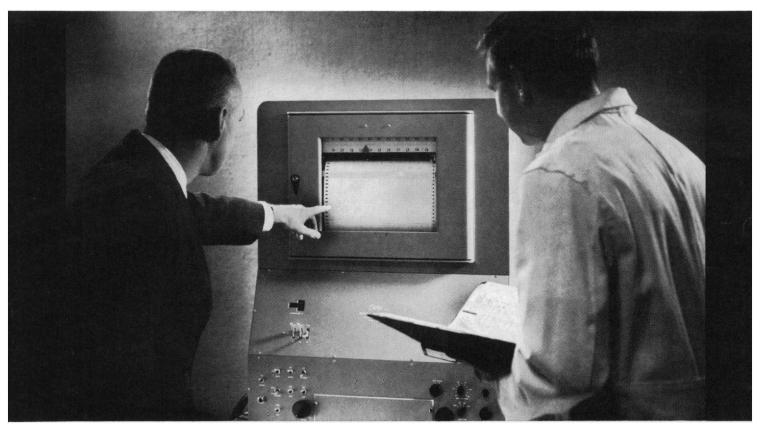
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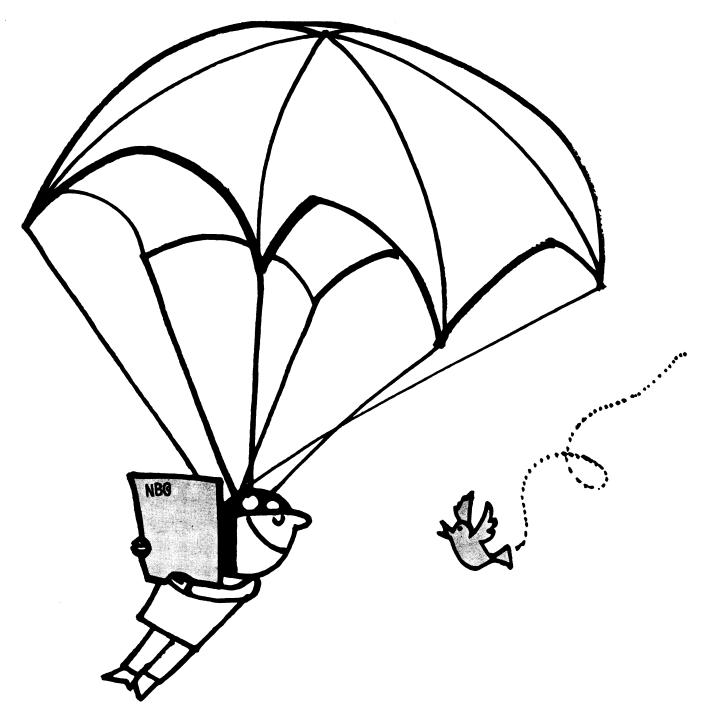
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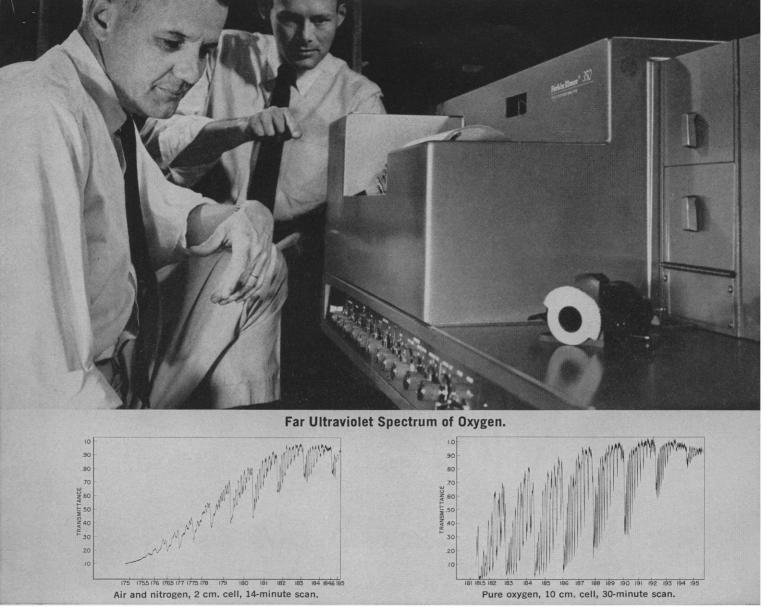
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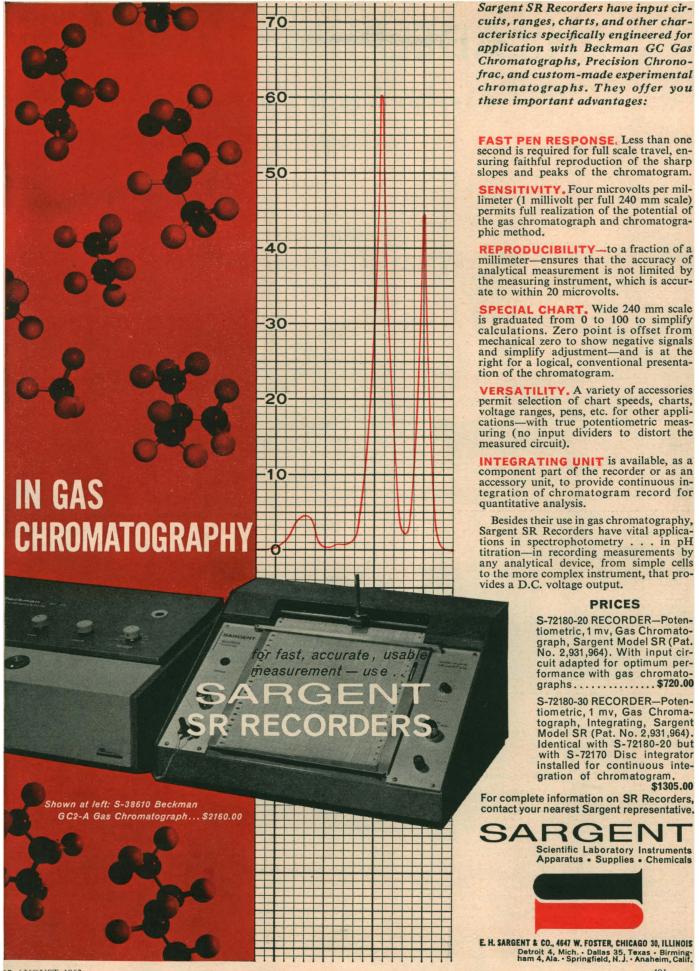


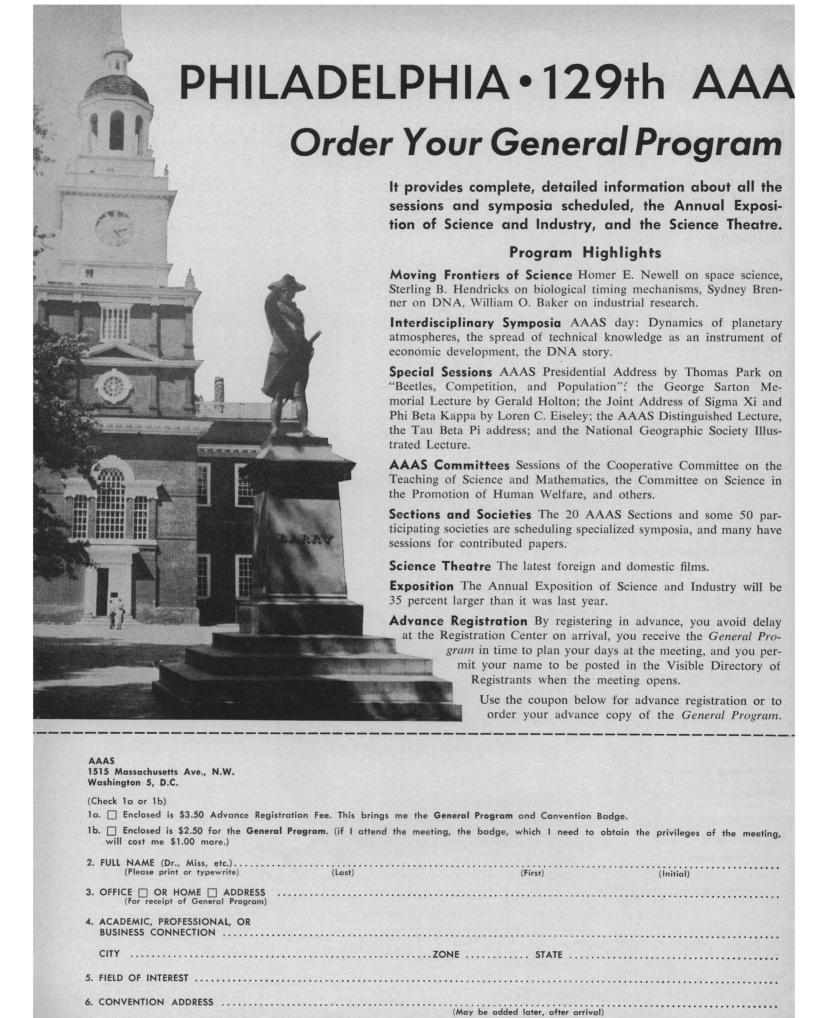
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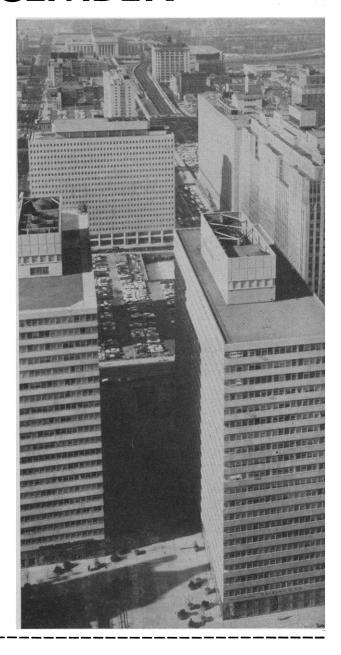
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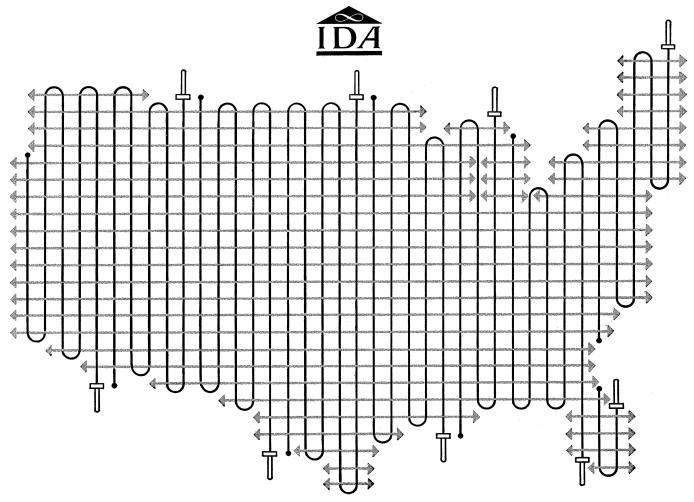
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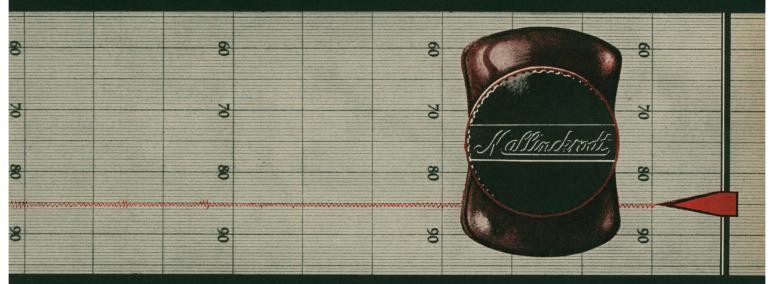
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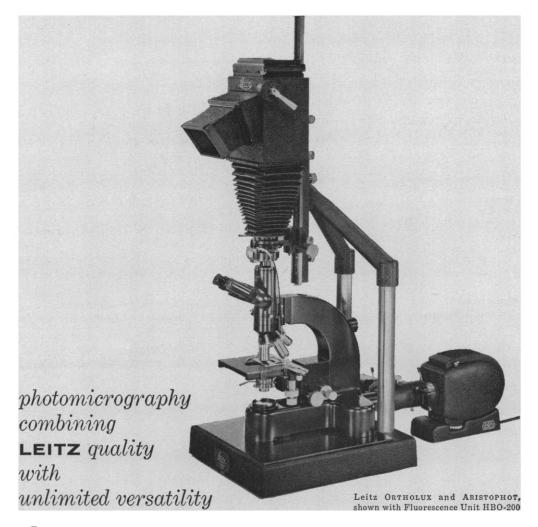
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The Thalidomide Lesson

The thalidomide case has given the nation a lesson on the work of the Food and Drug Administration and a demonstration of the merit of caution in approving new drugs. Dr. Frances Kelsey, the heroine of the case, has received from President Kennedy the gold medal Award for Distinguished Civilian Service, and is the deserved recipient of the nation's gratitude.

It is already clear that the case will be used to support efforts to secure tighter controls over the release of new drugs. The President has written to Senator Eastland, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, recommending action "to protect the American people against unsafe and worthless drugs." The President had earlier made such recommendations, in his consumer message to Congress, and so had Senator Kefauver, following his three-year inquiry into practices of the drug industry (Science, 14 July, 27 October, and 15 December 1961). But these had been shelved by the Judiciary Committee in favor of what Secretary Ribicoff called a "mere shadow" of the original. What is now being considered comes close to the original.

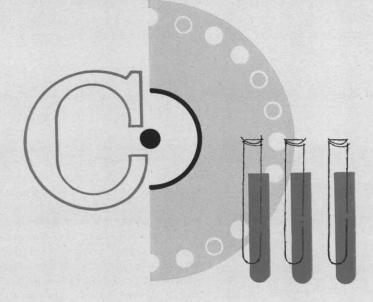
Whatever happens on the legislative scene, it also seems likely that pharmaceutical manufacturers will be more careful about the evaluation of new drugs. A new Commission on Drug Safety has been appointed by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (see page 516).

In short, Dr. Kelsey's caution has prevented much heartache, and it appears that the thalidomide case may be useful in improving the procedures used in evaluating and appraising new drugs.

But this happy outcome is not assured, for the reaction against what we have escaped could inspire restrictions severe enough to impede the development and use of new and beneficial drugs. The effect of delays in making new drugs available could be as detrimental as the effect of putting them into use too hastily. In the situation of knowing poignantly the dangers of commission and having to guess at the dangers of omission, we could adopt practices more harmful than those we seek to correct.

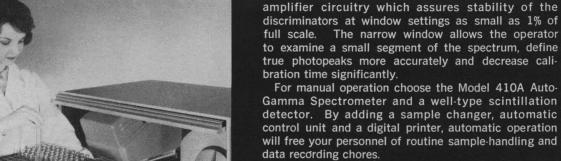
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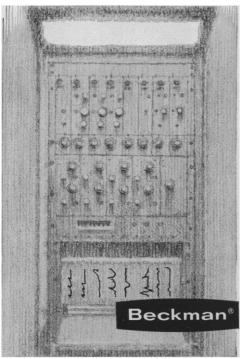
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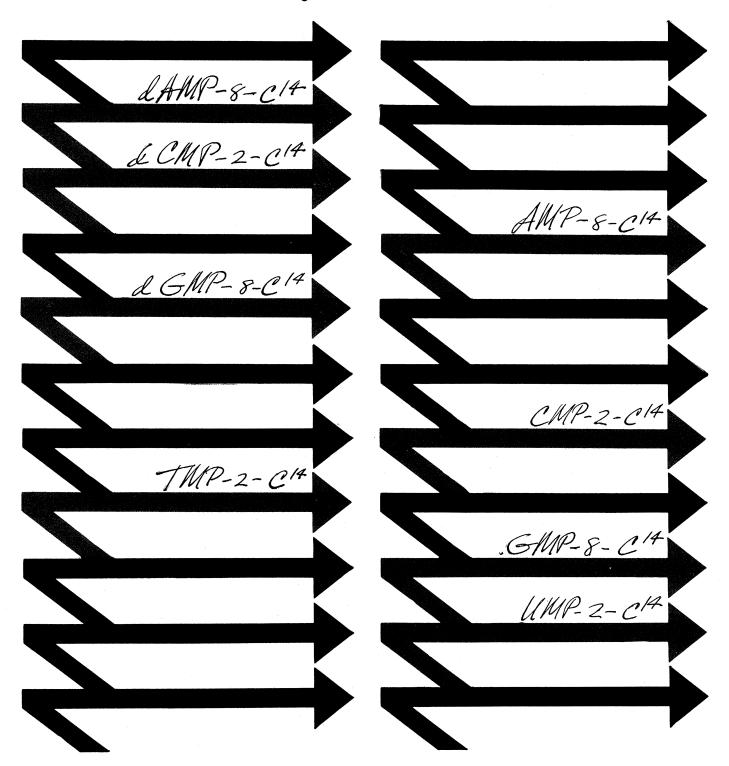
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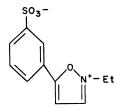


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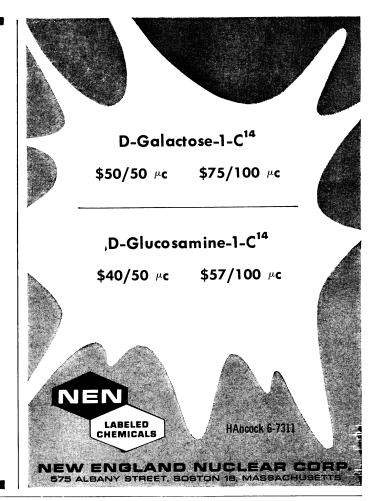


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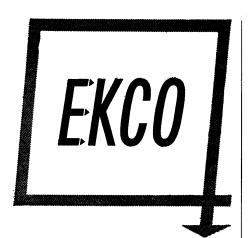
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Forthcoming Events

September

19-20. Industrial Electronics, annual symp., Chicago, Ill. (E. A. Roberts, Comptometer Corp., 5600 Jarvis Ave., Chicago)

19-21. Rocky Mountain Minerals Conf., Butte, Mont. (Metallurgical Soc. of AIME, 345 E. 47 St., New York 17)

19-22. Information Retrieval, seminar, Minneapolis, Minn. (Director, Center for Continuation Study, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14)

19-23. Air Force Assoc., convention and aerospace panorama-weapons meet, intern., Las Vegas, Nev. (Air Force Assoc., 1901 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington

20. Surgery of the Hand, intern. conf.,

Paris, France. (L. Gosse, c/o Hôpital de Nanterre, 3 Ave. de la République, Nanterre (Seine), France)

20-22. Sulphur Therapy, intern. symp., Innsbruck, Austria. (K. Weithaler, c/o Medizinische Universitäts Klinik, Innsbruck)

20-23. International Soc. for Practical Applied Medicine, intern: congr., Salzburg, Austria. (Sekretariat, Internationale Gesellschaft für Praktisch Angewandte Medizin, Lange Str. 21a, Oelde, Westfalen, Germany)

20-23 Rockets and Space Flight, symp., Coblenz, Germany. (Deutsche Raketen-Gesellschaft, Fritz-Beindorf-Allee 9, Hanover. Germany)

20-28. Intergovernmental, Oceanographic Commission, Paris, France. (U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Place de Fontenoy, Paris 7º

20-30. Handling and Lifting Equipment and Industrial Electricity, intern. study sessions, Charleroi, Belgium. (Société Coopérative de Gestion, Palais des Expositions, Avenue de l'Europe, Charleroi)

22. Pharmacy Assembly, annual, New York, N.Y. (J. Yellin, Hebrew Home for

the Aged, Bronx, N.Y.)

22-29. International Scientific Film Assoc., congr., Warsaw, Poland. (F. Gazan, ISFA, 38 Avenue des Ternes, Paris 17°, France)

22-4. Cinematographic Techniques, intern. congr., Turin, Italy. (Salone Internazionale della Tecnica, Corso Galileo Ferraris 60, Turin)

23-26. Latin American Congr. of Angiology, Buenos Aires, Argentina. (E. Sales, Santa Fé 1171, Buenos Aires)

23-26. Petroleum Mechanical Engineering, conf., Dallas, Tex. (American Soc. of Mechanical Engineers, Meetings Manager, 29 W. 39 St., New York 18)

23-27. Electrochemical Soc., Boston, Mass. (ES, 1860 Broadway, New York 23)

23-27. Metal, intern. congr., Vienna, Austria. (Metall-u. Farben A.G., Kärntnerstrasse 7, Vienna I)

23-27. Microcirculation, symp., Pavia, Italy. (G. Pellegrini, Inst. of Medical Pathology, Univ. of Pavia, Pavia)

24-26. European Assoc. Against Poliomyelitis, symp., Prague, Czechoslovakia. (P. Recht, EAAP, 56 rue Charles Legrelle, Brussels 4, Belgium)

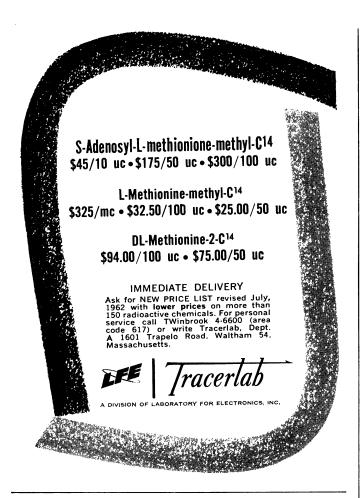
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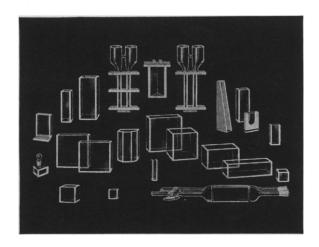
24-28. International Astronautical Federation, congr., Sofia, Bulgaria. (J. A. Stemmer, IAF, P.O. Box 37, Baden, Switzerland)

24-28. Organometallic Derivatives, intern. colloquium, Paris, France. (H. Normant, Faculté des Sciences, Université de Paris à la Sorbonne, 47 rue des Ecoles, Paris 5°)

24-29. International Committee on Electrochemical Thermodynamics and Kinetics, Rome, Italy. (N. Ibl, c/o Laboratory of Physical Chemistry, Federal Polytechnicum. Universitätsstrasse, 6 Zurich. Switzerland)



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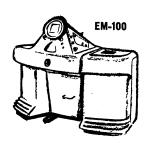
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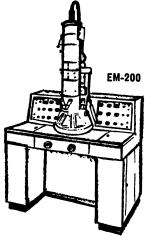
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24-30. Vital Substances, Nutrition, and Civilization Diseases, intern. convention, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany; and Innsbruck, Austria. (Intern. Soc. for Research on Nutrition and Vital Substances, Bremeroderstr. 61. Hanover-Kirchrode. Germany)

25-28. Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, Cleveland, Ohio. (Managing Director, AISE, 1010 Empire Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.)

25-28. Electric Power Systems for Space, conf., Santa Monica, Calif. (American Rocket Soc., 500 Fifth Ave., New York 36)

26-28. Practice of Gas Chromatography, meeting, East Lansing, Mich. (C. G. Harriz, Houdry Process & Chemical Co., Box 427, Marcus Hook, Pa.)

26-29. Austrian Soc. of Biochemistry, Society for Physiological Chemistry, German Pharmacology Soc., Vienna, Austria. (Secretariat, Vienna Medical Acad., 4 Alserstr, Vienna IX)

26-29. Neurobiologists intern. meeting, Kiel, Germany. (W. Bargmann, Neue Universität, Olshausenstrasse 40/60, Kiel)

27-29. Protection of Plants and Extermination of Pests, symp., Magdeburg, Germany. (Chemische Gesellschaft in der D.D.R., Unter den Linden 68-70, Berlin

W.8, Germany)
27-29. Society for General Microbiology, Reading, England. (SGM, c/o Inst. of Biology, 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, England)

28-29. Broadcast Symp., annual, Washington, D.C. (G. C. Wetmore, Collins Radio Co., 1825 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington 9)

28-30. Medical Psychology, intern. colloquium, Brussels and Louvain, Belgium. (P. H. Davost, Société de Psychologie Médicale de Langue Française, 2 rue de Rohan, Rennes, France)

30-5. American Soc. for Testing Materials, Pacific area, Los Angeles, Calif. (Executive Secretary, ASTM, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.)

30-6. Medical Hydrology and Climatology, intern. congr., Baden-Baden, Germany. (M. Fontan, c/o Faculté de Médecine, Lille, France)

October

1-3. Association of Medical Illustrators, annual, Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich. (AMI, 1853 W. Polk St., Chicago 12, Ill.)

1-3. Communications, natl. symp., Utica, N.Y. (J. K. Webb, 489 Van Ellis Rd., Utica)

1-3. Plastics, intern. congr., Turin, Italy. (Segreteria, Congresso delle Materie Plastiche, Corso Galileo Ferraris 60, Turin)

1-4. American Oil Chemists Soc., To-

ronto, Canada (K. F. Mattil, Swift & Co., Packers and Exchange Aves., Chicago 9,

1-4. Electroencephalographic Information, Marseilles, France. (R. Naquet, 23 rue de la Loge, Marseilles 2°)

1-4. Iron and Steel, intern., Luxembourg. (Secrétariat, c/o Centre National de Recherches Metallurgiques, Abbaye du Val-Benoit, Liége, Belgium)

1-4. Shell Structures, intern. conf., San Francisco, Calif. (A. C. Scordelis, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Univ. of California, Berkeley 4)

1-5. American Soc. of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers, Los Angeles, Calif. (R. M. Johnson, 3336 Stinson Blvd., Minne-

apolis 18, Minn.)

1-6. Food Standards, conf., Geneva, Switzerland. (Intern. Agency Liaison Branch, Office of the Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome, Italy)

1-6. International Astronomical Union, symp. on site testing, Rome, Italy. (D. H. Sadler, c/o Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux Castle, Hailsham, Sussex,

1-6. International Soc. of Photogrammetry, Milan, Italy. (A. L. Nowicki, c/o Army Map Service, 6009 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.)

1-6. Malaria, conf., Manila, Philippines. (World Health Organization, Regional Office for the Western Pacific, P.O. Box 2932, Manila)

1-10. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, Copenhagen, Denmark. (ICES, Charlottenlund Slot, Charlottenlund, Denmark)

2-4. Advanced Propulsion Concepts, Cincinnati, Ohio. (M. M. Slawsky, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Washington, 25)

2-4. Batteries, intern. symp., Bournemouth, England. (D. H. Collins, Inter-Departmental Committee on Batteries. Admiralty Engineering Laboratory, W. Drayton, Middlesex, England)

2-4. Fluid Amplification, symp., Washington, D.C. (by invitation only). (Public Information Officer, Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories, Room 315, Bldg. 83, Washington 25)

2-4. Physics and Nondestructive Testing, symp., San Antonio, Tex. (D. L. Black, Southwest Research Inst., Box 2296, San Antonio)

2-4. Space Electronics and Telemetry, symp., Miami Beach, Fla. (O. A. Hoberg, Marshall Space Flight Center, M-ASTR-I, Bldg. 4487-B, Huntsville, Ala.)

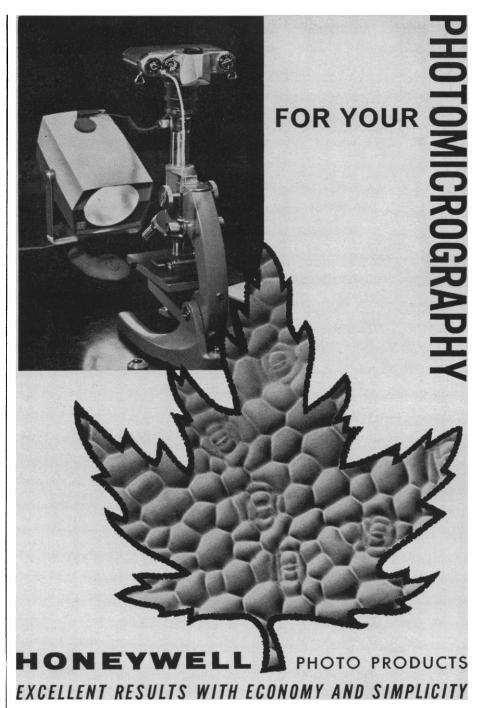
2-5. American Roentgen Ray Soc., Washington, D.C. (C. A. Good, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.)

2-5. Animal Care Panel, annual, Chicago, Ill. (R. J. Flynn, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Ill.)

2-5. Human Engineering. Annual inst., Stamford, Conn. (J. H. Ely, Dunlap and Associates, 429 Atlantic St., Stamford)

2-5. Prophylactic Medicine and Social Hygiene, intern. congr., Bad Godesberg, Germany. (Kongressbüro, Postfach 864, Bad Godesberg)

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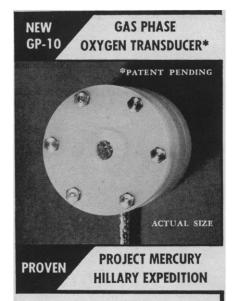
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- 3-6. Optical Soc. of America. Rochester, N.Y. (M. E. Warga, Executive Office, OSA, 1155 16 St., NW, Washington, D.C.)
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- 4-5. International Soc. of Rock Mechanics, colloquium, Salzburg, Austria. (ISRM, Franz-Josef-Str. 3, Salzburg)
- 4-5. Solid Fuels, conf., Pittsburgh, Pa. (Society of Mining Engineers, Coal Div., 345 E. 47 St., New York 17)
- 5-7. Association of Cereal Research, milling conf., Detmold, Germany. (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Getreideforschung, Am Schützenberg 9, Detmold)
- 5-10. Moorland Research, intern. congr., Bremen, Germany. (Internationale Gesellschaft für Moorforschung, Hauptstr. 26, Vaduz, Liechtenstein)
- 6-7. American Acad. of **Psychotherapists**, annual conf., Chicago, Ill. (A. Ellis, Parc Vendome, 333 W. 56 St., New York 19)
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- 9-11. Nuclear Reactor Chemistry, conf., Gatlinburg, Tenn. (W. R. Grimes, Oak Ridge Natl. Laboratory, P.O. Box X, Oak Ridge, Tenn.)
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