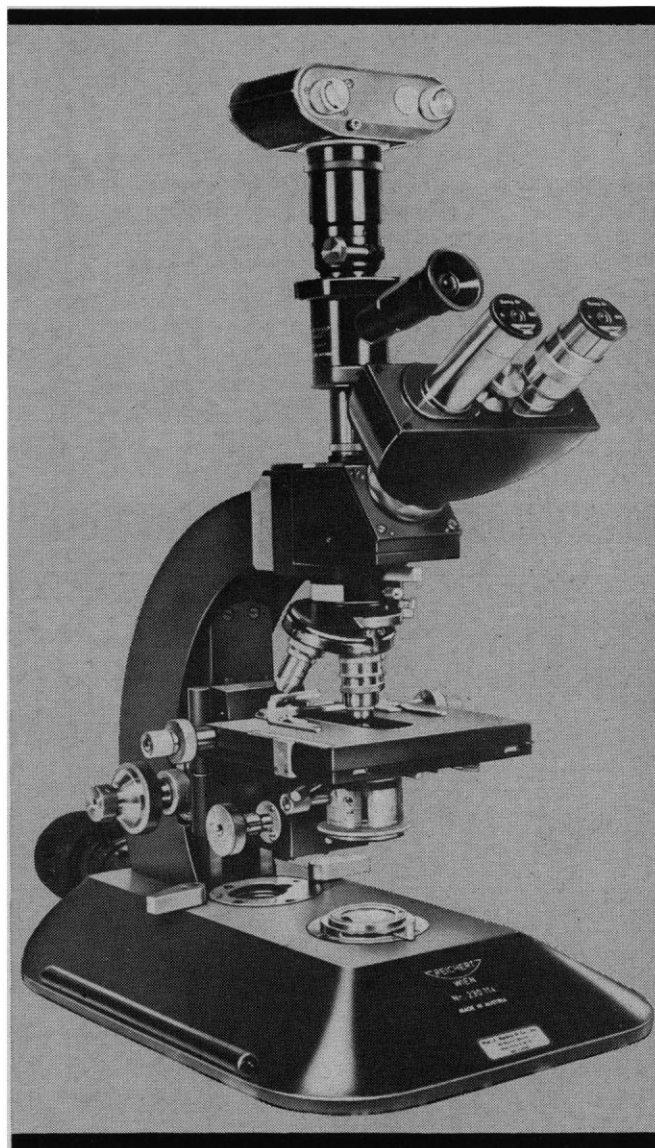
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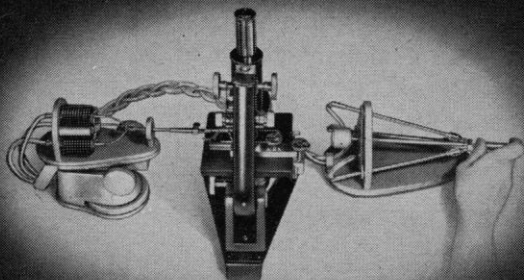


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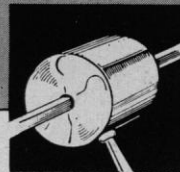
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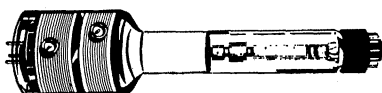
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