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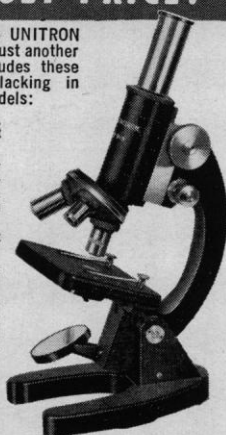
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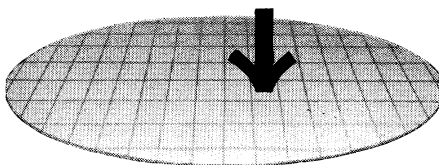
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Visiting Asian Students

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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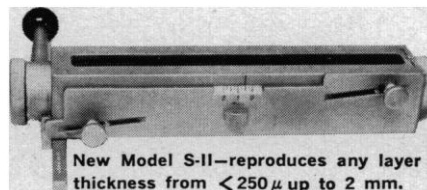
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