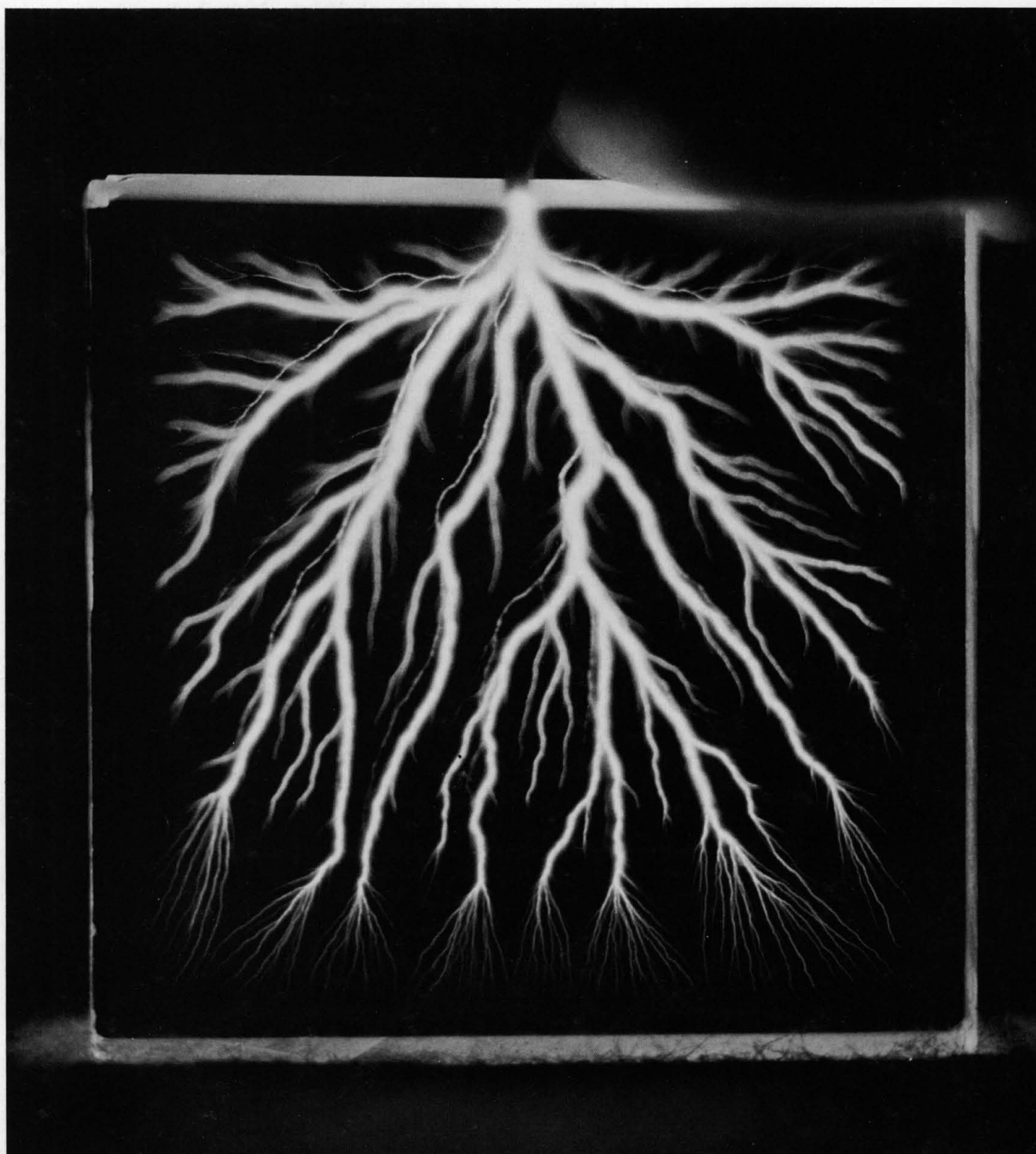


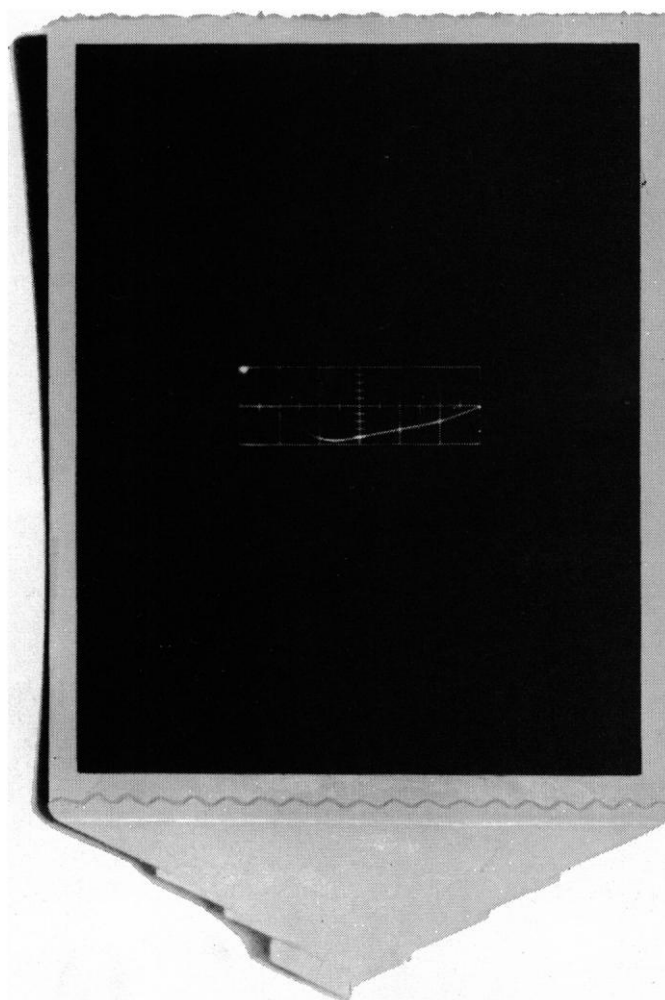
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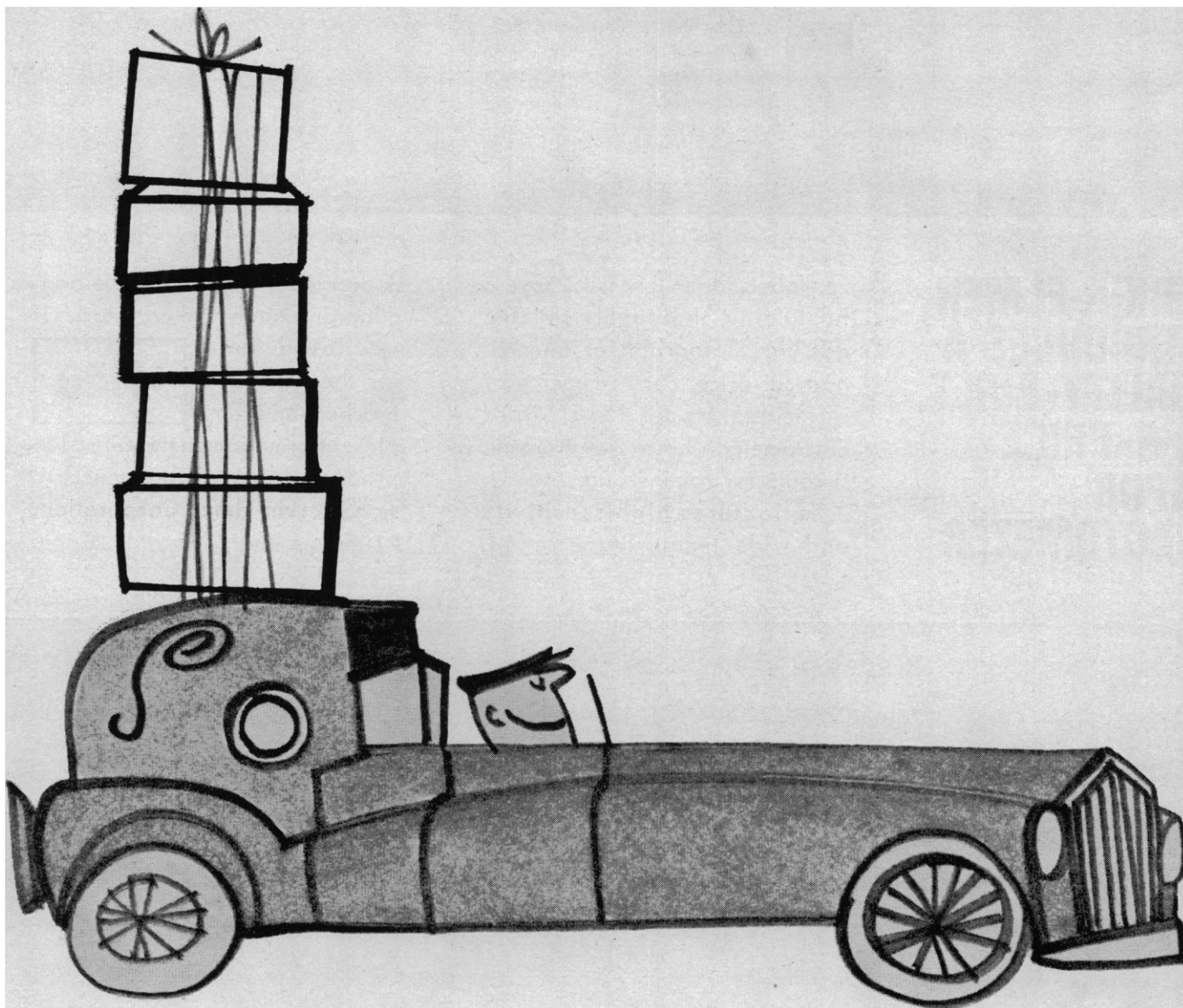
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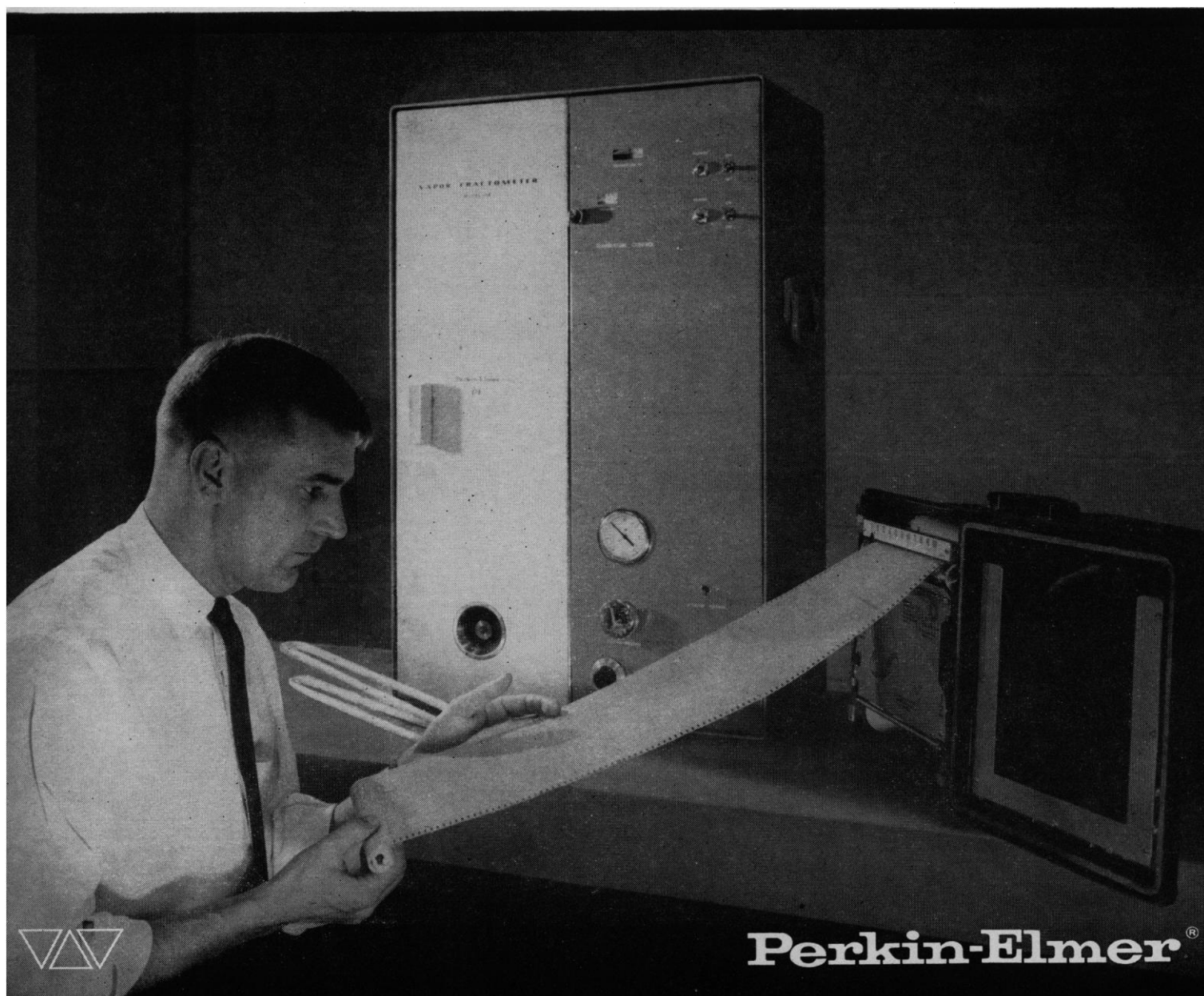
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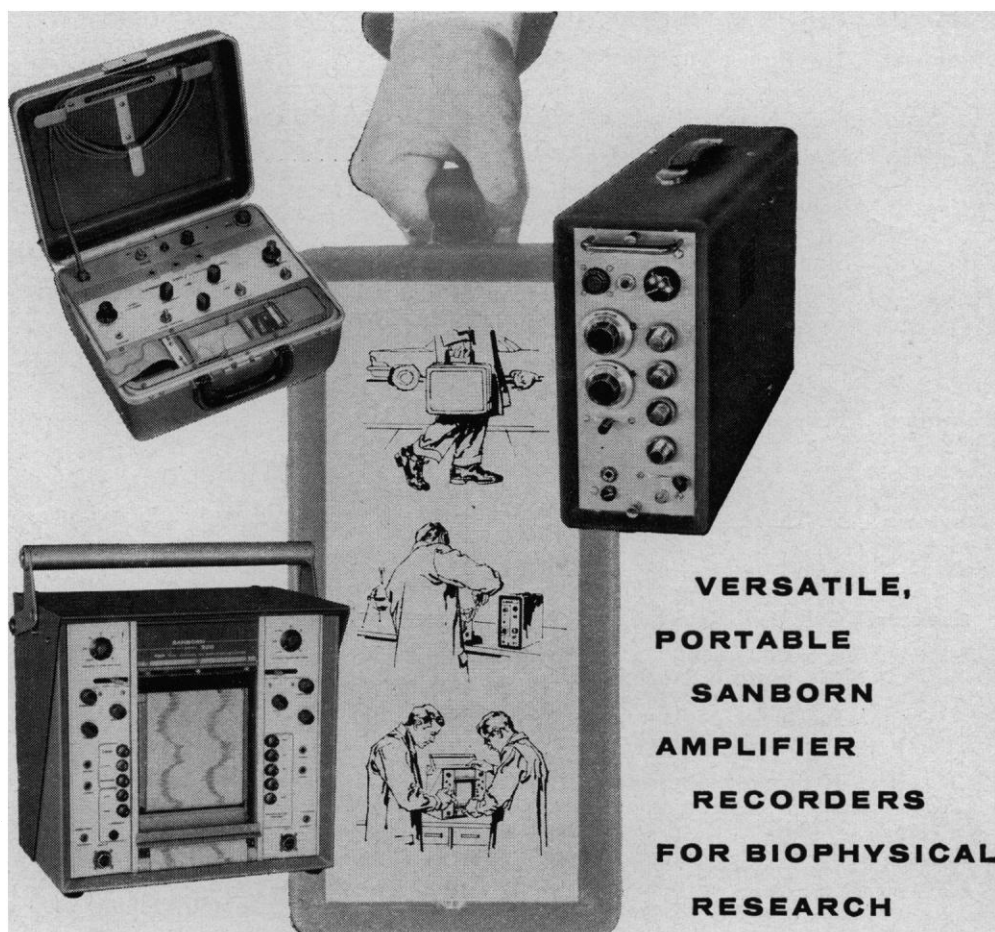
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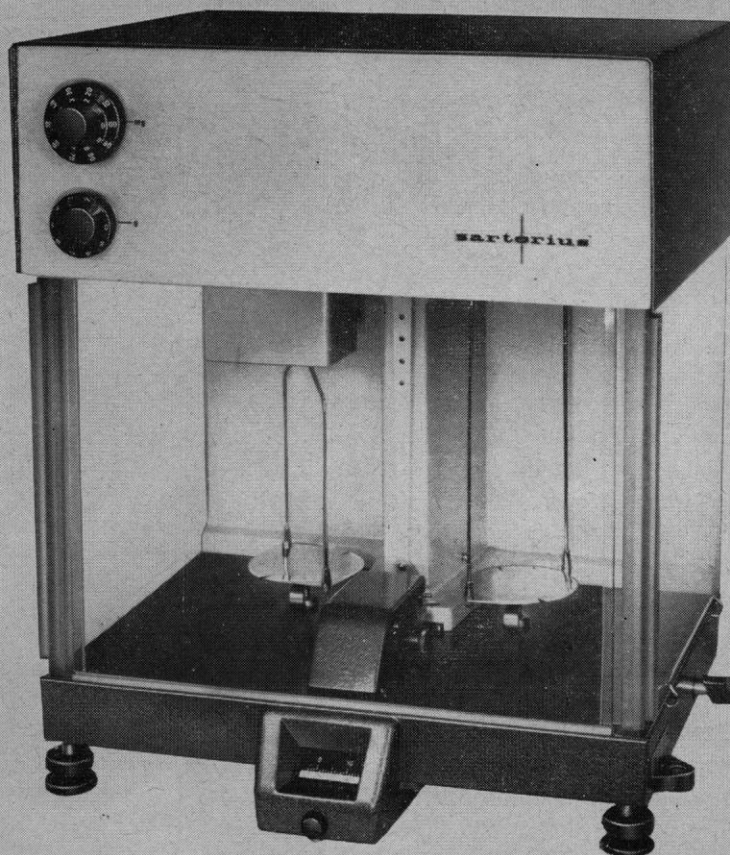
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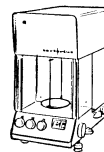
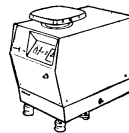
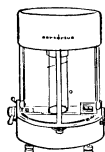
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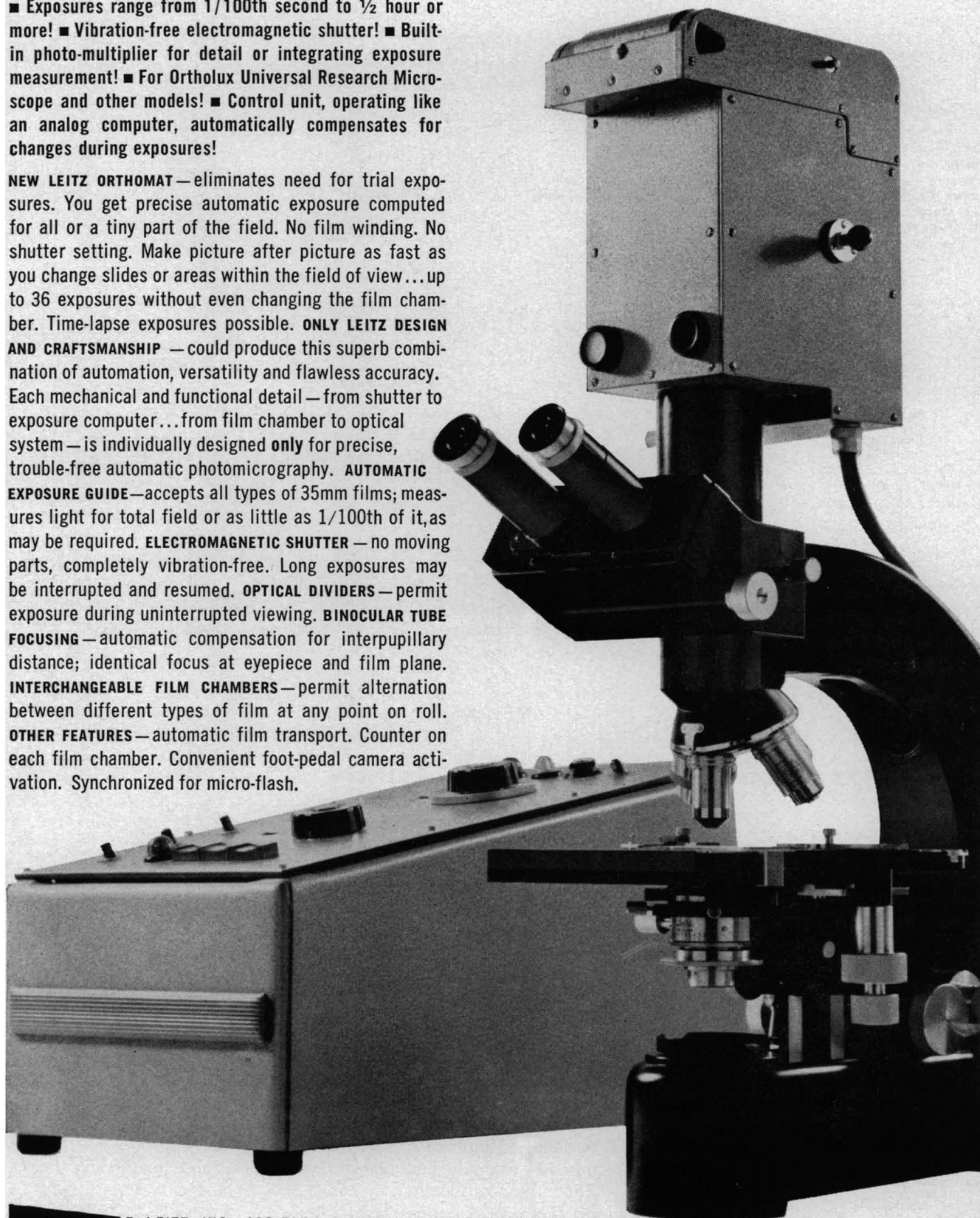
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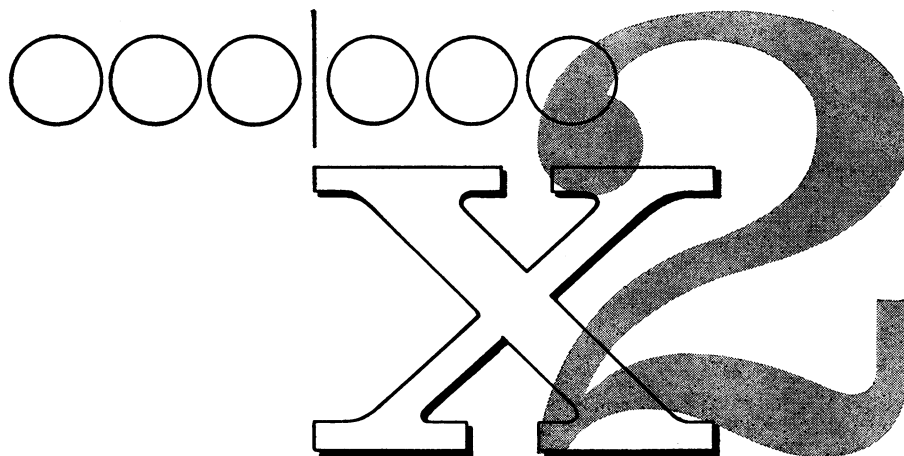
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The Proper Study of Mankind

That basic research is important and that free-wheeling investigation of whatever interests the researcher is the only way to conduct basic research are concepts difficult to convey to nonscientists. Ten or 20 years ago what congressman would not have been critical of the use of public funds for research on the genetics of bacteria and viruses? One can imagine the headlines: "Microbe Sex-life Research Grant Irks Senator Fish." Of course no one could have told the senator with absolute assurance that investigations of this kind would lead to the grand generalization about the universal similarity in hereditary mechanisms (DNA and RNA) that we have now attained. Researchers know that all living things are related and that what is true of one form may be true of another, but that if it is not, "*Vive la différence!*" Comparative study teaches us much that we can learn in no other way.

A case in point is the recent attack by Representative Harsha and Senator Byrd on the research grant of \$1.2 million to Dr. Harry Harlow of the University of Wisconsin for a 6-year program of primate research. Subhuman primates, as the congressmen should know, offer unusual advantages for research. Interesting in their own right and fully worthy of scientific investigation, they occupy the unique position of being the animals most similar to man in physiology and in mental capacity. Their bodies and brains are far more like ours than are those of any other animals. Hence, they react to physical stresses, to disease, to psychic disturbances, in much the same way that we do. It was not caprice that led us to use a chimpanzee for our first suborbital test shots. The brilliant achievement of Colonel Glenn last week owes something to what was learned from Ham's flight. Nor was it an indifferent choice that led to the use of monkey kidney for the cultivation of the polio virus: The virus will grow in monkey kidney. Of course, it will also grow in human kidney, but that is a tissue hard to come by. Prior to the work of Professor Harlow and others hunger, thirst, pain, and so on were thought to be the primary motivations of behavior. Harlow has shown experimentally that monkeys have—as had long been suspected for man—motivations not reducible to these primary ones: drives to explore, to manipulate, to see, to hear, and to experience affection. Furthermore, his work has had an effect on learning theory: monkeys learn how to learn; they have an accretion of learning.

To give another example, monkeys reared in isolation are emotionally crippled; those brought up by artificial "substitute mothers" seem for a time to be normal, but when adult they are unable to act like mothers toward their offspring. Monkeys have still another advantage as research subjects. They can be studied throughout their lives—they grow up in 2 to 3 years—and can be kept in a controlled environment and subjected to planned experiments. Studies of this kind provide new insights into human behavior that could be attained in no other way. Would the congressmen suggest that we carry out such studies on human beings? Or do they perhaps think it unimportant to try to understand behavior? dangerous to study motivation?—G.DuS.



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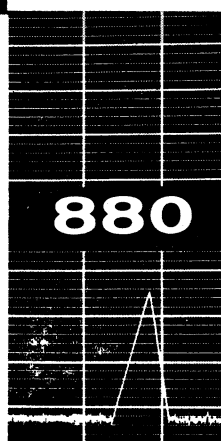
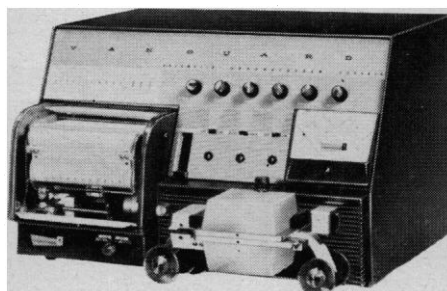
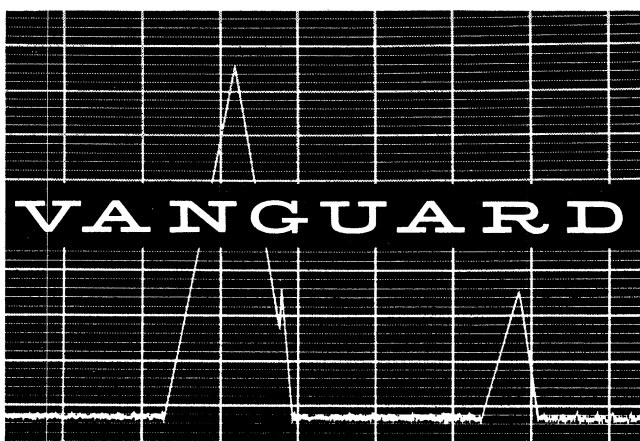
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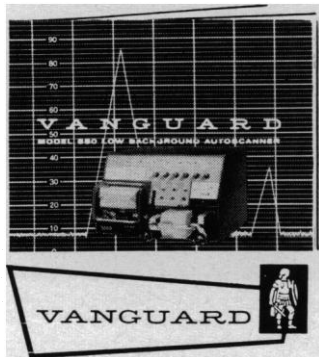
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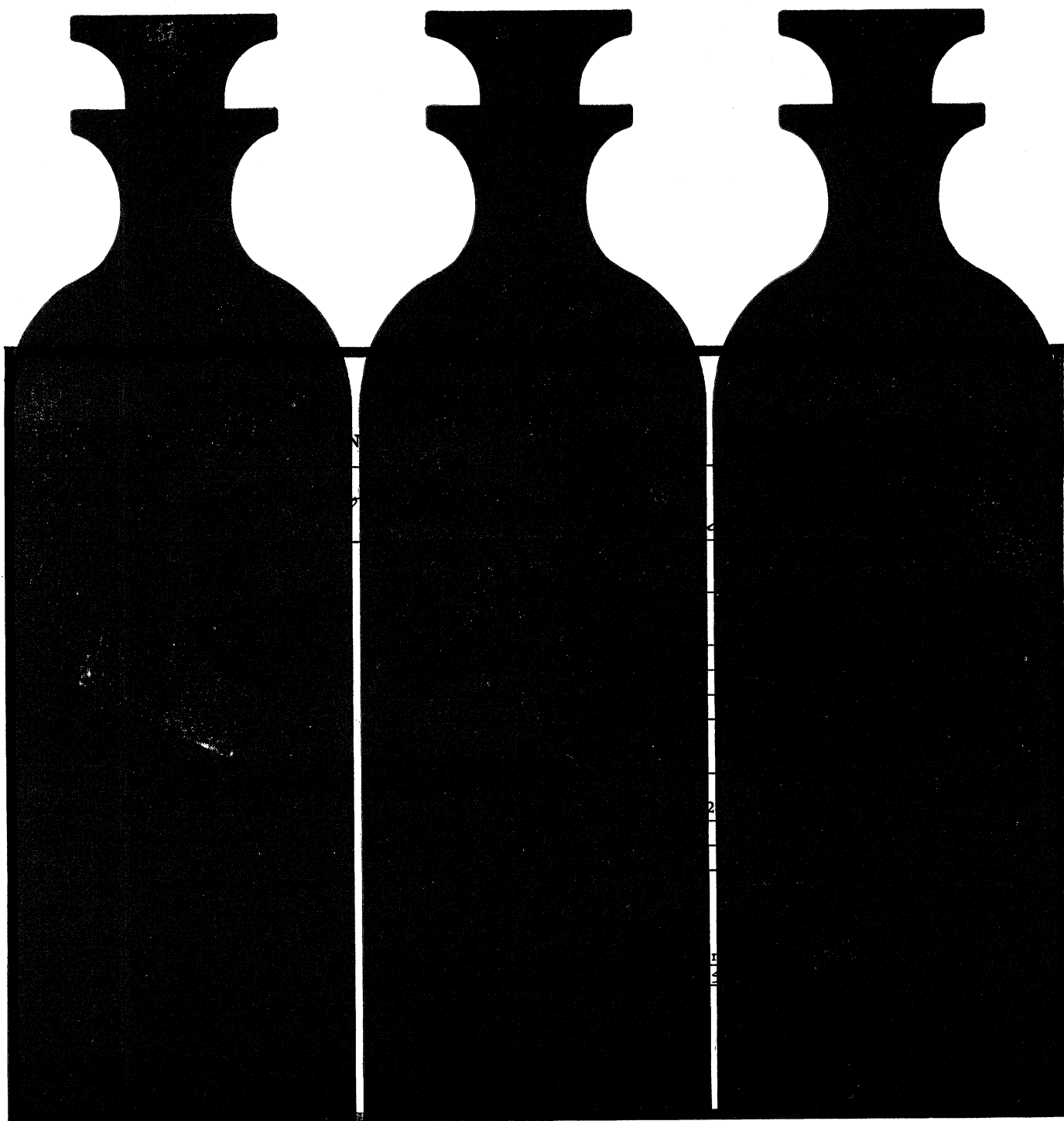


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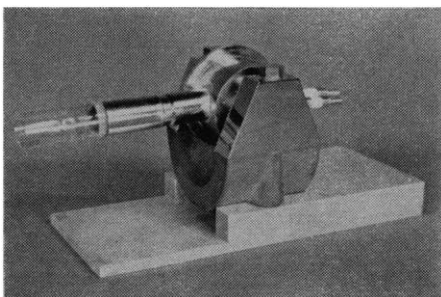
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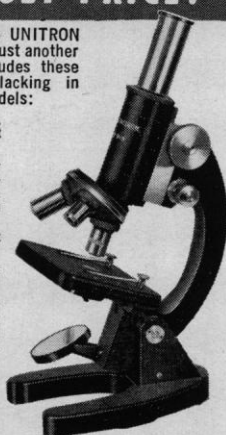
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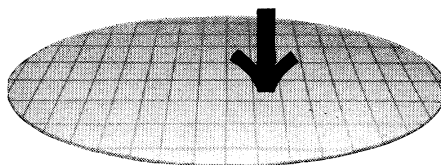
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Visiting Asian Students

Balaji Mundkur's generalization [*Science* 134, 1942 (1961)] regarding the problems of visiting Asian students is true. The migrant students certainly are presented "problems of adjustment." But their supposed failure to adjust to new and strange cultural and academic patterns is not due to inadequately informed advisers or faculty members who have failed to notice discrepancies in academic preparation or in scholastic and social adaptabilities among visiting students. The students themselves, very often, do not take any initiative to face boldly a new environment, academic and cultural. It is doubtful that they were not aware of these challenging situations before they arrived in this country.

Many of these students live with their own countrymen, eat the same kind of food, confine themselves to their own clannish circles for discussions and exchange of ideas. I have seen this happen on one of the largest university campuses in California; these students live in large apartment houses

where their neighbors are their own countrymen, invariably; they are afraid or at least hesitant to live in strange localities among foreigners; they do not want to accept change. As long as this state of affairs prevails, I do not think counseling and orientation alone would help them adjust to new cultural and academic patterns. The visiting student should make every endeavor to be adventurous, be willing to accept change, and above all, try to realize his own potentiality for social, cultural, and academic adjustments.

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Crimes, Science Fellowships, and the Disclaimer Affidavit

It has been called to our attention that our recent letter concerning National Science Foundation fellowships [*Science* 134, 2007 (22 Dec. 1961)] could be misunderstood to imply opposition to the whole of the new bill HR 8556. Our objection is specifically to section (d) (1) (B) of this bill, requiring applicants for a fellowship from the National Science Foundation to list previous criminal convictions or pending charges. Our reasons for objecting were stated in the previous letter. The bill as a whole, however, would be beneficial, since it repeals the present ineffective and offensive requirement that each applicant submit a sworn affidavit concerning his political beliefs. This and closely similar provisions of the National Defense Education Act have caused grave and widespread concern, and they are clearly more objectionable than the proposed requirement of a statement of objective fact. We therefore believe that the terms of HR 8556 represent an improvement over the existing regulations. Hence, we favor passage of the bill, but preferably without section (d) (1) (B).

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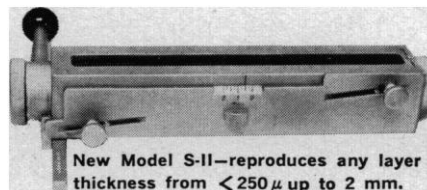
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Oceanography in Latin America

Four important meetings concerning oceanography and its research development in Latin America were recently held in Chile. They were the Latin-American Seminar of Oceanographic Studies; the 2nd Latin-American Symposium on Plankton; the Meeting of Directors of Latin-American Laboratories; and a Regional Training Course on Marine Biology. The meetings were organized by the UNESCO Science Co-operation Office for Latin America, jointly with the University of Concepción in the case of the first two meetings and with the University of Chile in the case of the latter two, and held, respectively, in the General Biology Laboratory, Concepción, and the Marine Biology Station, Montemar.

Thirty-seven distinguished Latin-American scientists participated, from Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, and Ecuador. Present as observers were Dixie Lee Ray from the National Science Foundation (United States);

Peter Dohrn, from the Stazione Zoologica di Napoli (Italy); Wilhelm Branhorst, chief of the Federal Republic of Germany's Technical Assistance Program to Chile; and François Ottmann, at present at the Institute of Marine Biology in Recife, Brazil. Ramón Margaleff (Spain) attended the symposium on plankton by special invitation.

At the first meeting, Pedro Roa Morales (Venezuela) was elected chairman of the "abiotic" section and Fernando de Buen (Chile), chairman of the "biological" sections. De Buen was also chairman of the Meeting of Directors. Margaleff was invited to act as chairman of the symposium on plankton. For the Regional Training Course, de Buen and Enrique Rioja (Mexico) acted as codirectors; the professors were scientists from Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil, and the students were from Latin-American countries. For all these meetings, Hugo Ferrando (Uruguay) acted as secretary.

The main purpose of the meetings was to make an evaluation of the present status of research in marine sciences in Latin America in the light

of what has been accomplished. Accordingly, a series of reports covering the different disciplines of marine science were requested from, and submitted by, leading scientists of Latin America. It was also felt that some decision should be taken so as to increase existing knowledge through research and training, primarily on a cooperative regional basis.

Among the most outstanding resolutions and recommendations adopted were the following.

1) Creation of a Latin-American Council on Oceanography, with an elected steering committee composed of leading marine scientists from Mexico, Venezuela, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Brazil, under the chairmanship of Fernando de Buen. This council should become a permanent Latin-American Council once the necessary official steps are taken throughout all the Latin-American countries; the secretariat will be located at the UNESCO Science Co-operation Office for Latin America, Bulevar Artigas 1320, Montevideo, Uruguay.

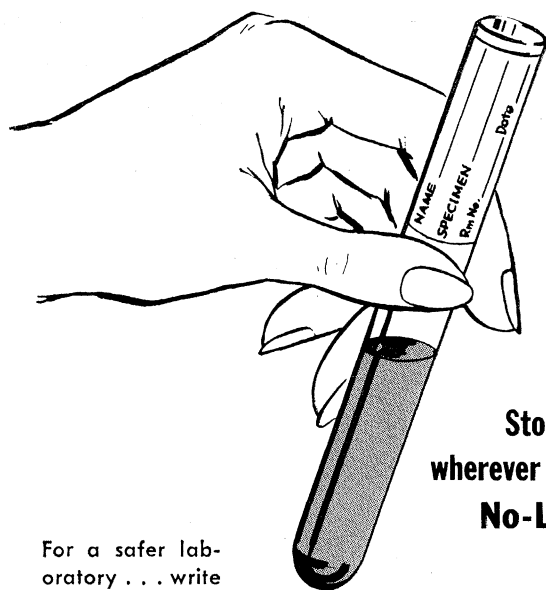
2) Establishment of research programs on a regional, coordinated basis. Seven projects were presented, and necessary measures are now being taken for the coordination of some of these by the existing marine biology laboratories and oceanographic institutes, with the help of the hydrographic naval services.

3) Publication of a "Latin-American Directory of Oceanographic Institutions and Scientists" so as to implement the exchange of scientists, students, information, and material, with the UNESCO Science Co-operation Office acting as a clearinghouse.

4) The unification and standardization of methods and equipment in marine research.

5) Organization by UNESCO, in 1962, of a 2 months' training course in physical oceanography. The Oceanographic Institute of the University of Oriente (Venezuela) offered to act as host, and the Brazilian Navy offered its oceanographic vessel, the *Almirante Saldanha*, for a training cruise to complement the course.

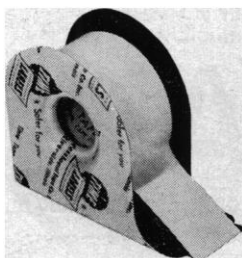
6) Organization by UNESCO, in 1962, of a regional symposium on the biogeography of marine organisms for the purpose of studying the geographical distribution of such organisms and the effects upon them of the physico-chemical condition and dynamics of water masses. The National Museum of Natural History "Bernardino Riva-



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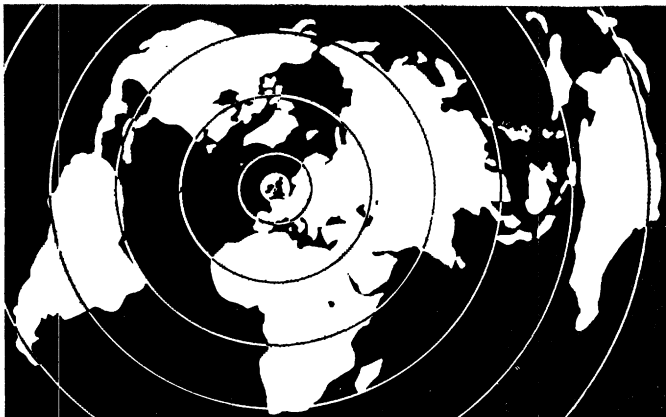
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7) Organization by UNESCO, in 1962, of a meeting of deans of science faculties of Latin-American universities for the purpose of raising scholastic standards for the education of marine scientists through the reorganization and modification of curricula and plans of study.

UNESCO's Science Co-operation Office is preparing to implement recommendations 5, 6, and 7 by building up the bibliographic reference library on marine sciences in Latin America which

it has already started, with profitable results. For this purpose, each scientist present at the meeting planned to send in a contribution in his specific field. To further this program, it is requested that all scientists and institutions send two reprints of any of their publications that deal with any aspect of marine sciences in Latin America to the UNESCO Science Co-operation Office for Latin America, Casilla de Correo 859, Montevideo, Uruguay.

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