

necessary risk. In making this decision, scientific ends take second place to faith in a dogma (or perhaps we should prefer to call it a working hypothesis) concerning the value of the individual person in relation to the community. It is this same article of faith, together with a second about the power of love in the world, that causes many, like myself, to feel that we cannot allow our scientific abilities to be harnessed to the production of weapons of war. We are aware however that, although we try to apply dispassionate reasoning to the evaluation of all the available evidence, our attitude is based ultimately on faith, and that we therefore cannot ask the scientific world, just because it is *scientific*, to share our views and pass ethical judgments on scientists who act otherwise. What we can ask is that every individual scientist should critically examine what he is engaged upon in the light of such faith as he professes, and satisfy himself that the two are not incompatible. At this particular stage in human history the responsibility for making such a critical comparison may well lie heavier on the scientist than upon the majority of his fellow citizens.

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Rats for Research

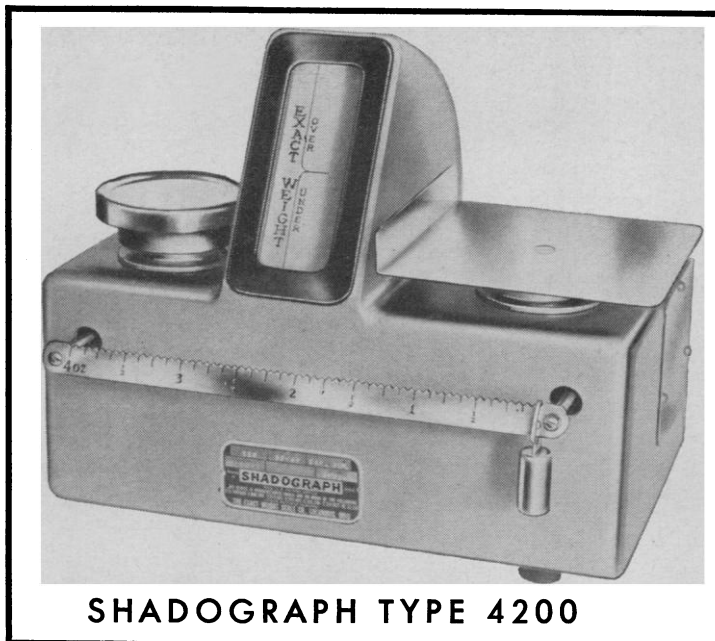
I have about 40 unique male rats which I would like to offer to research institutions. These male breeders are heterozygous for the gene that allows expression of color. When they are mated with a homozygous female albino, the resultant litter is half pigmented and half albino, but otherwise the genetic composition is random. Hence, all the pups have the same father and mother, the same intrauterine environment, and the same post-parturition environment. Differences ought to be attributable to pigmentation. Although I think the rats will be useful primarily in studies of visual acuity (eye pigmentation is black for pigmented, pink for albino) and light aversion, quite possibly other minds will see other uses.

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