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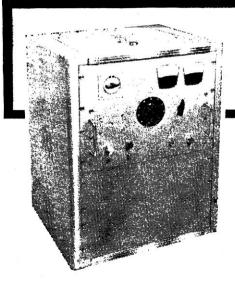
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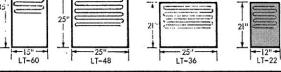
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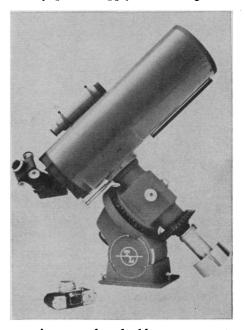
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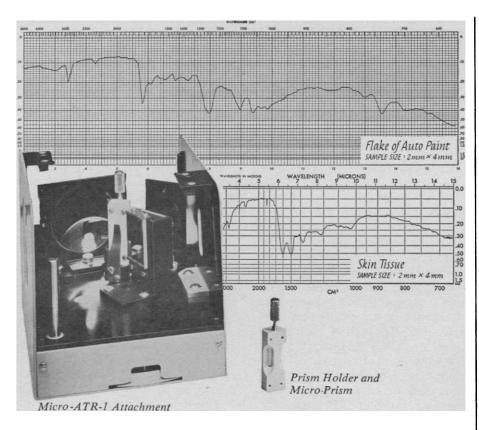
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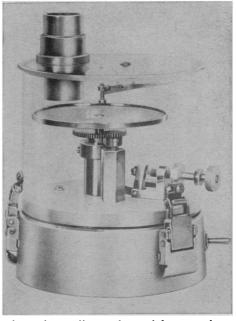
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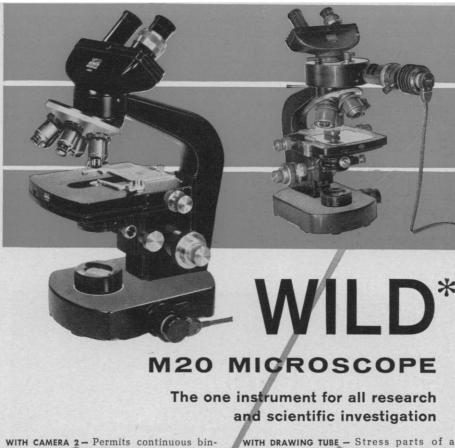
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of scintillation materials, temperature characteristics of multiplier phototubes, and count-rate hysteresis effects in multiplier phototubes. The instrument includes a high-voltage supply that serves as the source to the radiation detector. Also contained in the instrument is a single-channel pulse-height analyzer, the window of which is adjusted to straddle a spectral peak upon which the system is then locked. A ratemeter section is included to tune the peak into the window. When the stabilizer is switched to automatic control operation, a combination of ratemeter, integration, wobbler, balancing, and control circuits senses the direction and magnitude of any shift of the locked peak on the energy axis. The high voltage to the detector is then automatically adjusted within the stabilizer to provide correction of the shift. The instrument can compensate for as much as a factor-of-2 drift in amplifier gain or up to approximately 150 v of high-voltage shift. In automaticcontrol mode, a front-panel meter indicates the magnitude and direction of correction that has been applied to the system. The stabilizer can accommodate either transistorized amplifiers with 0- to 10-v output or vacuum-tube amplifiers with 0- to 100-v output.-J.s. (Nuclear Industries, Inc., 99 W. Hawthorne Ave., Valley Stream, N.Y.)

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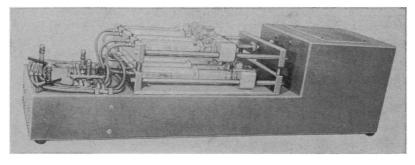
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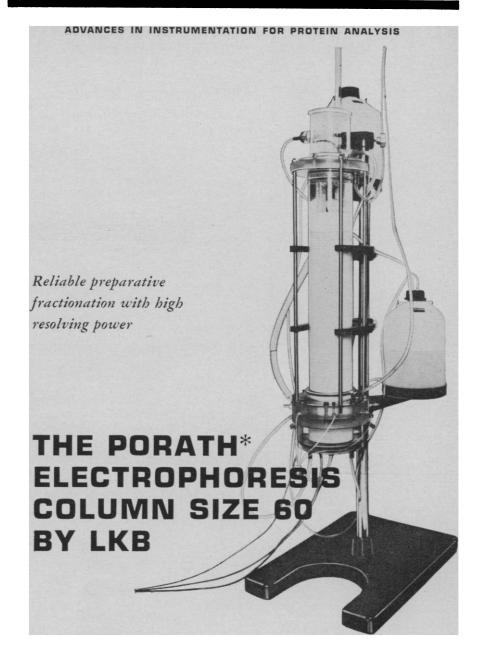
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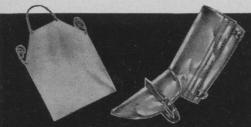
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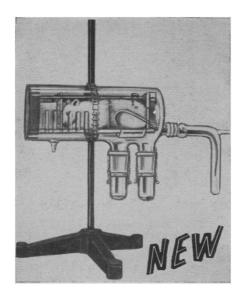
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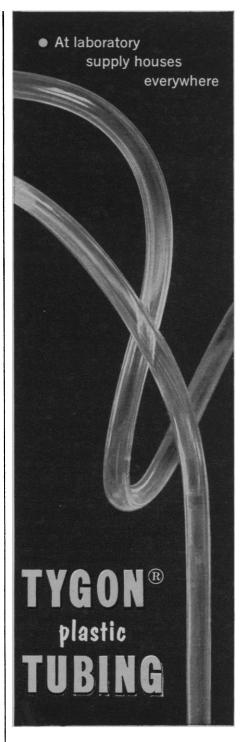
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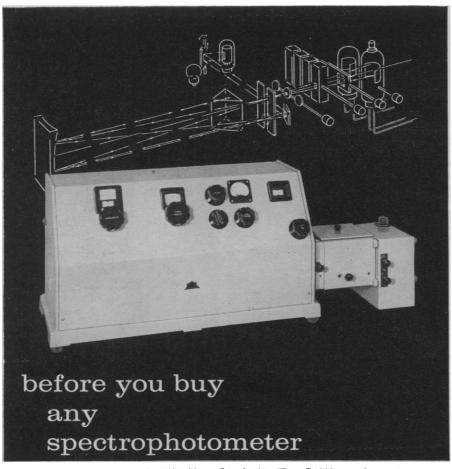


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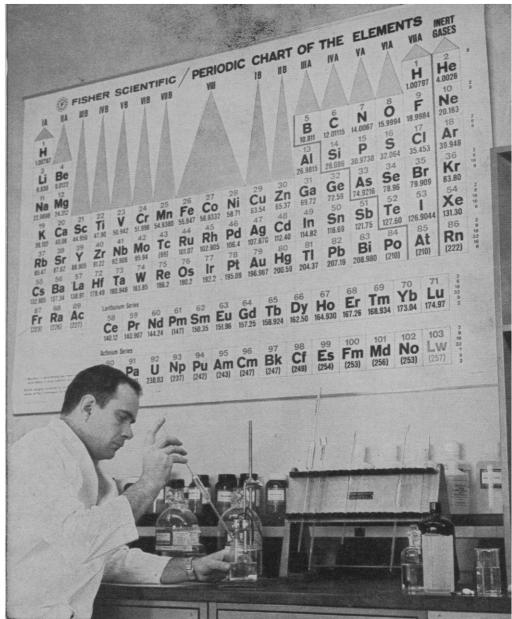
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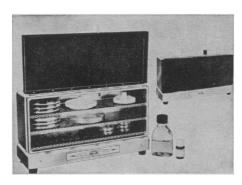
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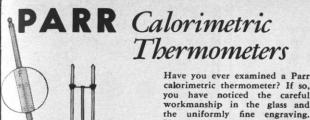
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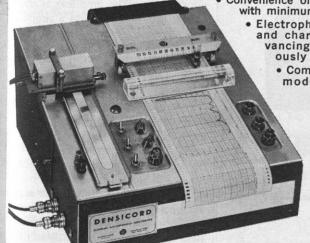




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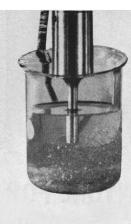
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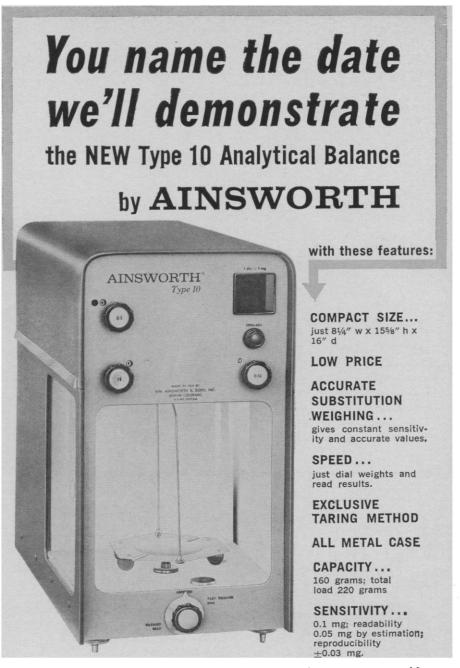
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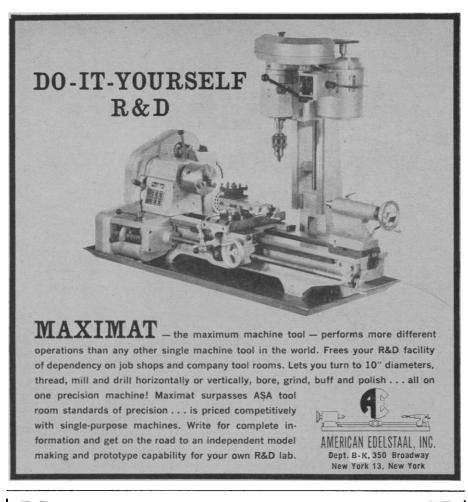
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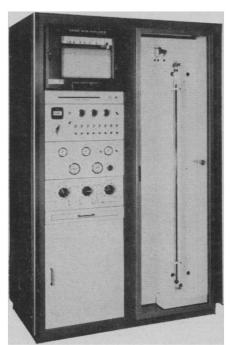


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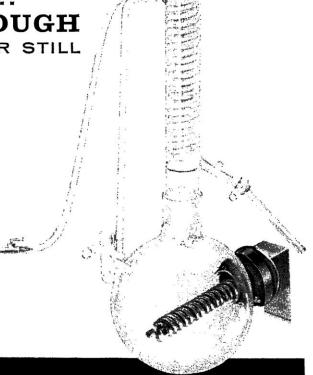
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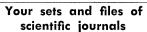
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