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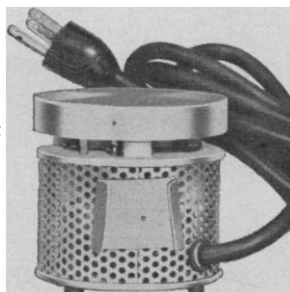


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the circuit diagram of the oscillator apparatus, which can be built in the laboratory. Unfortunately, they were not able to pursue their studies with this technique, but it is to be hoped that Kavanau and Norris will be able to use the method of Backlund and Ederoot to its fullest extent.

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We are indebted to D. K. Edwards for calling attention to the note of Backlund and Ekeroot. It substantiates our belief that the method has great potential for other applications.

Our use of the technique is quite different from that of the Swedish workers. They sought to record activity periods of blowflies confined under a petri dish, while our objective is to follow both the periodicities and the gross locomotory displacements of burrowing animals whose activities cannot be seen. We hope that others will apply the technique to new situations. Most biologists will find it more practical to use commercially available Hartley oscillators than to build their own.

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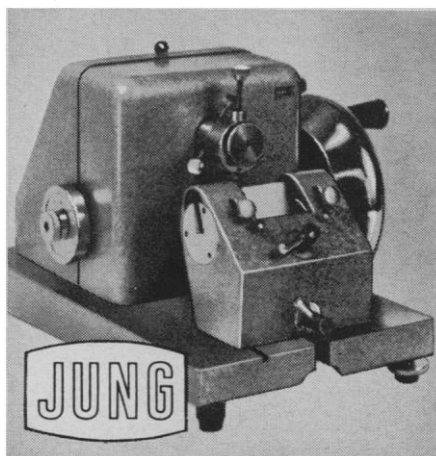
An Unfortunate Event

I am writing with reference to your note entitled "An unfortunate event" [*Science* 134, 945 (1961)] concerning the report by Pande, Shukla, and Sekariah. Indian scientists are equally shocked over this disgraceful affair. This was brought to the notice of M. S. Thacker, director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, who is also the president of the Association of Scientific Workers of India. He, along with this body of Indian scientists, would like to inform you of our deep regret that such an unfortunate thing has happened.

We also take this opportunity to inform you that, at the initiative of Thacker, disciplinary action has been taken against the authors; one has been retired and the other two suspended. The matter is under investigation by an inquiry committee for determination of final punishment.

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