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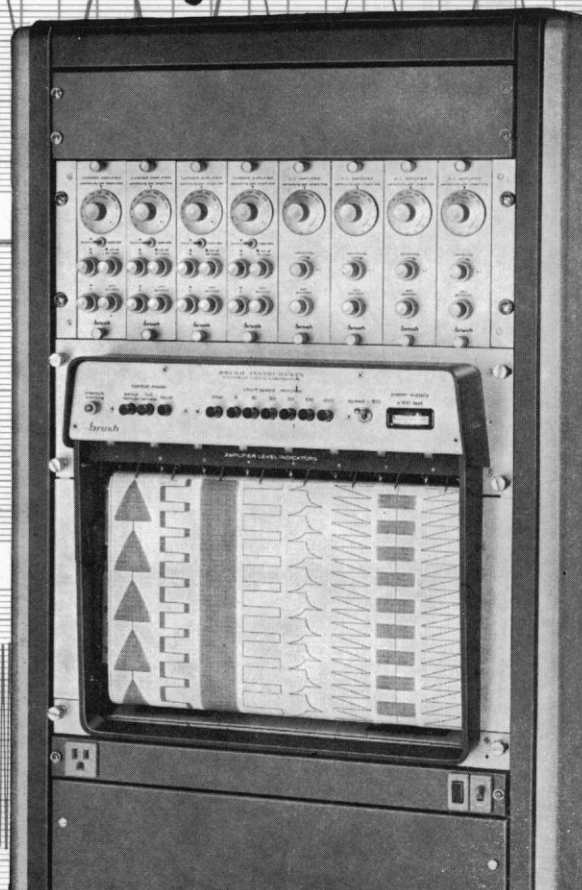
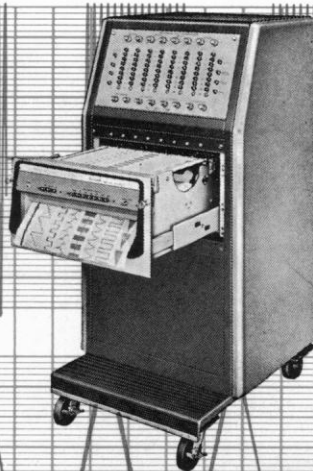
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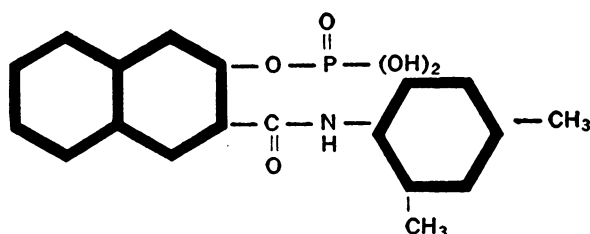
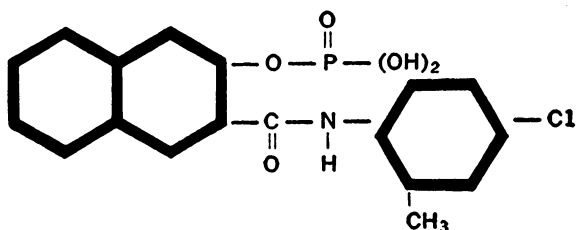
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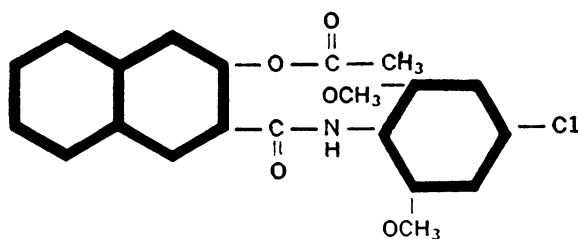
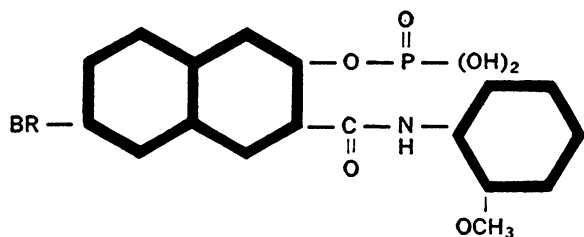
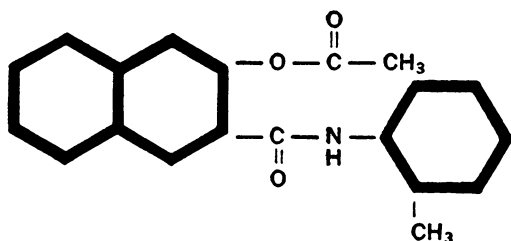
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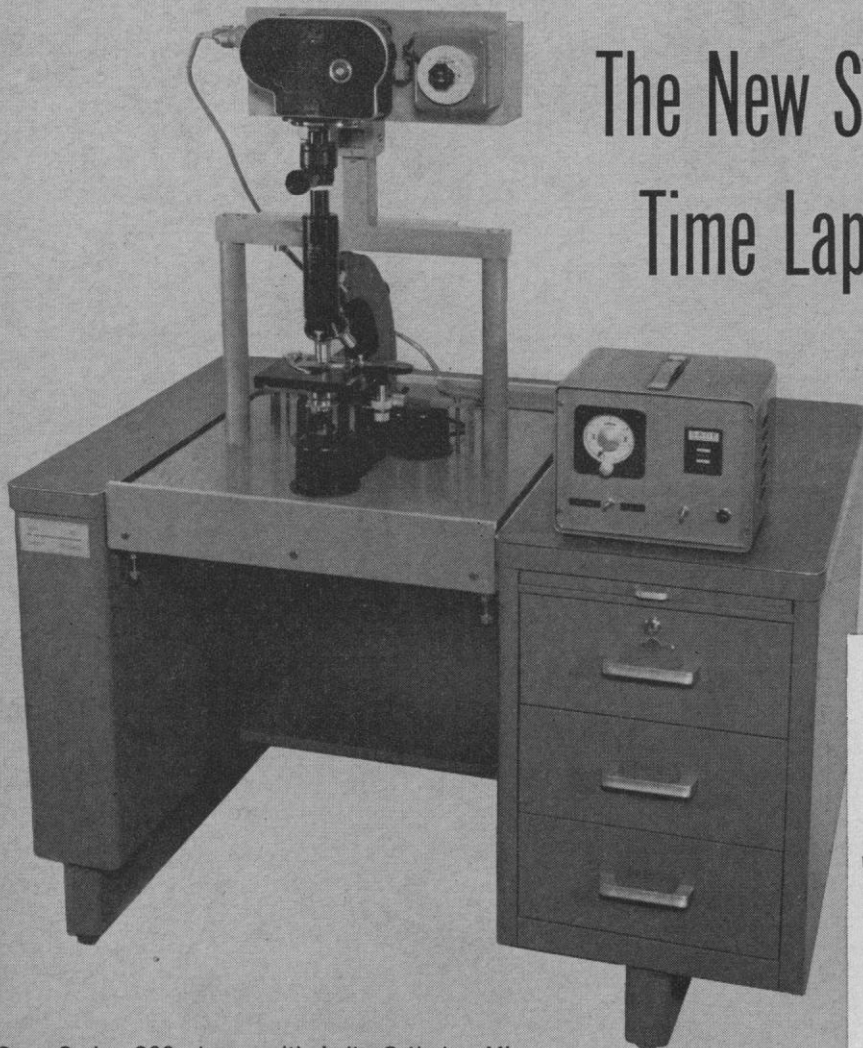
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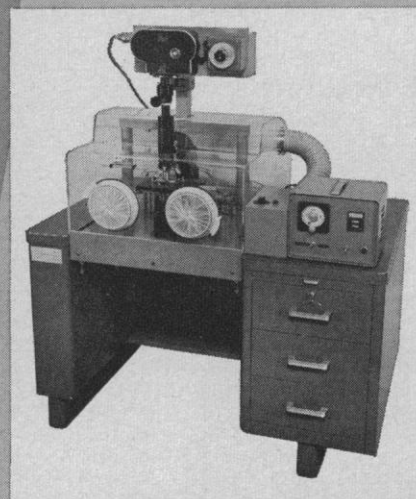
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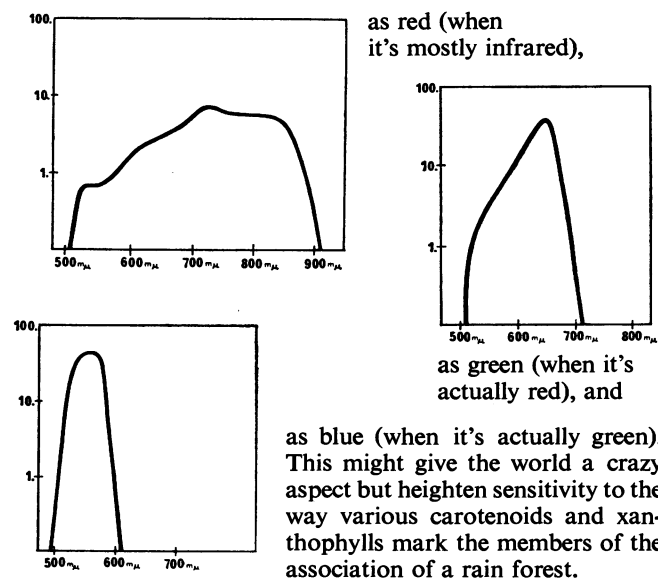
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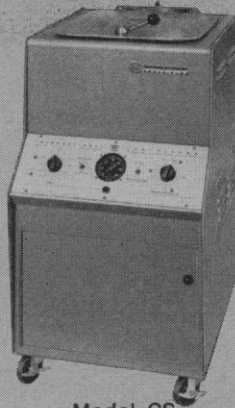
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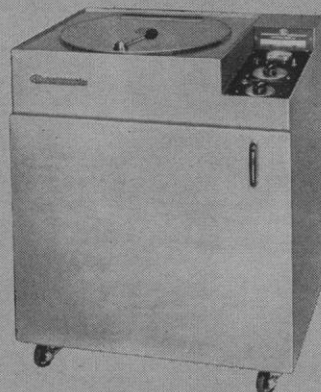


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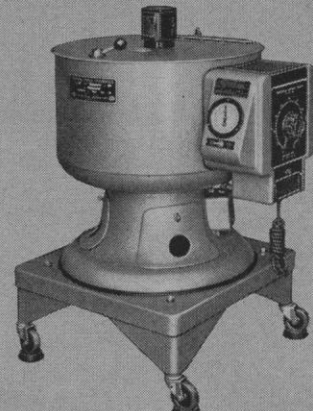
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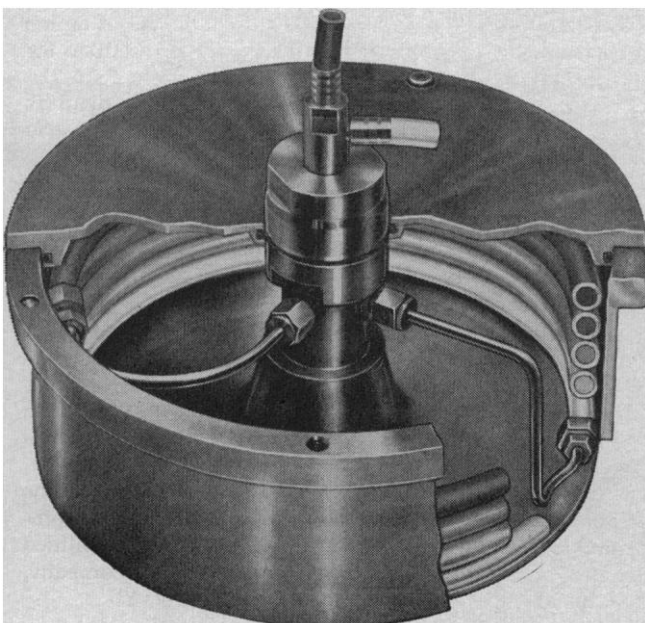


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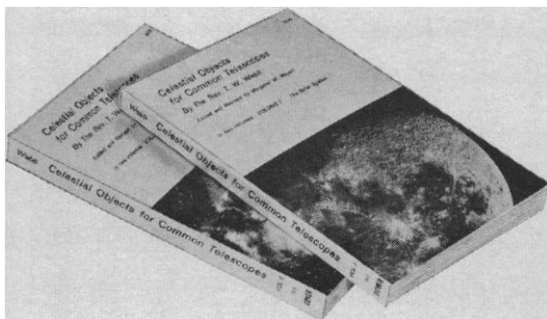
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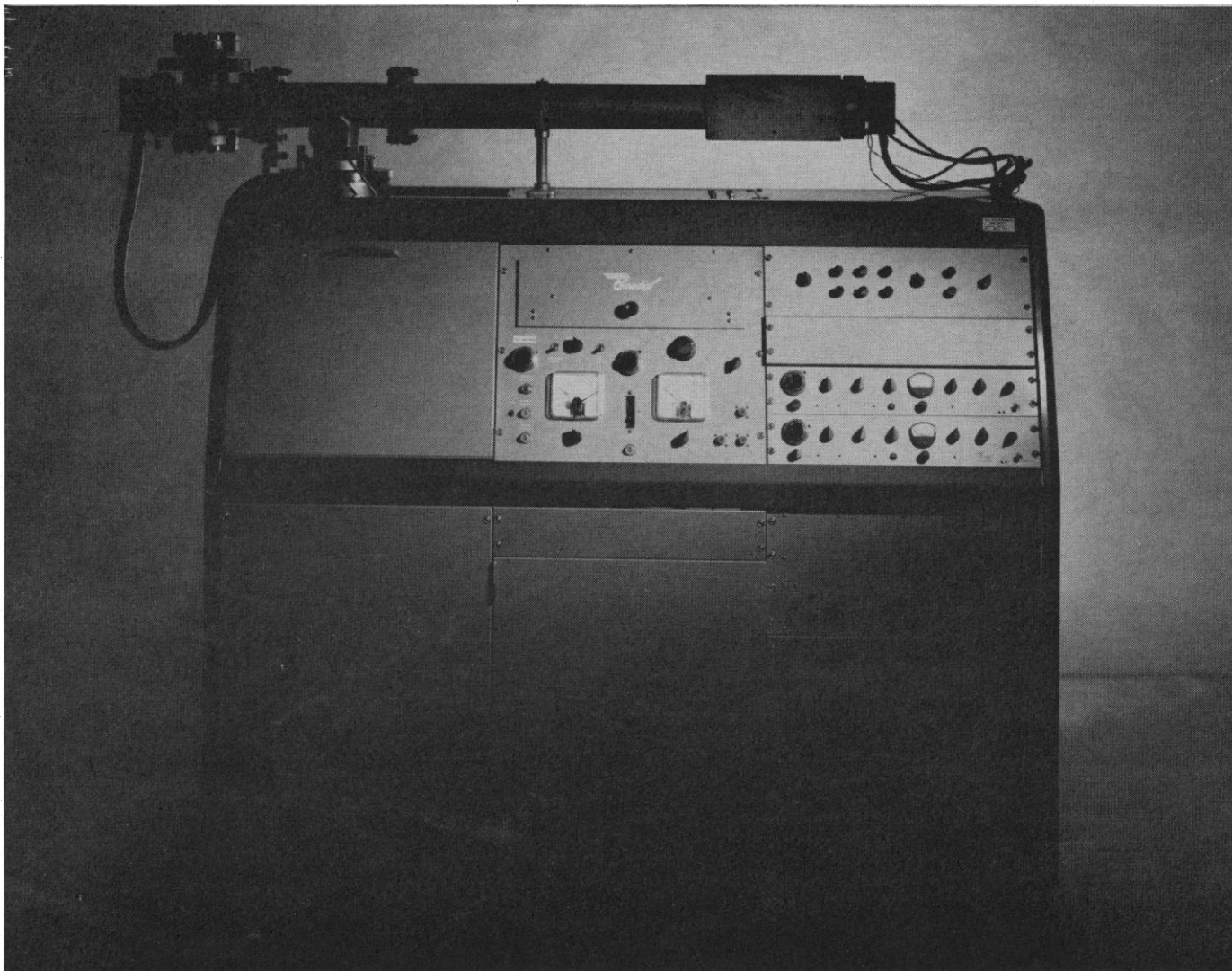
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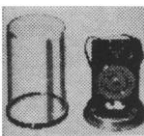
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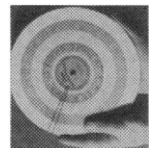


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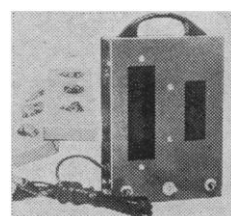


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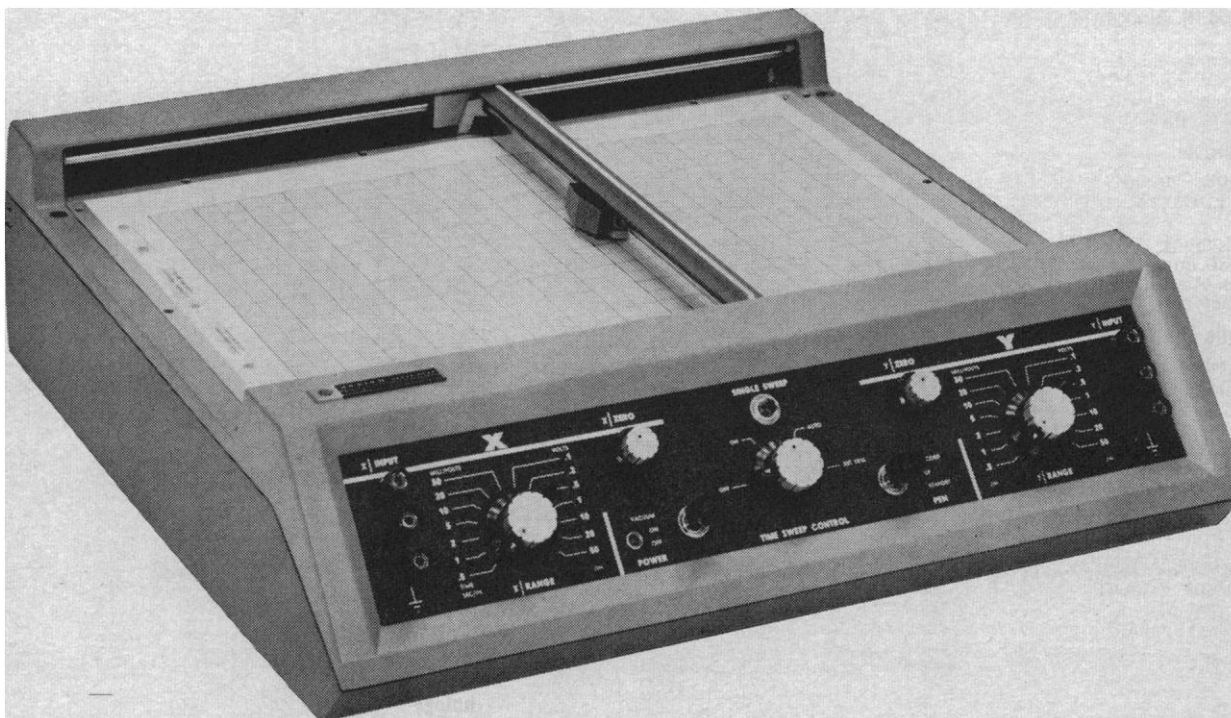
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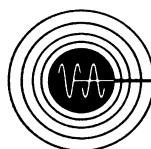
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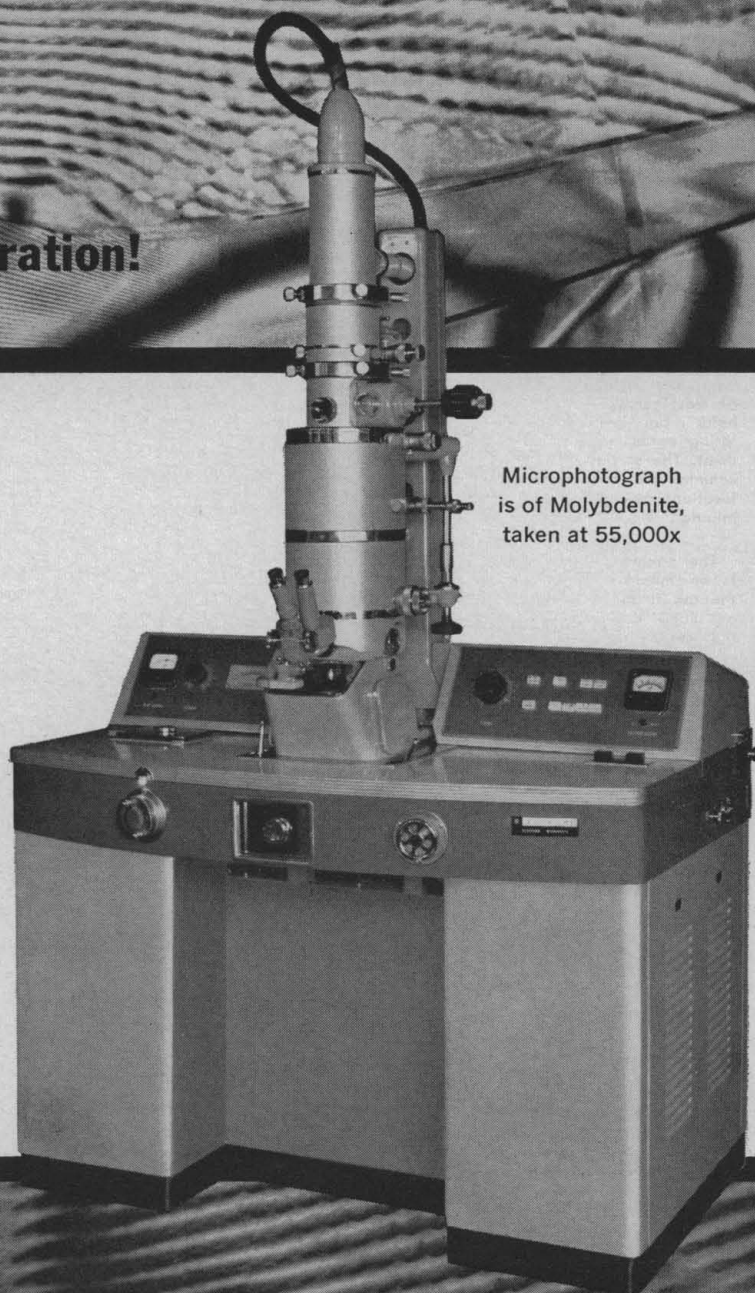
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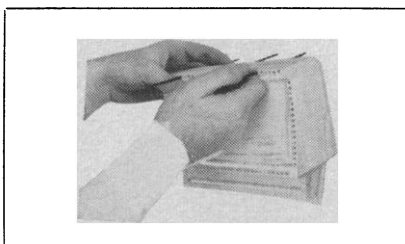
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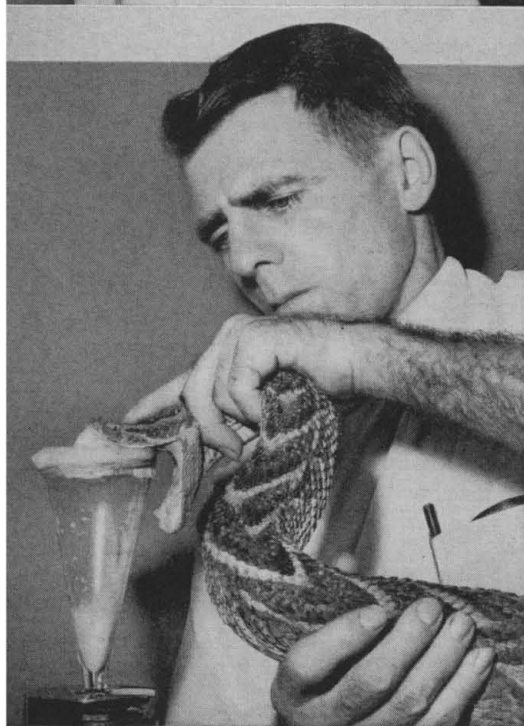
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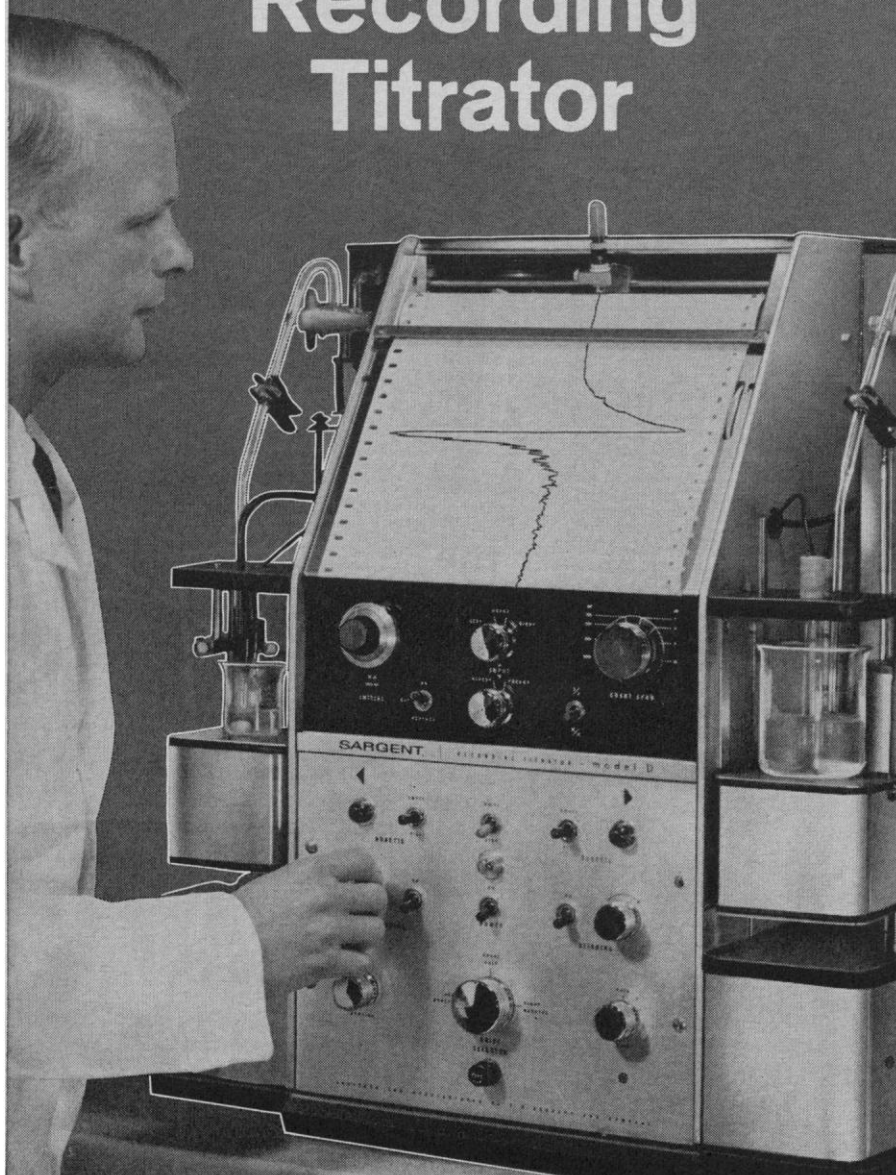
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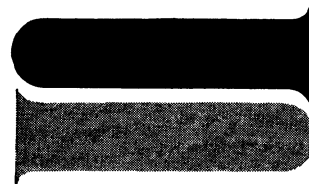
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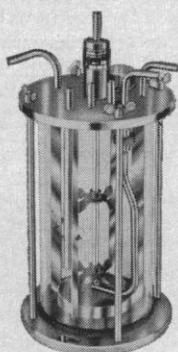
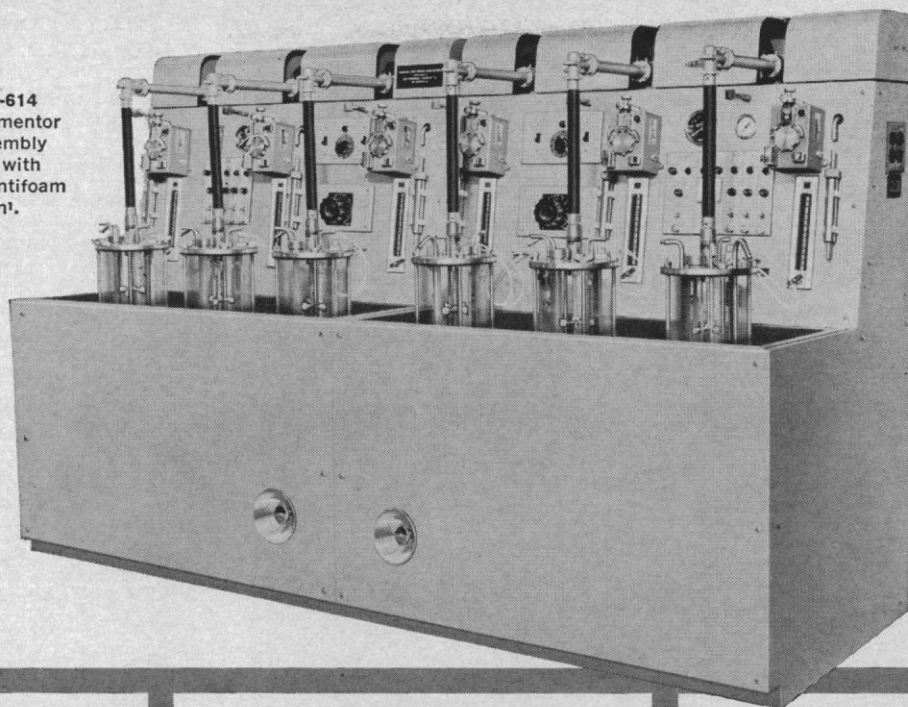
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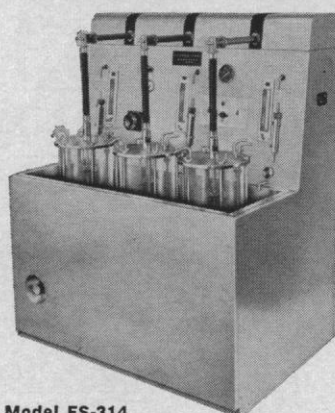
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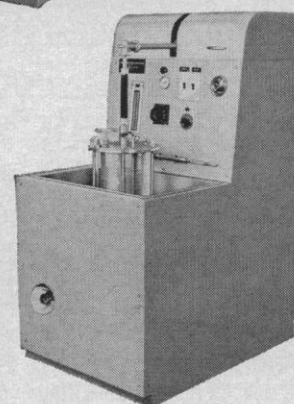
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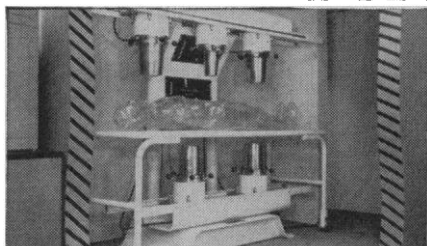
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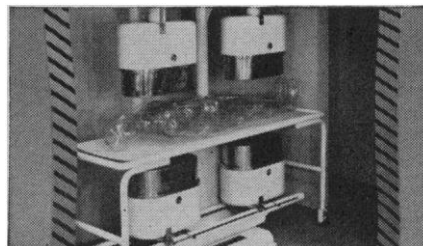
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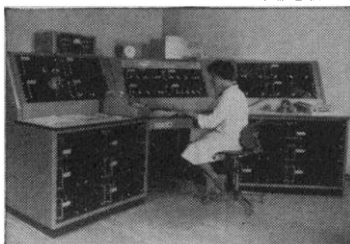


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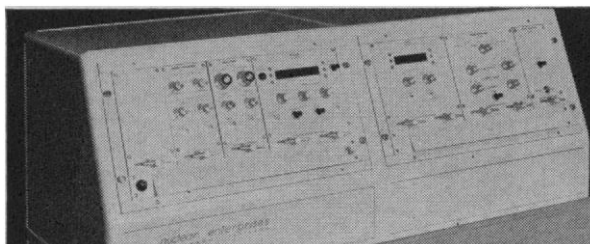


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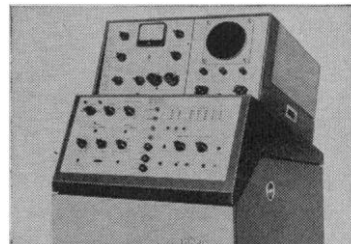
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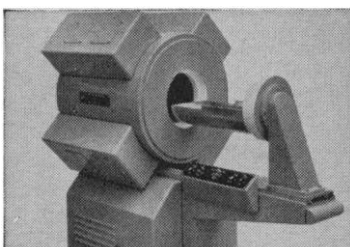


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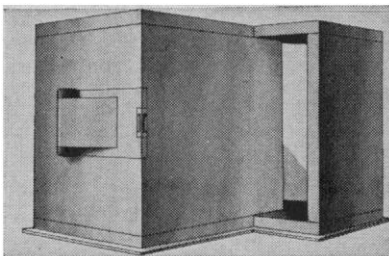


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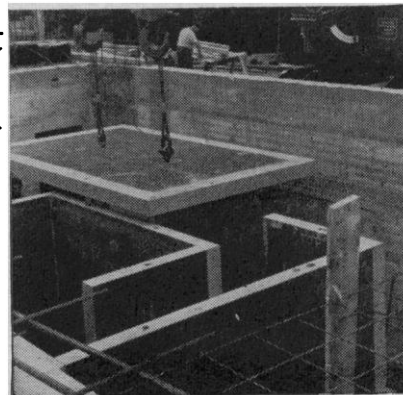


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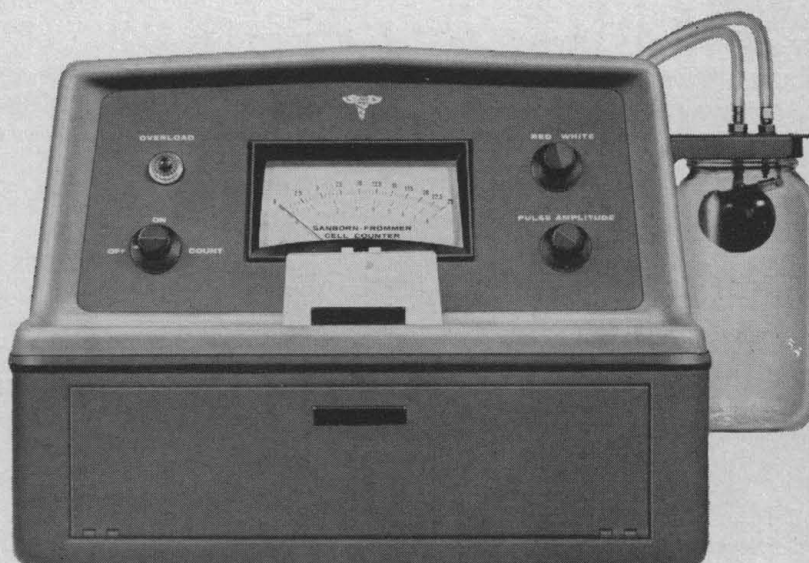
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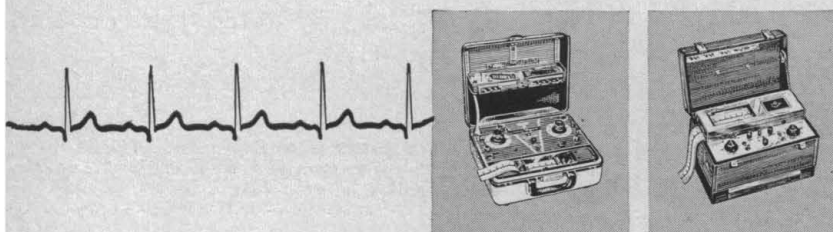
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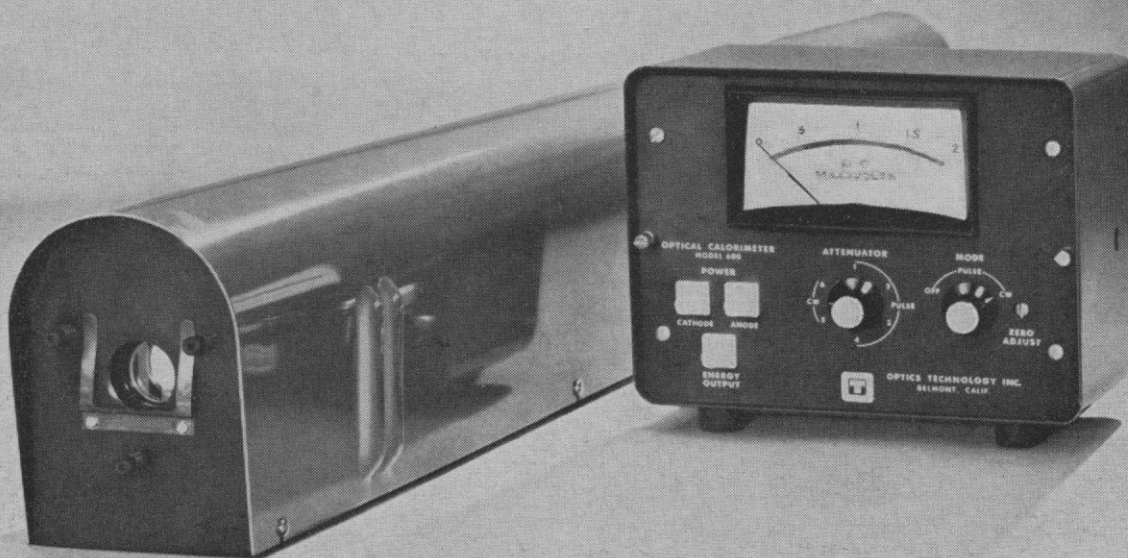
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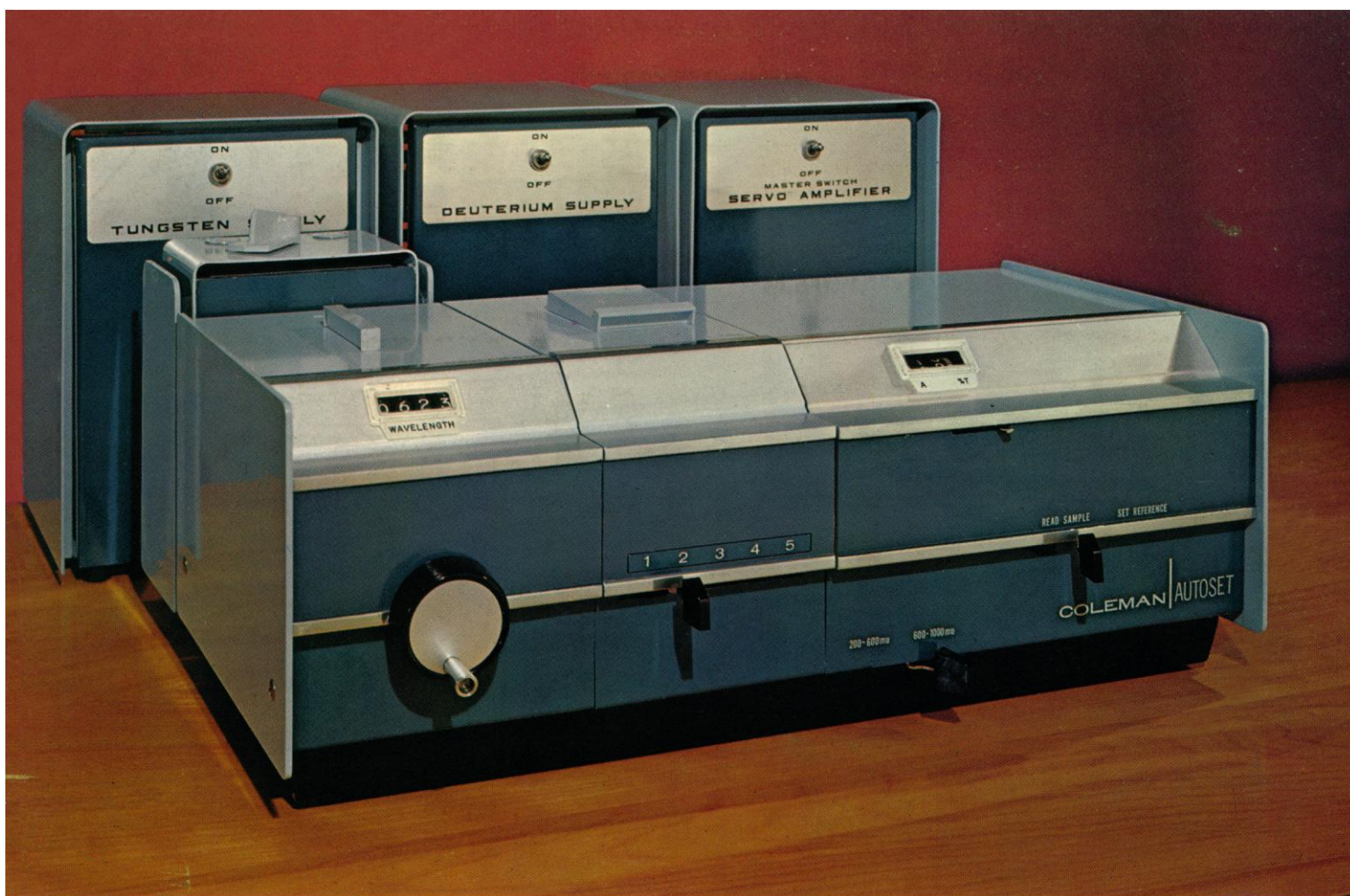
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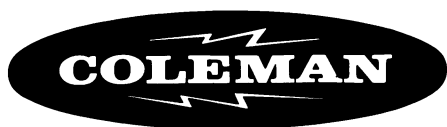
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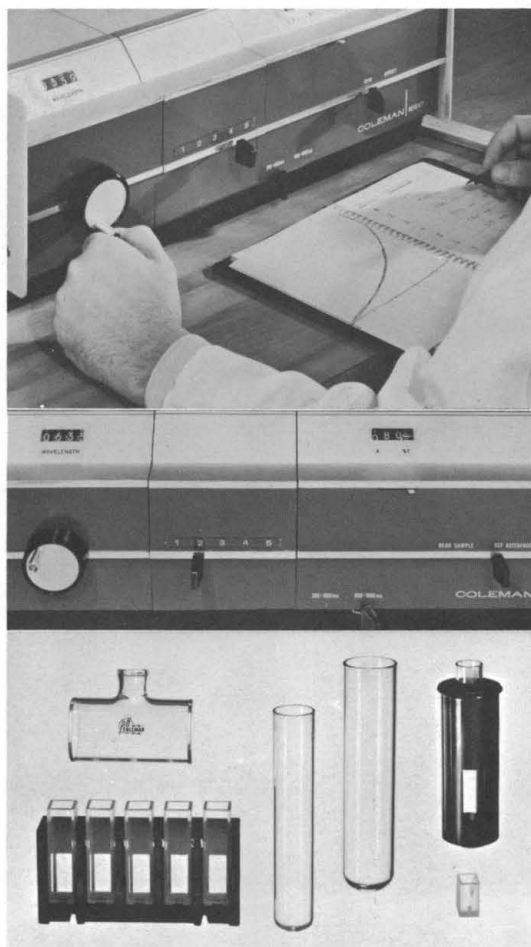
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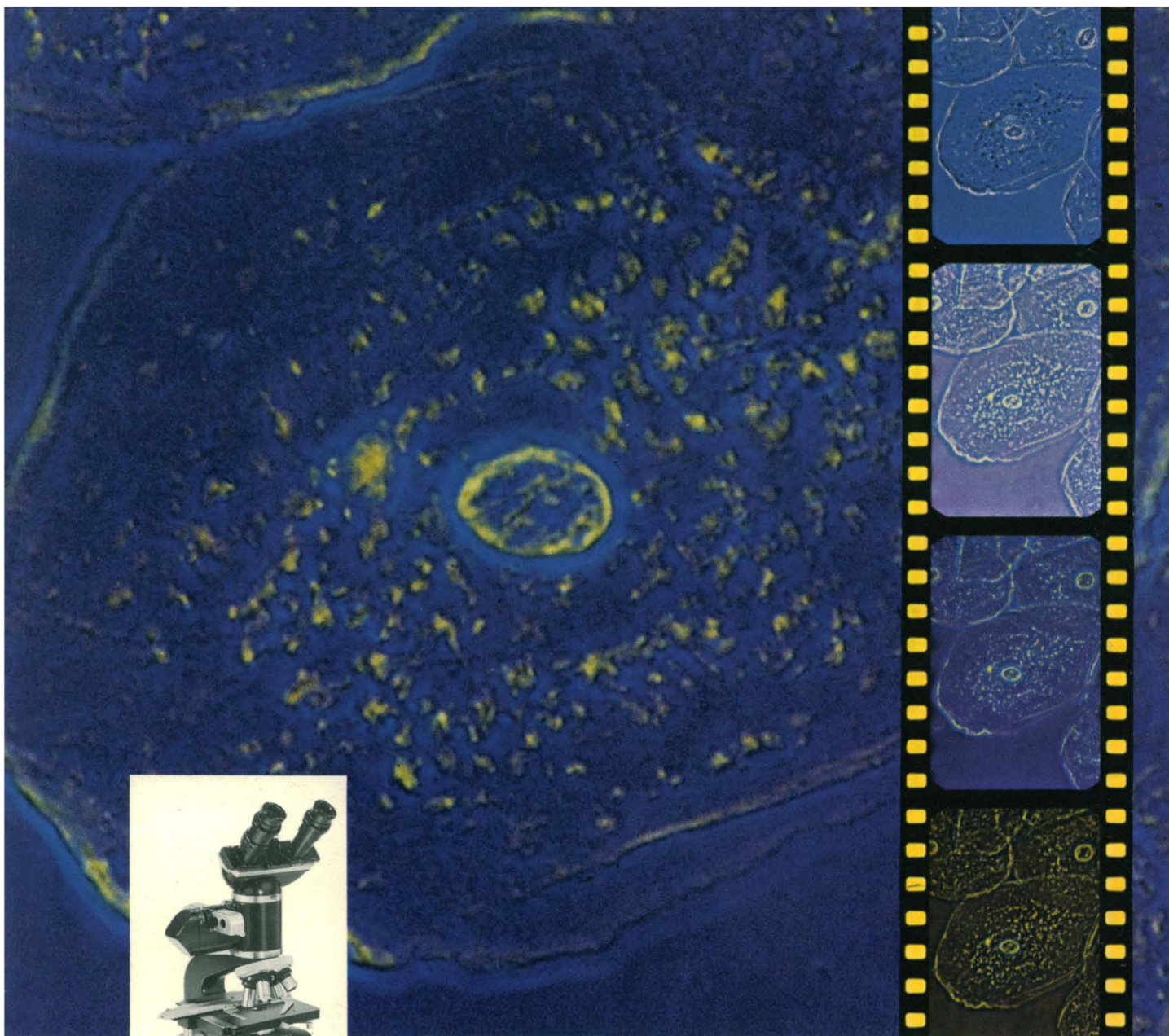
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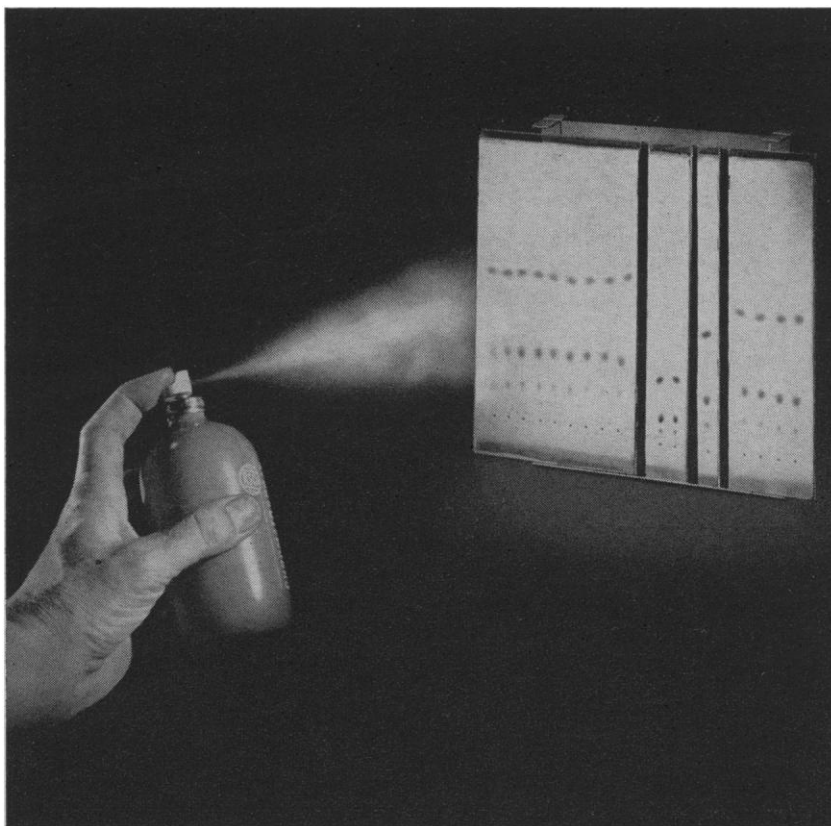
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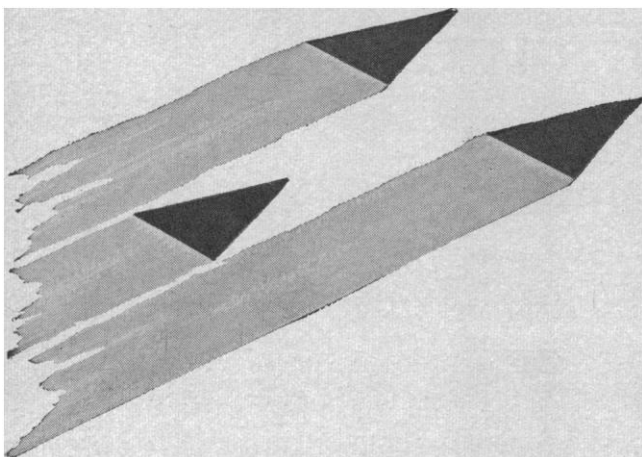
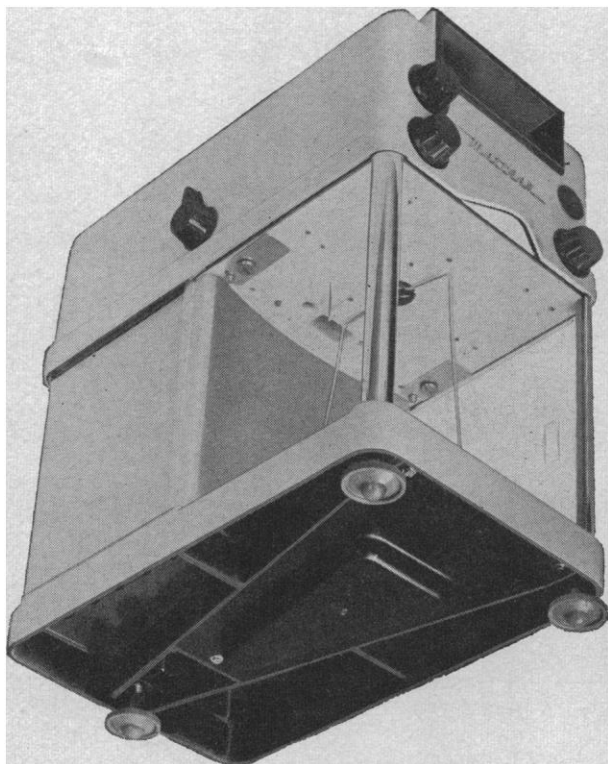
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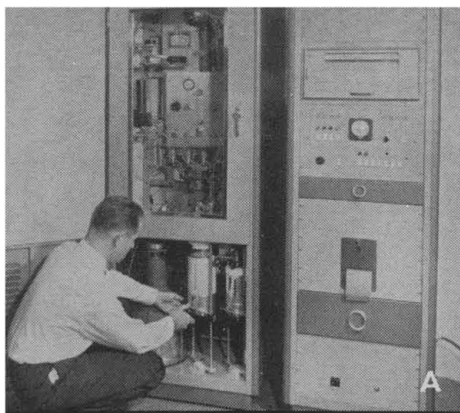
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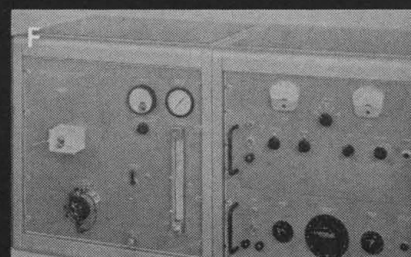
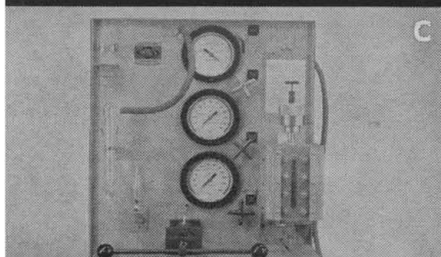
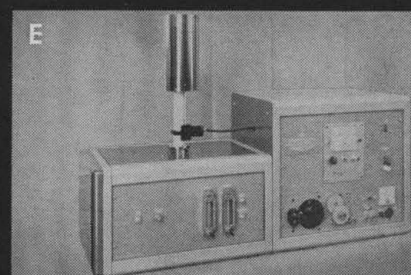
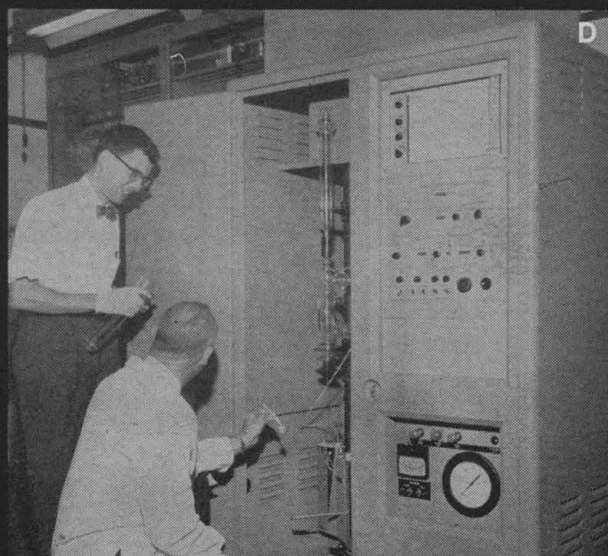
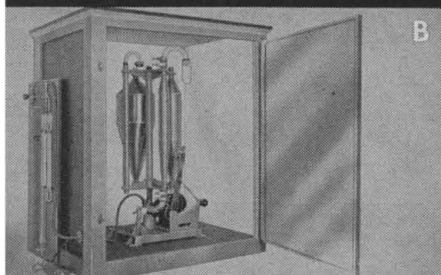
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Allison Will Build Mobile Atom Plant

Allison Awarded Atomic Contract

Multimillion-Dollar MCR Program at Allison Creates Opportunities for Scientists, Physicists, Engineers

\$60 Million Outlay in Few Years Expected

By CHARLES VAUGHAN, Business Editor

Picture on Page 10.

The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) today awarded a contract for construction of a mobile military reactor to Allison Division of General Motors. The contract puts Allison in the nuclear field as a prime contractor, a matter of utmost significance to the Midwest and Indianapolis, Allison officials said.

The contract is expected to involve an expenditure of at least \$60 million over the next few years.

Allison earlier had discussed logical projects now in the incubation stage. Allison would add a substantial number of scientists to those already at work on our research staff.

Preliminary studies to select the most promising approach were completed last year by Allison and United Nuclear.

Picture on Page 10.

\$60 Million Is Estimated for A-Power Generator Production

The Atomic Energy Commission today awarded Allison Division of General Motors a contract which may amount to \$60 million for building mobile atomic power generators.

Allison spokesmen described the award, which makes the division a prime contractor in the nuclear field on its first major attempt, as an important advance in the brainpower race to bring more nuclear and space contracts to Midwest industry.

While no specific sum was named in the announcement, it was estimated that the total could reach \$60 million.

Picture on Page 10.

Allison Expands For Nuclear Work

Allison Division of the General Motors Corporation is expanding its scientific and technical staff yesterday for the production of a mobile nuclear reactor for the Atomic Energy Commission.

The AEC, which awarded the contract yesterday, estimated that expenditures for the reactors might run as high as \$60,000,000.

The reactor, which was designed for military use and which is adaptable for civilian use, will be built at Allison's Indianapolis plant.

Picture on Page 10.

A Widening Circle

The success of Allison Division in Indianapolis in obtaining a multimillion-dollar defense contract will have an impact in Indiana much like a stone dropped into a pool of water.

The immediate splash is the prospect that the Atomic Energy Commission will spend up to \$60,000,000 with the General Motors Corporation division. In itself, this is a substantial order.

Purdue University shared in the program when it received a grant of \$10,000 for studies in shielding of atomic reactors. Allison says this research project "came about directly because we have work to do requiring advanced knowledge in how to protect against the hazards of radiation."

Allison is presently recruiting men with advanced degrees in science to work on the project. Such men will not only fill its contracts, but also will contribute to the community.

Picture on Page 10.

In Step With the Times

Allison's \$60 million contract to develop small atomic generators is an invigorating boost for Indianapolis and Indiana.

In addition to its obvious impact on jobs, it adds further diversity to an industrial complex here which already is remarkably and reassuringly varied.

It also provides a rebuttal to the gloomy prophets who predicted the demise of the atomic industries of the Midwest.

This project is right exciting times, and soon surely will bring to and munity some of the na and research experts.

GM gets Army contract to develop mobile nuclear reactor for field use

The Army is expanding its effort to develop a mobile nuclear-power reactor for field use. With one such reactor racking up a long string of successful tests, Army has just given General Motors Corp. the \$30-million to \$60-million job of developing an even more powerful lightweight field nuclear power plant.

The new reactor will be built by GM's Allison Div. in Indianapolis. It will use a liquid-metal coolant and operate with a power plant generating 3,000 kw. of electricity. That's seven times the output of the M-1, the Army's closed-cycle gas-cooled reactor already being developed.

Adabo, the Army's closed-cycle gas-cooled reactor already being developed.

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Allison—the energy conversion Division of General Motors—was selected by the AEC as prime contractor on the basis of company capability to act as systems manager for the complete project.

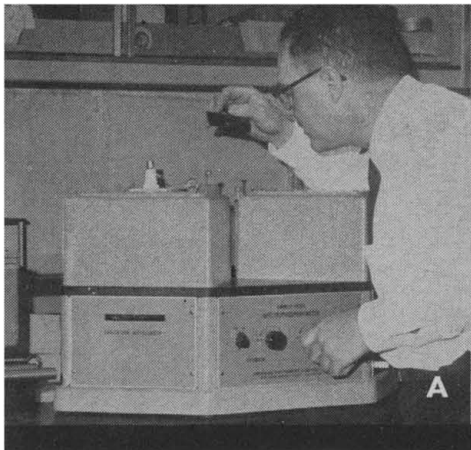
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In addition to the above improvements, a dozen new accessories are available to improve the instrument's versatility. Among these is a new unit that permits luminescence studies of SOLID SAMPLES.

New Grating Monochromator, "Building Block Concept"—

Permits the rapid transposition of components to form various configurations that will accomplish transmission studies (absorption, spectrophotometry); excitation investigations (fluorometry and phosphorimetry); and emission work (spectrophotofluorometry and spectro-phosphorimetry). *Photo B*

Building blocks include a basic monochromator, slit mechanism, optical bench, light sources, mirrors, cells and detector units. The instrument is suitable for work in the ultraviolet, visible and near infrared regions (up to 1200 millimicrons depending upon choice of gratings), and is especially well suited for low-level luminescence analysis.

New Britton Chance, Dual-Wavelength Spectrophotometer

—This new instrument rapidly alternates two variable wavelengths of monochromatic light through a single reaction cuvette, thus making possible an accurate distinction between scattered light and changes in absorbancy, even when working with highly turbid samples. Depending upon choice of grating, the instrument operates from the ultraviolet to the near infrared range and can detect density changes of 0.0004 under favorable conditions. Other significant features include self-compensating drift and random fluctuation control; examination of semi-opaque solutions with density as high as 3; cross illumination for photosynthesis studies; and a light collection design which permits measurement of light otherwise lost through scattering. The instrument has been used successfully in cytochrome oxidase investigations; oxidative phosphorylation; photosynthesis; metabolic control systems; reaction kinetics; and spectral studies of intermediate compounds in the visible and ultraviolet regions. *Photo C*

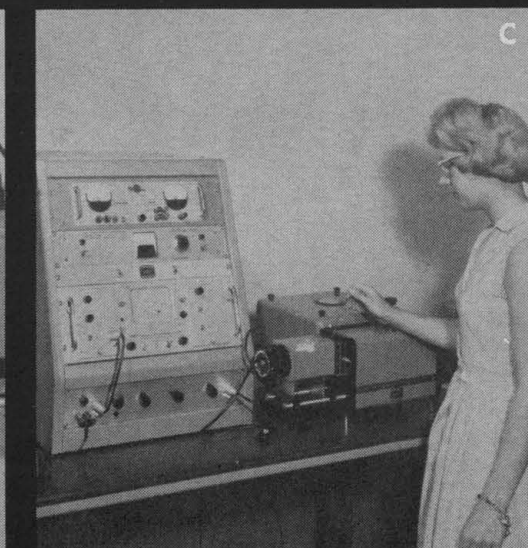
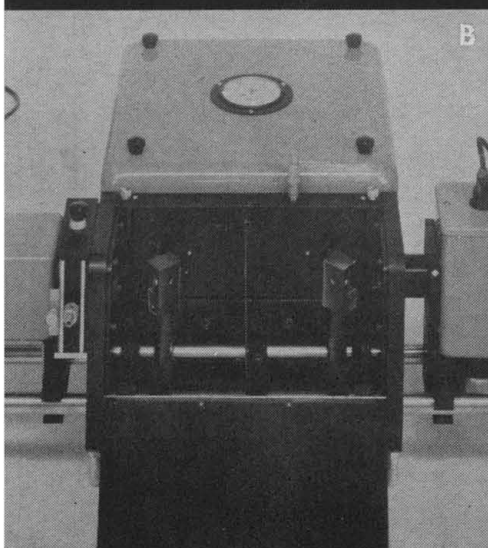
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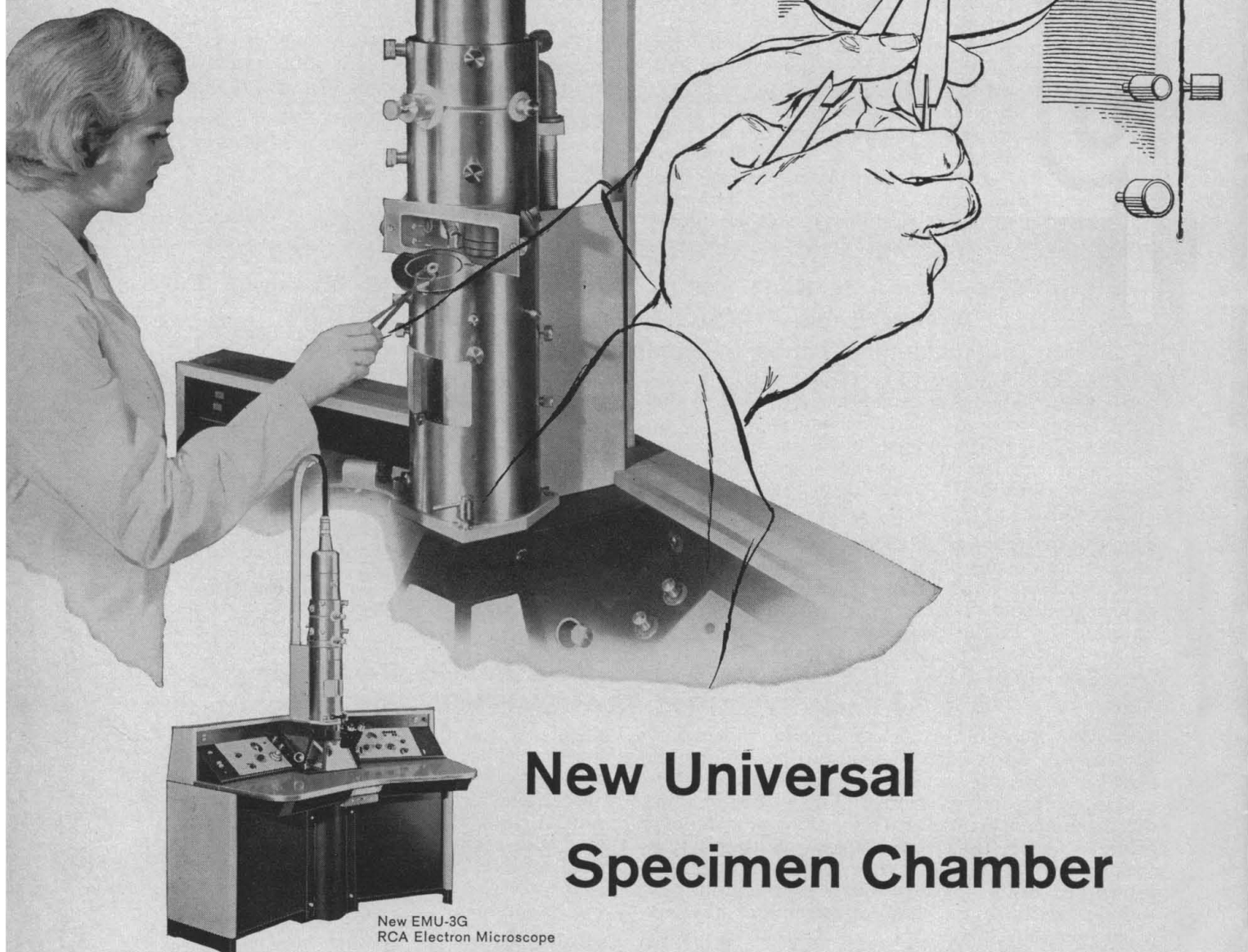
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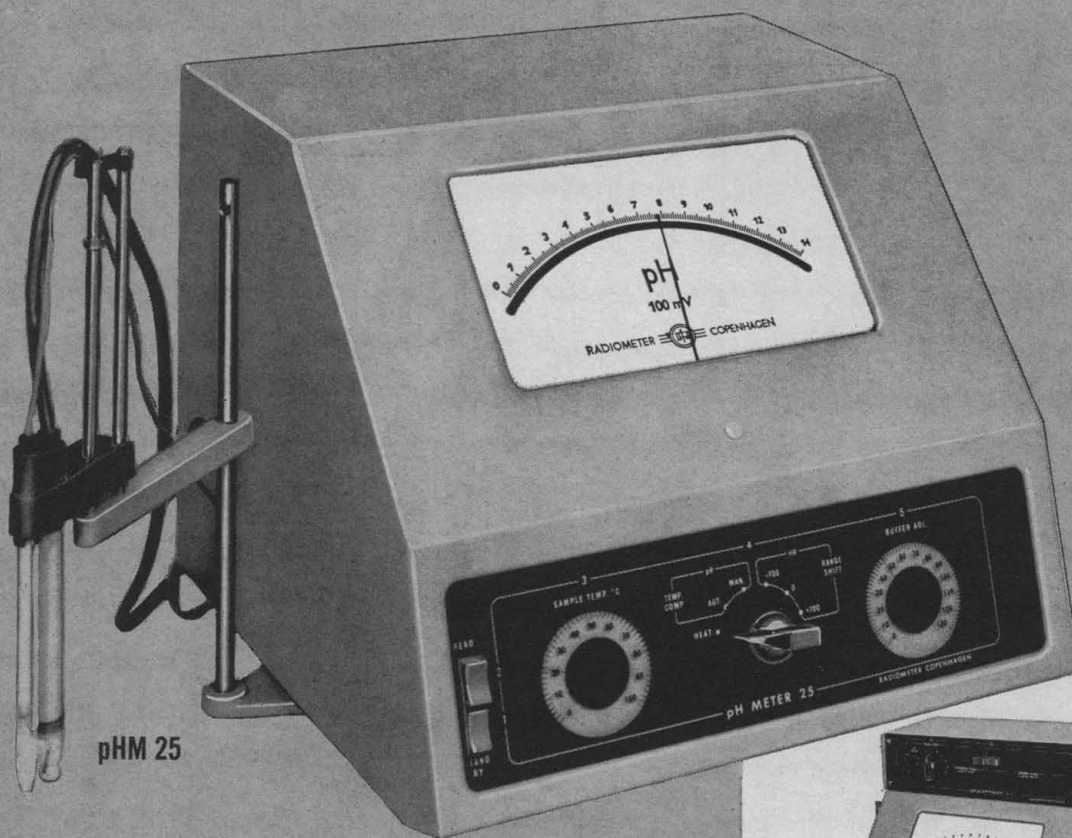
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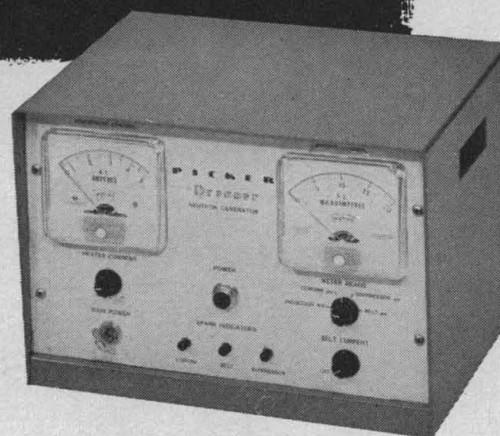
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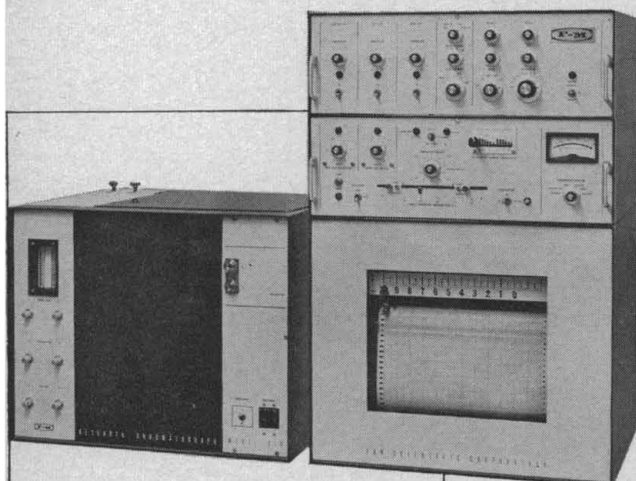
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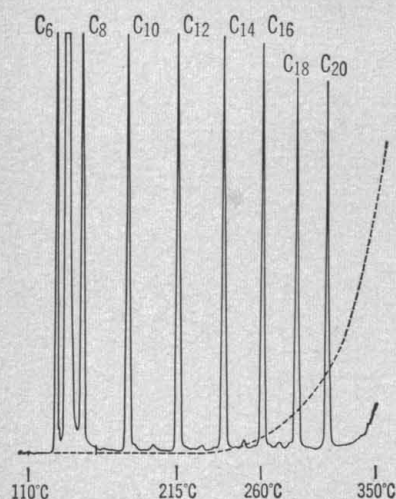
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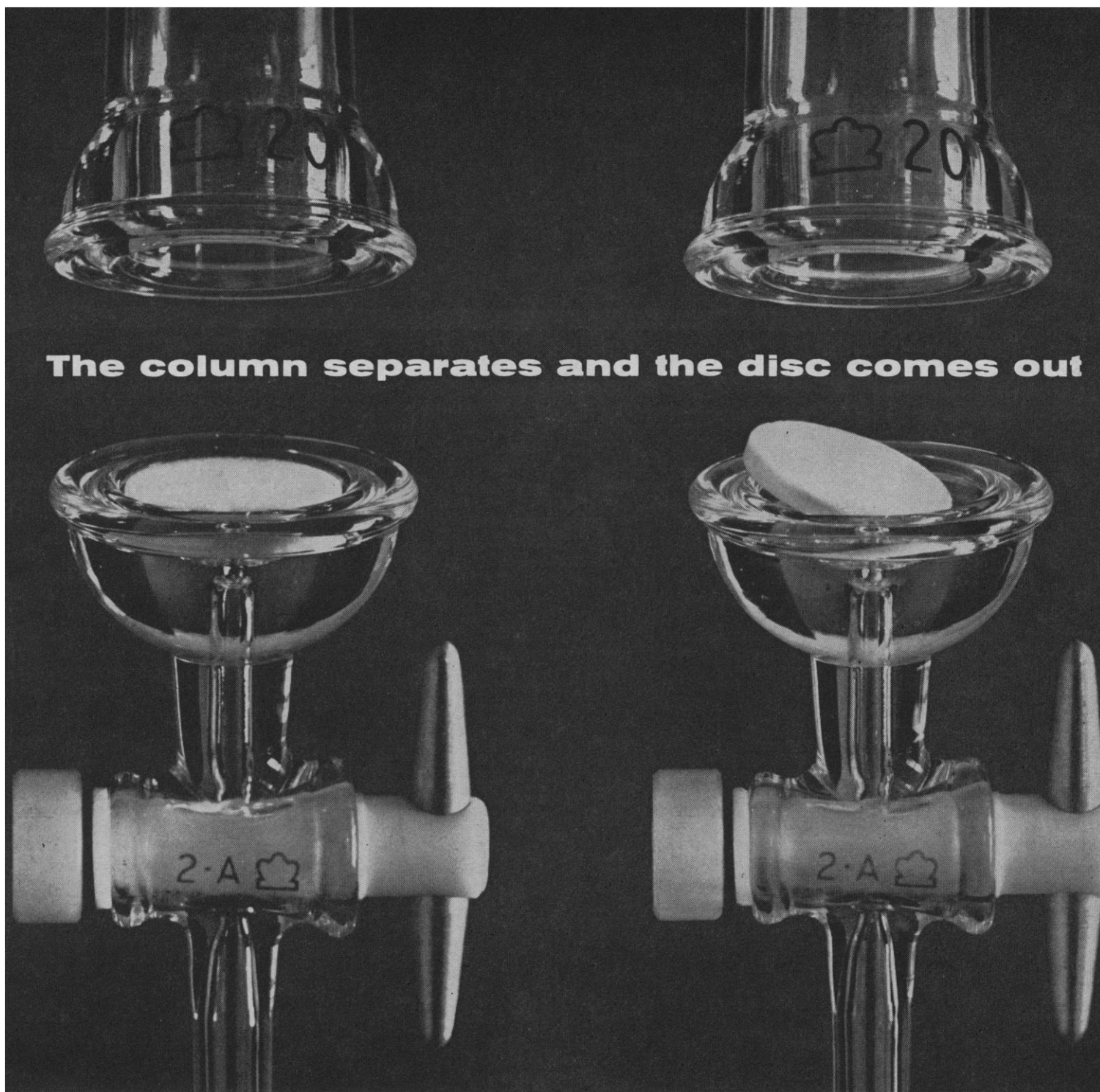
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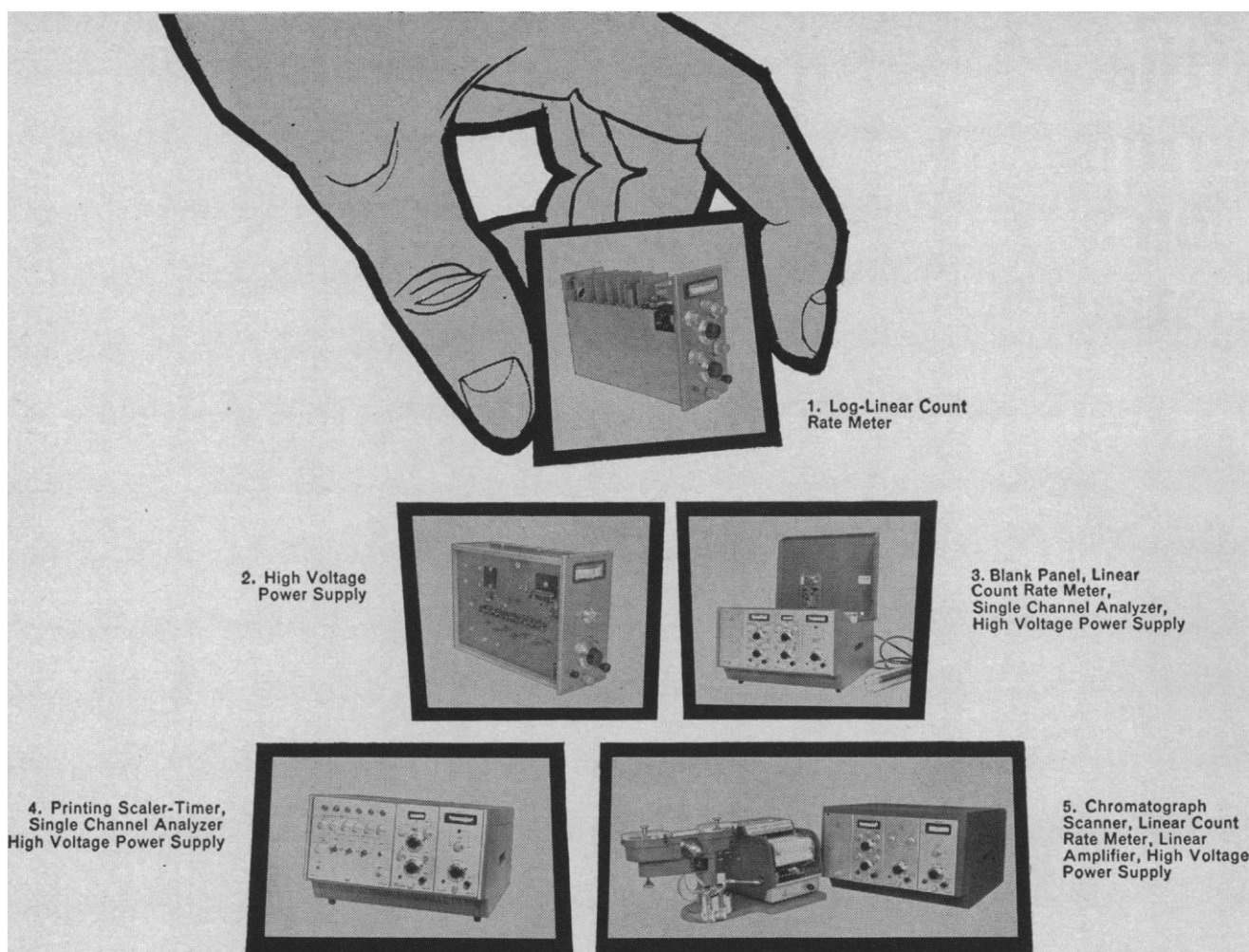
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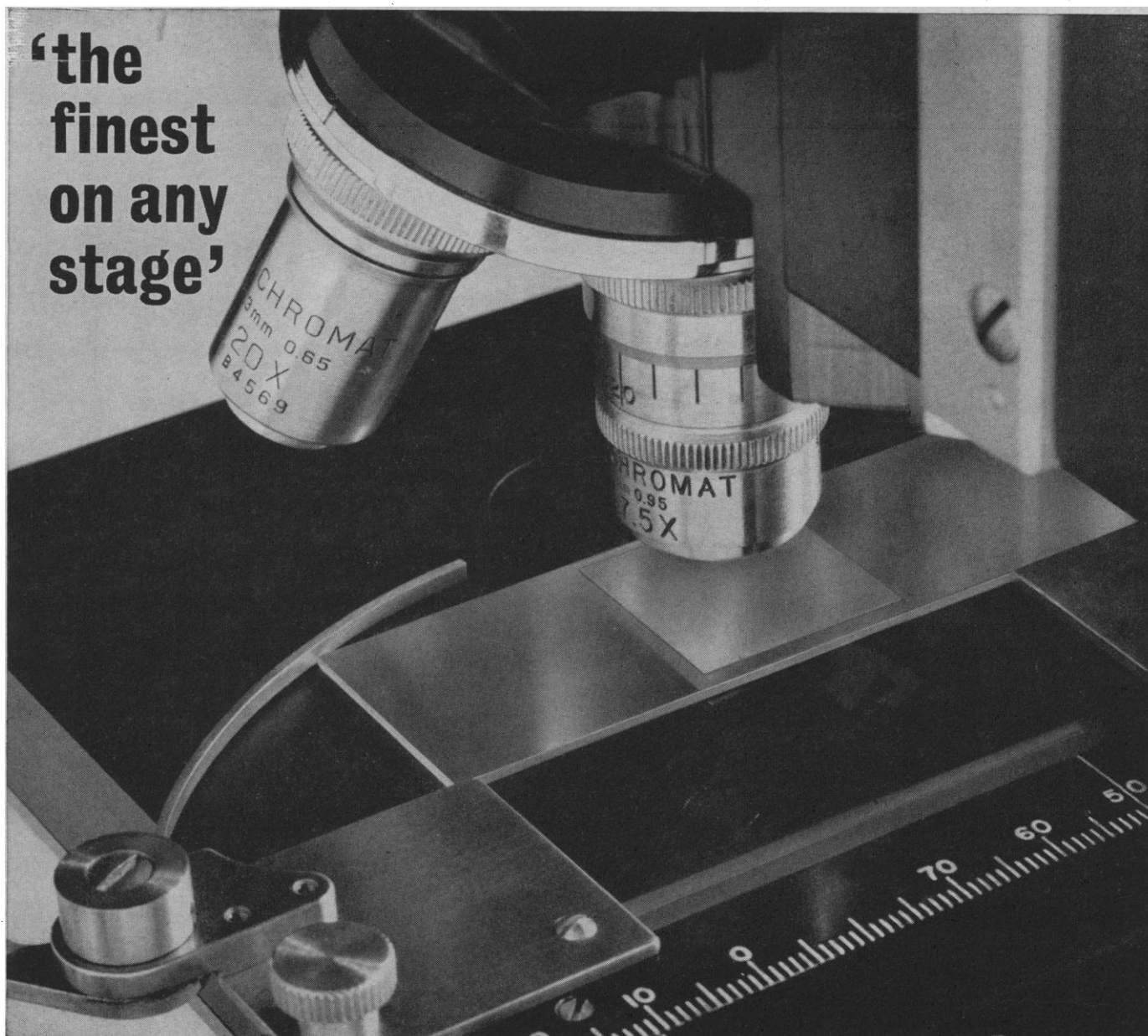
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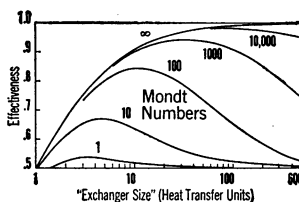
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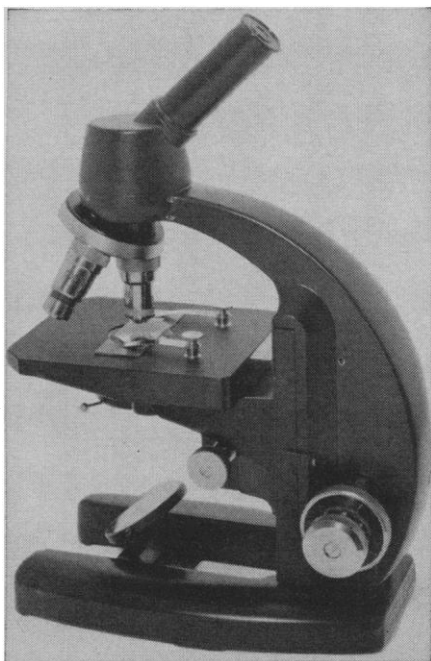
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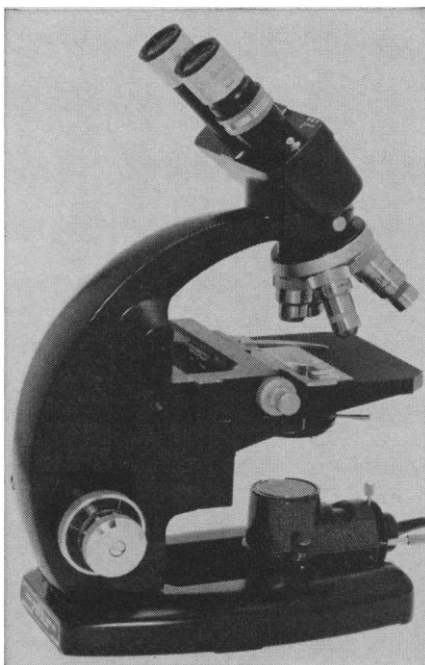
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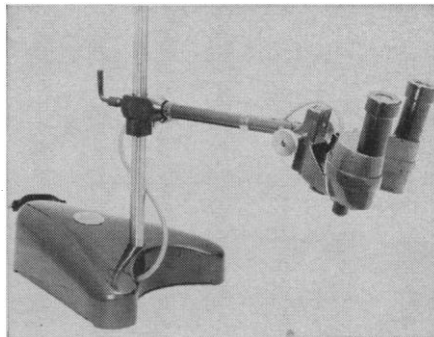


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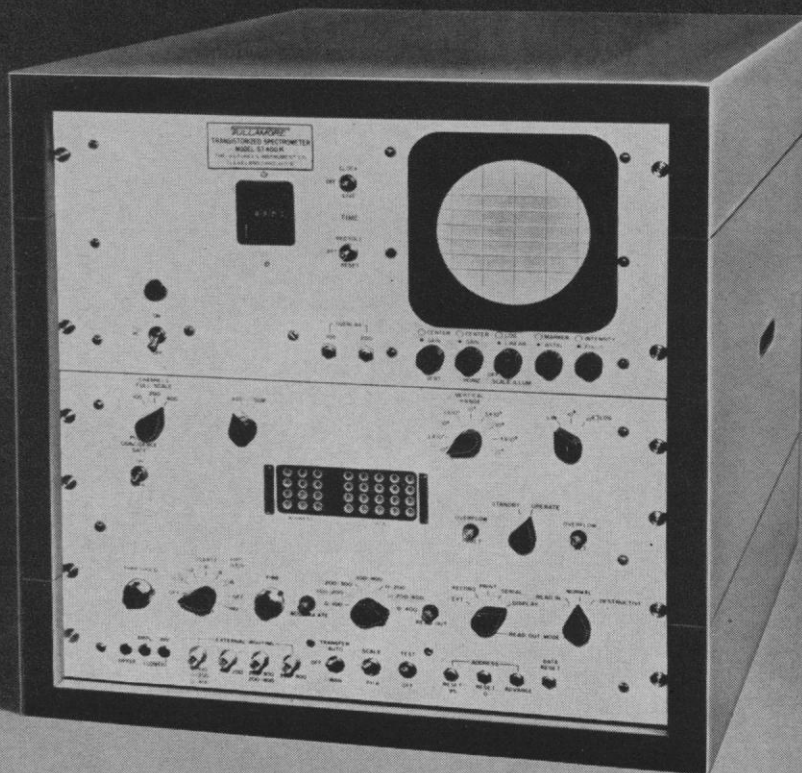
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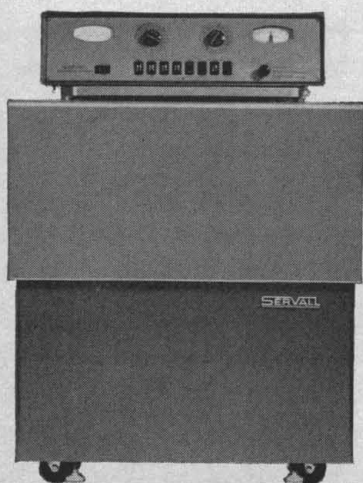
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of publication. I have known a professor who was not granted tenure because of lack of publication despite the fact that he was a gifted educator. I have also listened to professors speak disdainfully of educating undergraduates and profess their primary goal of attaining scientific stature through writing. It appears that too much sophistication is overpowering the virtue of humility which apparently was held in higher esteem by bygone academic generations.

The plethora of scientific material is only beginning to plague us and the present educational system has, as noted by Hubbert, constrained most of us to select some limited domain. We are succeeding in producing a large population that is able to read but unable to distinguish worthwhile reading. The end results are confusion, stifling of creative thought, and ironically, suppression of education. From the utilitarian viewpoint, we have succeeded in concocting a truly wondrous paper mill.

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Anyone familiar with the government support of scientific education and research in American colleges and universities can only be astonished at the gross errors and misinterpretations of this situation contained in the article by M. King Hubbert. The errors and the misinterpretations are especially surprising in view of Hubbert's own admonition in the early part of his article that "the acceptance of any conclusion, valid or otherwise, by an individual who is not familiar with the observational data on which it is based and the logic by which it is derived is a negation of science . . ."

The source of most of Hubbert's errors is contained in his Table 1 entitled "Federal contract support of rep-

resentative endowed universities, 1958-59". The figures in every line of that table, except one, are wrong—many of them grossly wrong—and the entire table is misinterpreted within the body of the article.

The figures given in his table for the "Total income" and the "Income from contracts" of a selected group of private universities are obtained from the volume *American Universities and Colleges* (American Council on Education, Washington, D.C., ed. 8, 1960). This is an excellent volume for general information about the organization, admission requirements, curricular offerings, enrollments, and fees of the colleges and universities of America. It is not, however, a suitable source for financial data from which important conclusions are to be drawn. The figures reproduced are sketchy at best; they follow no uniform pattern and do not pretend to be a complete statement of the institution's financial situation. The financial statement is normally contained in a short paragraph of five to six lines, giving only such figures as the college itself deems pertinent to this particular volume. The least that could have been done by an author pretending to be "familiar with the observational data" and wishing to draw sweeping conclusions therefrom would be to consult the official annual financial reports of the universities concerned. Figures drawn from these reports are shown in Table 1.

The important point is to note the contrast between the figures given in the last two columns of this table. For example, Hubbert concludes that Caltech receives 88 percent of its "operating income" from government sources. The true figure is 38 percent.

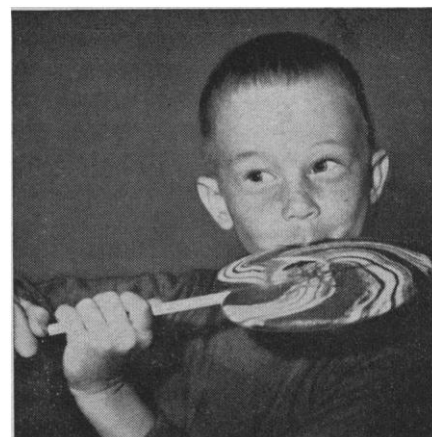
The differences between the two sets of figures for the first three institutions result from the fact that Hubbert's table includes in "Total income" and "Income from contracts" the costs of oper-

Table 1. Financial data for selected private universities, 1958-59. Figures for Rice University are omitted since its report was not in our files. Hubbert's figures are given in parentheses for comparison.

University	Total income for campus operations (\$)		U.S. Government grants and contracts			
			(\$)		(%)	
Caltech	11,564,530	(60,675,342)	4,343,605	(53,600,442)	38	(88)
M.I.T.	49,378,129	(101,386,000)	28,444,832	(67,276,000)	58	(66)
Chicago	51,073,083	(103,771,777)	10,787,065	(61,531,262)	21	(59)
Princeton	31,563,460	(31,563,000)	17,511,579	(17,723,000)	55	(56)
Harvard	67,292,489	(67,292,489)	13,053,342	(16,307,946)	19	(24)
Stanford	33,521,000	(34,663,961)	11,180,158	(8,312,208)	33	(24)
Yale	32,978,787	(36,985,998)	5,207,431*	(0)	16	(0)

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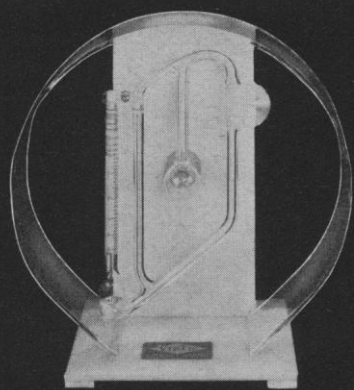
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ating large off-campus facilities (the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Lincoln Laboratory, and the Argonne National Laboratory, respectively) which have only a remote relation to the campus programs and do not constitute "support" for such programs. The funds received and expended for these large national laboratories are removed from the amounts I have set down.

As an example of another error, the M.I.T. entry in *American Universities and Colleges* includes under "contract research and services" a figure which encompasses both government and non-government research support. The non-government, mostly industrial, support amounts to \$3,144,000.

Finally, the astonishing entry in Hubbert's table indicating that Yale receives no government support is a conclusion he draws from the fact that the Yale entry in *AUC* simply fails to mention the university's government contract and grant figure. Yale's annual report, however, for 1958-59 shows \$5,207,431 in "gifts" (that is, grants) from federal agencies. The report does not mention "contracts," though it is known that such contracts do exist in addition. Anyone familiar with the scope and high distinction of the Yale program of research and graduate education knows perfectly well that a substantial portion of it is of high enough quality to command support from government sources—as are such programs at every major university, both public and private, in the country. A university would be doing its faculty a gross injustice if it declined to accept government funds to support their research.

Hubbert comments at some length on his incorrect figures. He says, in the first place, that "universities have entered the field of big business by becoming the operators, under government contracts, of several very large industrial-research laboratories." Many individuals join with Hubbert in their doubts as to whether the management of such national laboratories is a proper university function. Universities engaged in such operations are doing it because they have been persuaded it is in the national interest to do so. Whatever the merits of this argument, however, it is incorrect to say that the universities are in the field of "big business" or that these are "industrial-research laboratories." These are all scientific research and development laboratories doing both basic and applied research in some fields of im-

portant national interest—for example, electronic systems for national defense, nuclear energy, space research. For a variety of reasons (too lengthy to discuss here) such laboratories cannot be well operated either by commercial corporations or by the government itself. The universities have filled an important gap.

In any case, these laboratories are off-campus establishments; no faculty member is required to be involved in them and very few, often none, are so involved. They exert no necessary influence on the academic program of the institution unless members of the academic staff find it useful to employ in the teaching program some of the exceptional talents which these laboratories often attract. To state that "the effect upon the universities of this type of diversion has been devastating" is to make an assertion quite contrary to the truth, even though certain "headaches" have often been involved.

As one proceeds from the off-campus establishments to the on-campus support of research and education by the government, one finds Hubbert still drawing unjustified conclusions. The universities which he mentions can, by no stretch of the imagination, come under his description of "essentially war-research laboratories employing large staffs of nonacademic personnel" or even as "large centers of applied research." The funds provided to these institutions by such agencies as the U.S. Public Health Service, the National Science Foundation, the Office of Naval Research, and the Atomic Energy Commission, are almost entirely devoted to basic research. Caltech, for example, has not a single classified military research project in progress on the campus, and most of the other institutions have adopted essentially the same policy. On the contrary, vastly important and exciting basic research projects are being supported in fundamental nuclear physics, in seismology, geophysics, and astronomy, in genetics, biochemistry, and plant physiology, in the various areas of chemistry—programs of the "pure research" type which universities have long cherished and which thrive primarily and to best advantage in the university atmosphere. That government agencies have seen fit to support such basic research is a tribute to the wisdom and farsightedness of these agencies. It is surely obvious that the extensive and high-quality programs of

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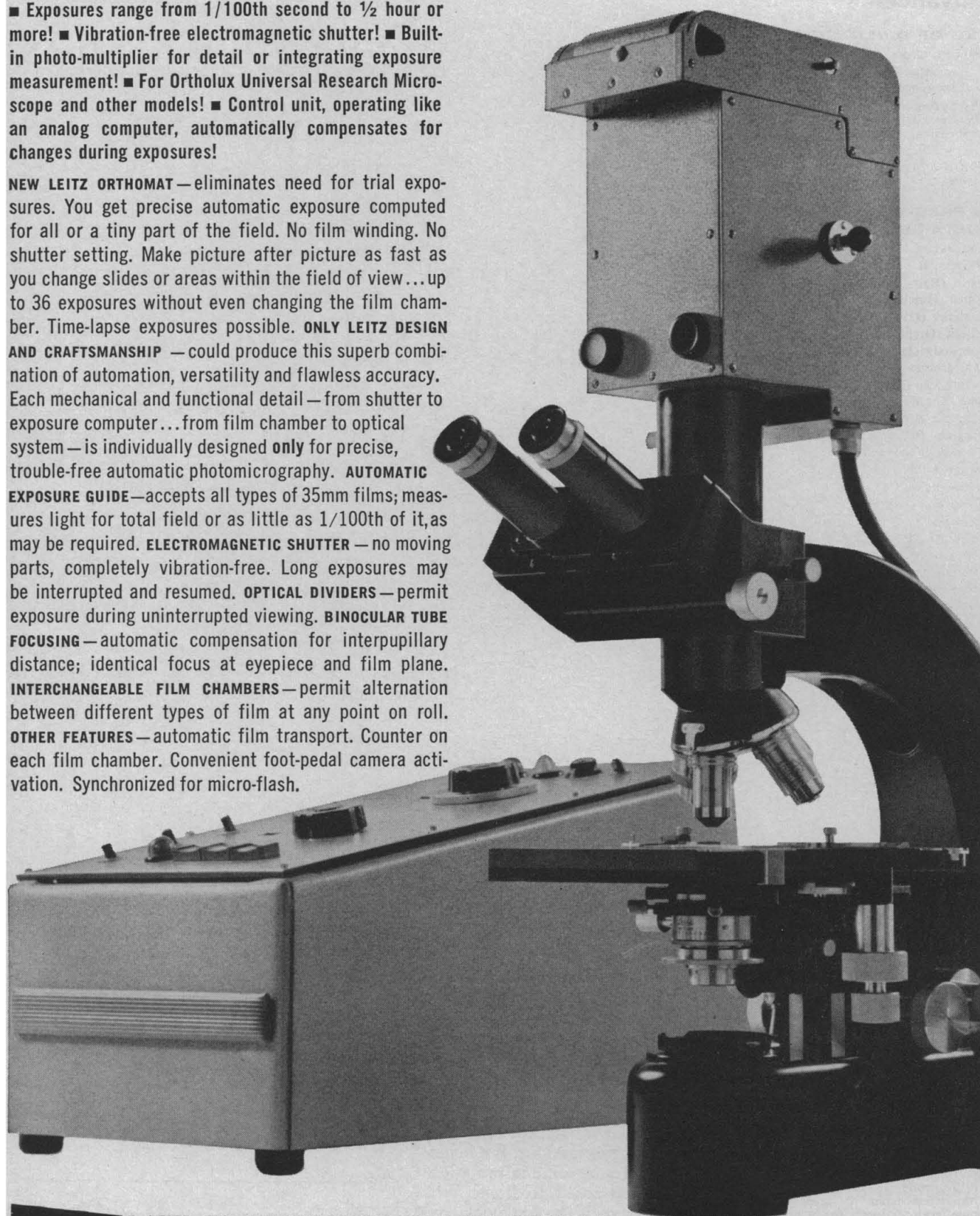
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Some Needed Reforms

The scientific community has been curiously flabby in reacting to evolutionary trends which challenge the vitality of science. Modes of communication which were adequate 50 years ago have not been altered, in spite of the vast increase in numbers of scientists. The annual round of spring meetings reminds us that these great national gatherings are losing their effectiveness as media for scientific communication. At the recent Atlantic City meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology there were 3138 papers presented and as many as 34 simultaneous sessions. There are comparable situations in other areas of science. Planning one's program of attendance on such occasions can be frustrating, for one notes numerous papers of interest but discovers that many of the attractive presentations are being given concurrently. All too often the harassed scientist cannot make up his mind and foregoes all of the choices.

The proliferation of scientific literature has comparable negative aspects. Faced with a flood of material, no man can do more than sample the publications appearing in his immediate field and in the relevant neighboring disciplines. Here, too, each scientist has a breaking point at which he gives up on the effort to follow new developments.

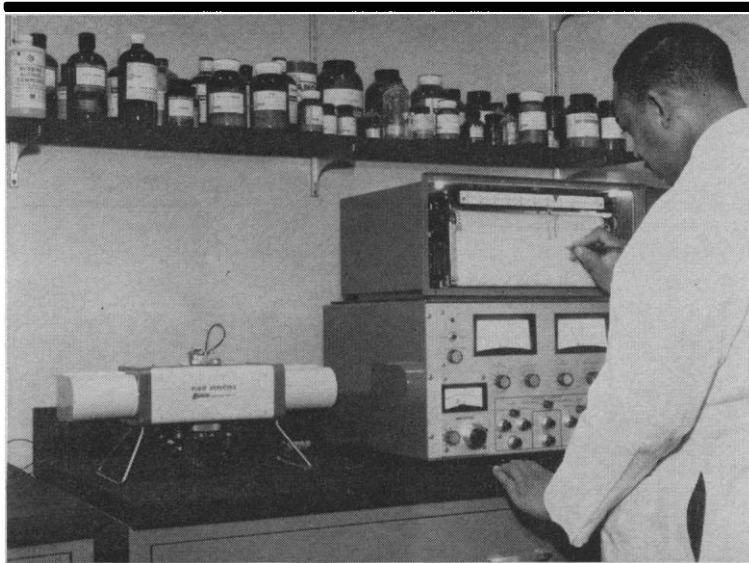
Instead of tackling these communication problems we have ignored them, and we have retrogressed, for we have allowed our standards to deteriorate. We permit and even encourage scientists to deliver virtually the same lecture at meeting after meeting. It is annoying and wasteful to make a special effort to hear a paper only to find that the speaker is repeating, almost verbatim, material he has presented earlier.

This tendency toward repeated presentation has also affected the literature. I have noted instances in which basically the same article has appeared more than five times. This repetition is compounded in the structure of the usual scientific paper. A scientist will obtain one new result, the essence of which can be stated in a paragraph and a table. In the standard minuet, he expands the paragraph to ten pages as he describes his new fact in the abstract and presents it again in introduction, discussion, conclusion, and summary. When such a paper is published repeatedly, the author can easily succeed in restating his basic paragraph several dozen times.

The present communication problems could be greatly ameliorated if the scientific community would adopt a tougher standard of what is acceptable. If editorial policies were tightened, the amount of material appearing could be cut to a quarter of the present volume with no essential loss. This tougher approach might well take the form of a stern attitude toward repeated publication of the same material. It would require some reforms in the conventional structure of papers, so that key ideas would not be repeated so many times. It might be necessary to suppress the tendency toward premature publication of fragmentary results.

A parallel toughening in our approach to scientific meetings also would be useful, and the number of sessions could be cut drastically without much loss.

Such needed reforms would have obvious beneficial consequences. To implement them requires courage on the part of editors and officers of societies and generous cooperation and understanding on the part of scientists-at-large.—P.H.A.



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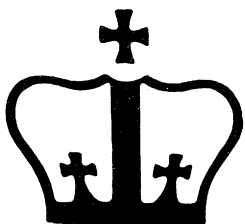
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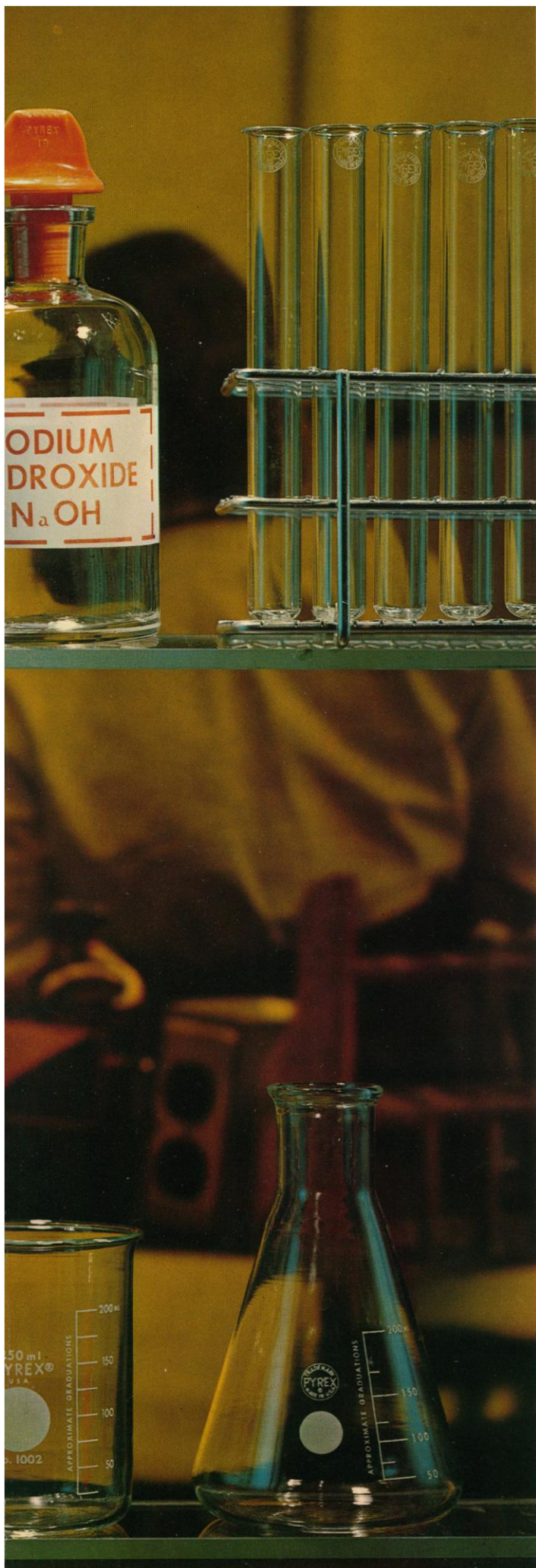
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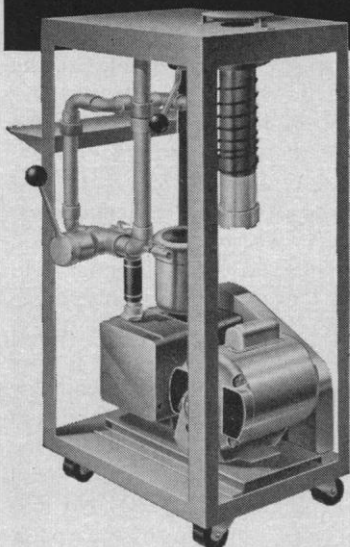
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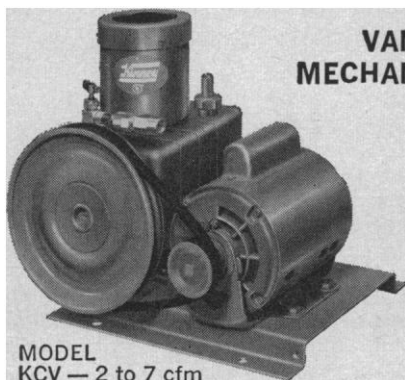
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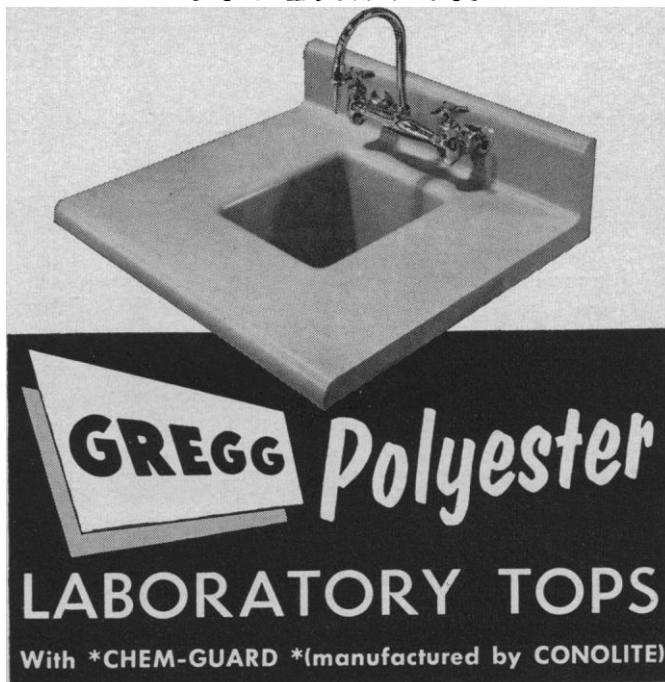
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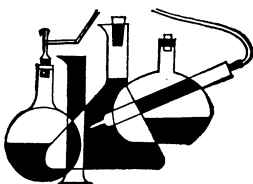
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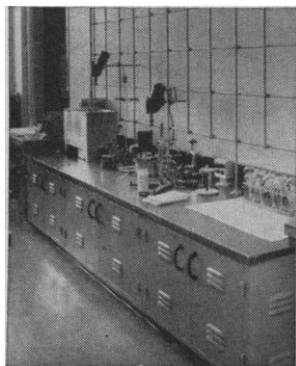
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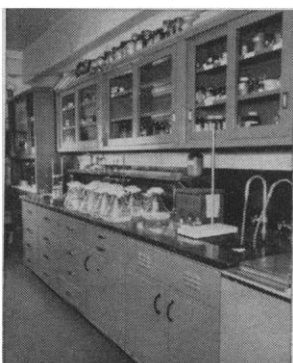
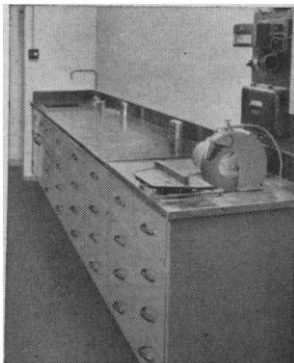


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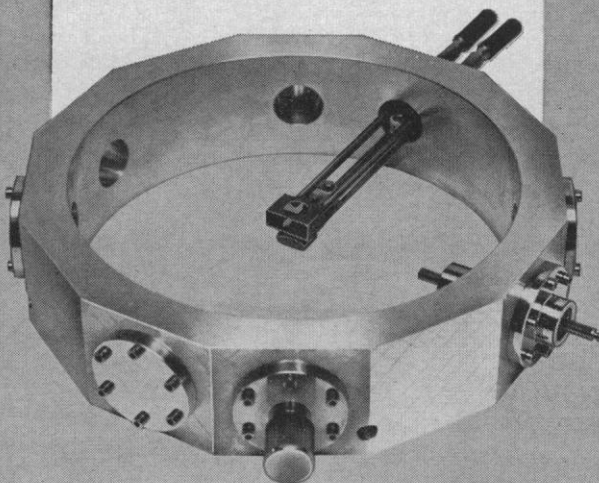
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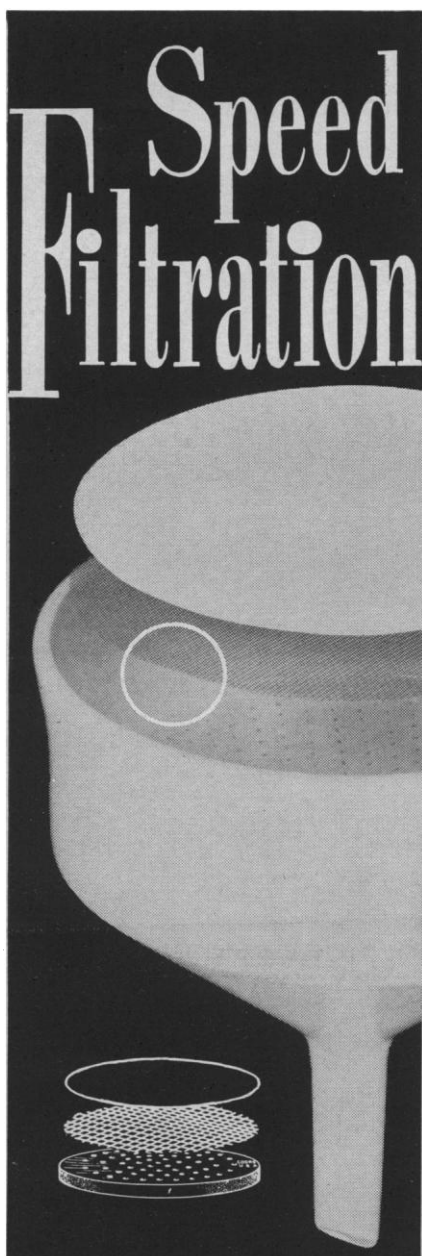
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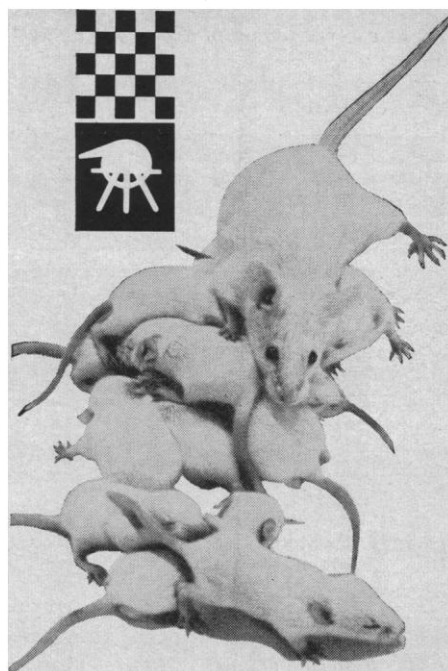
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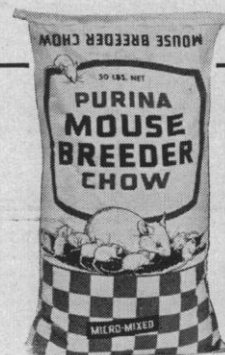
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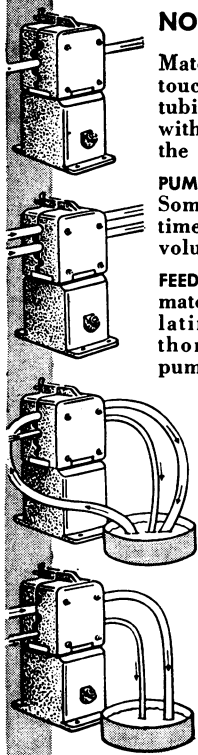
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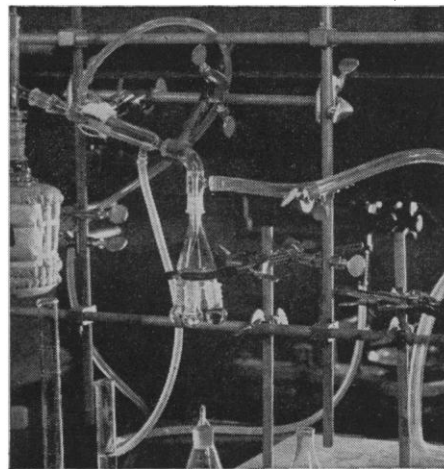
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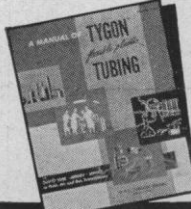
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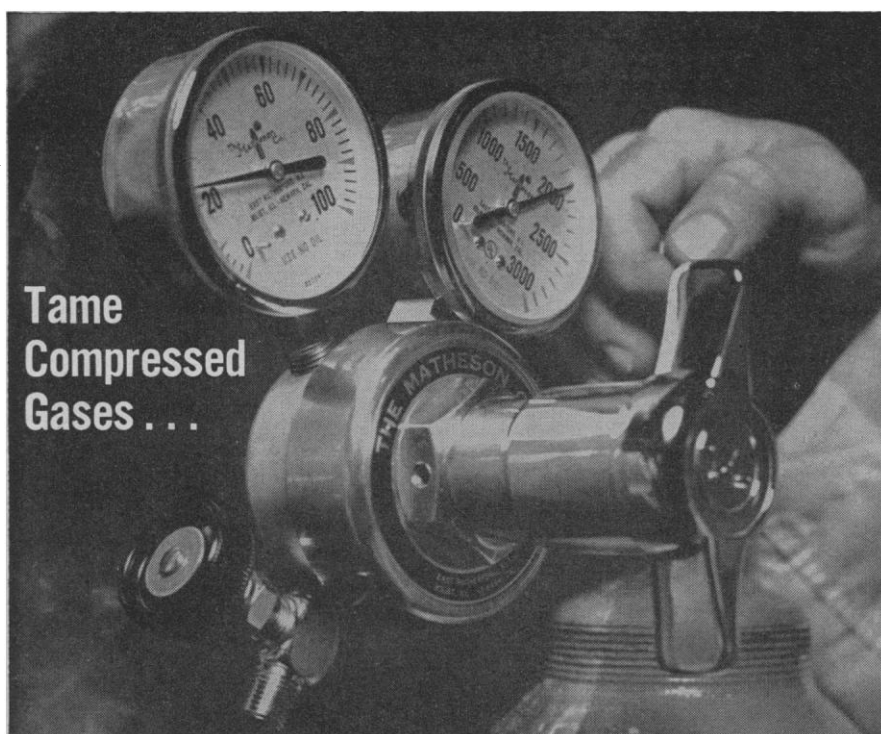
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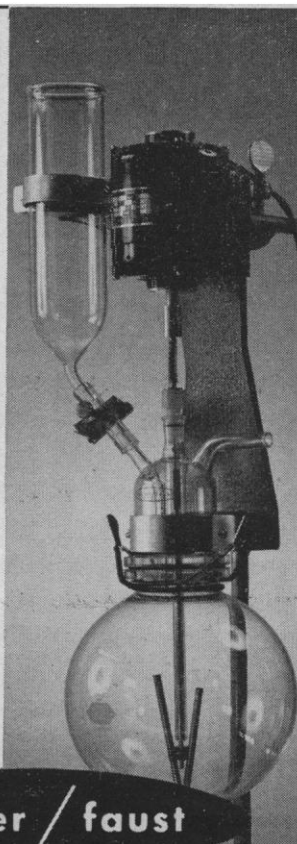
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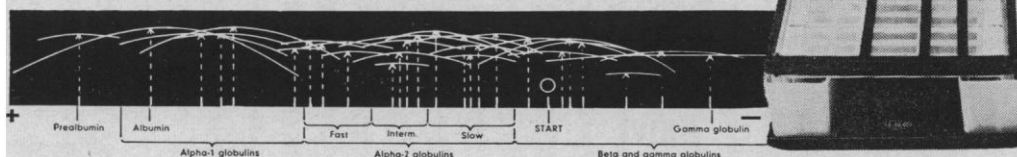
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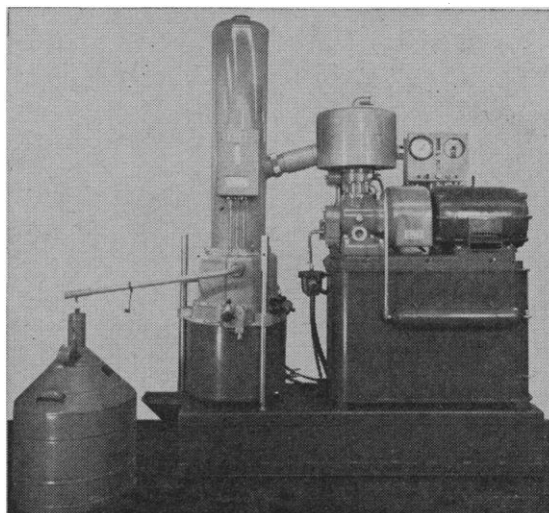
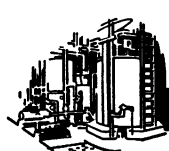
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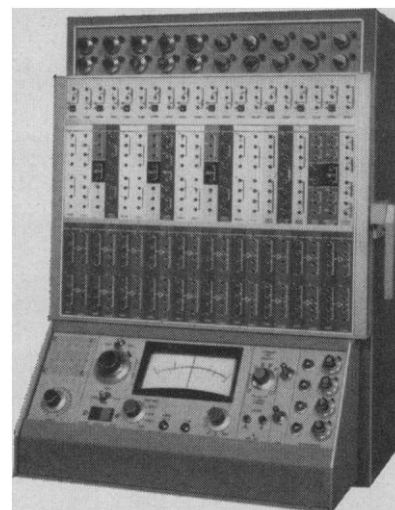
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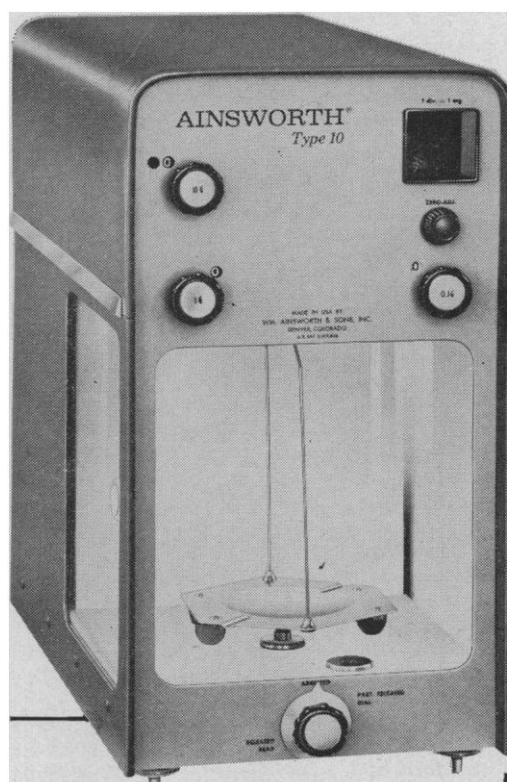
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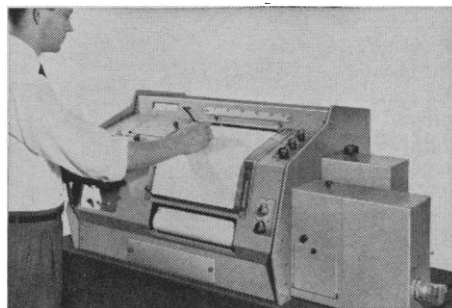
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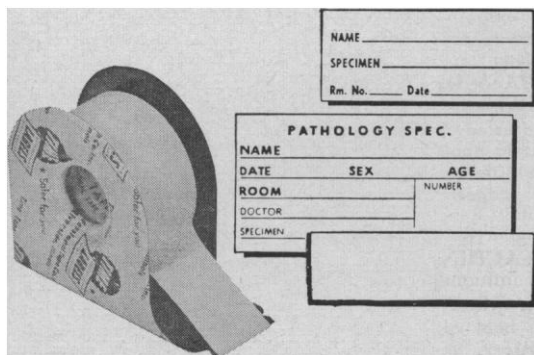
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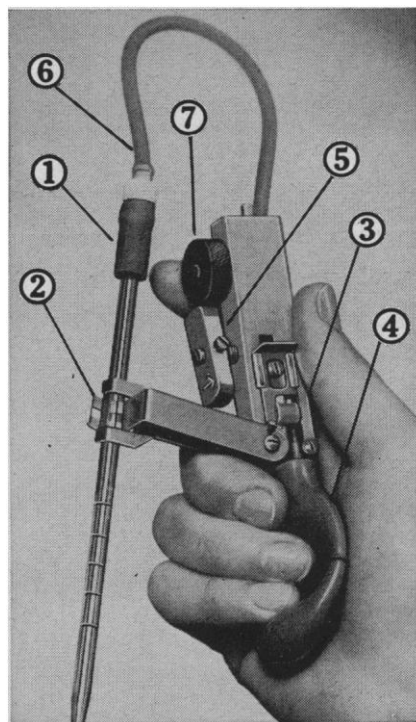
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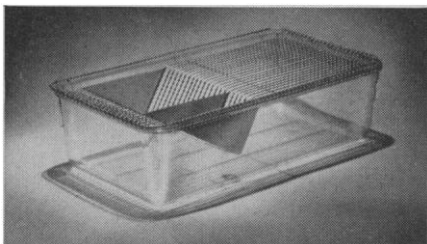


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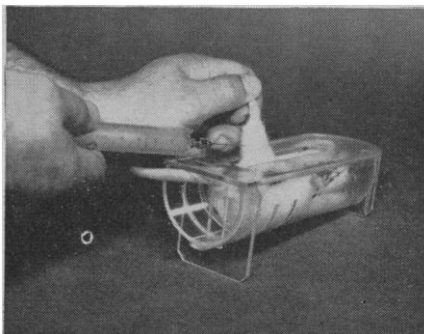
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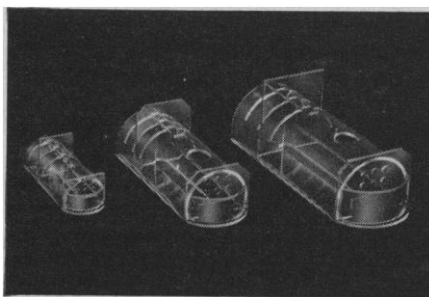
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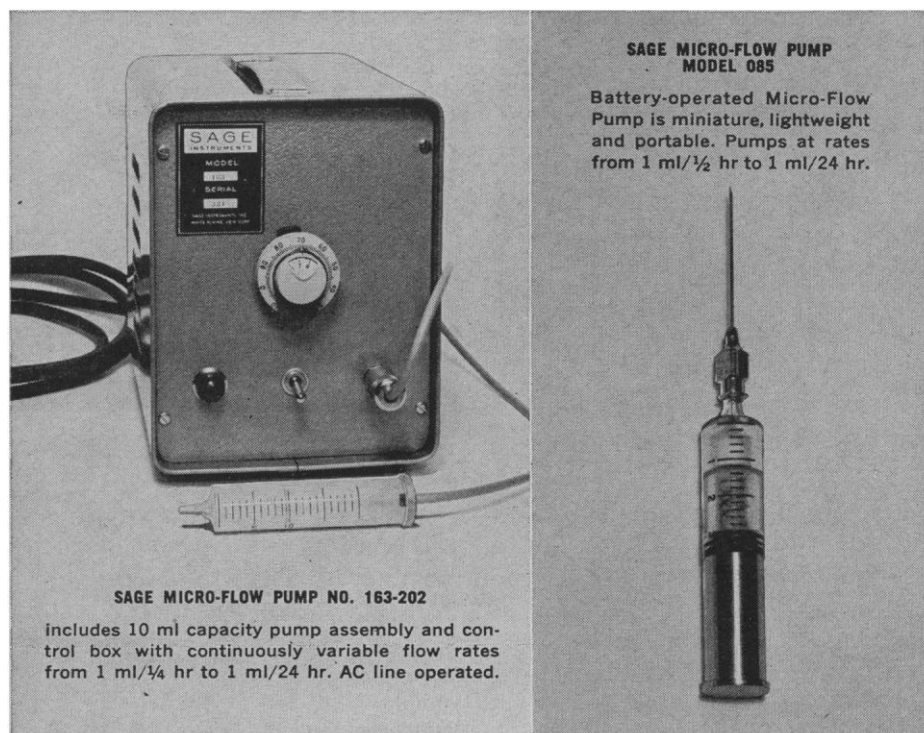
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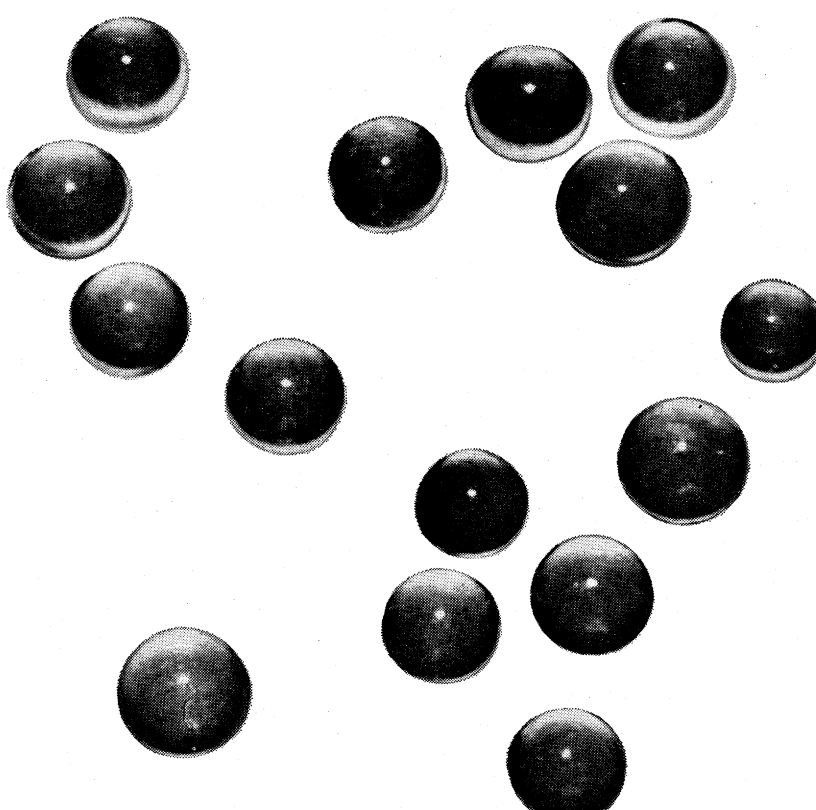
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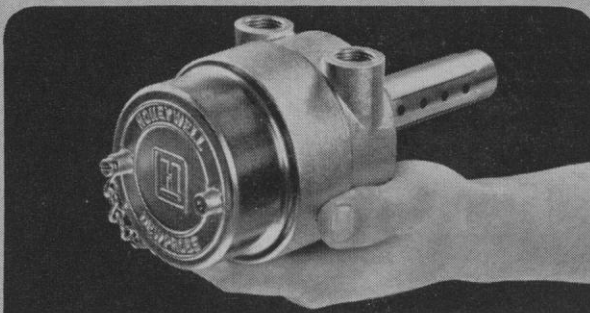
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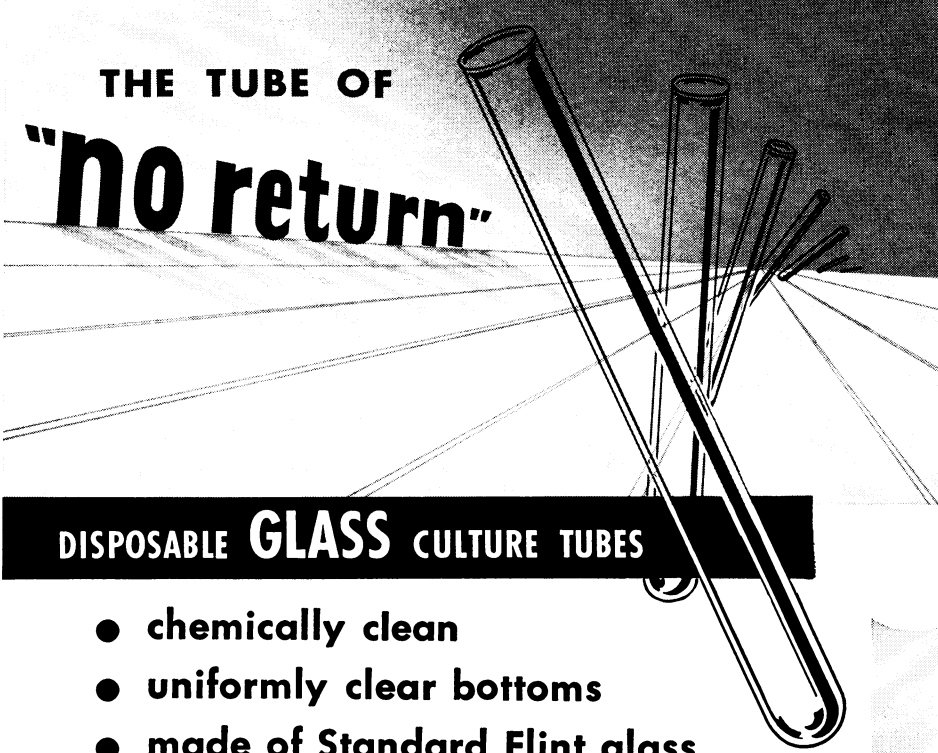
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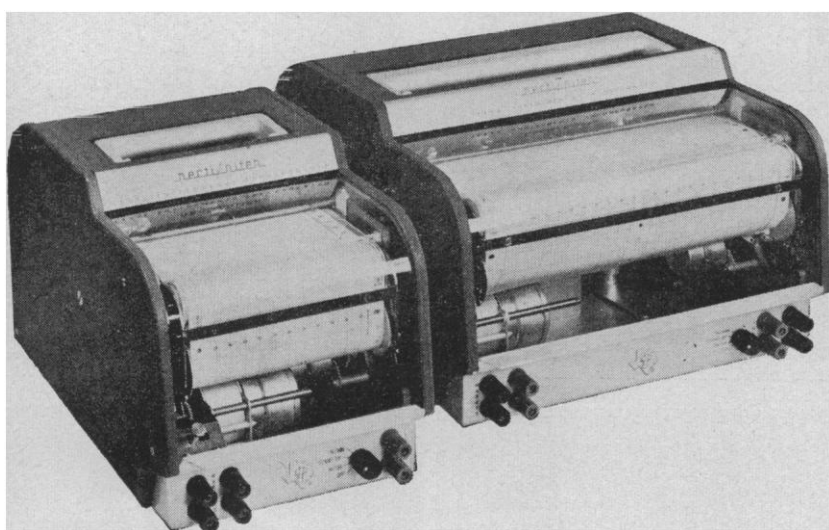
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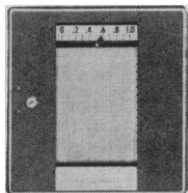
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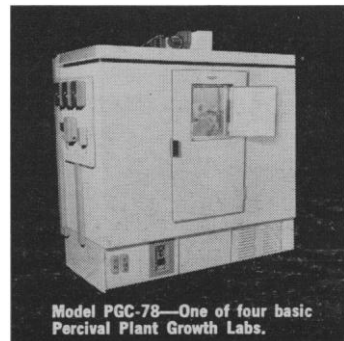
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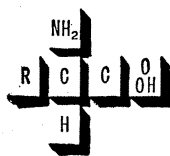
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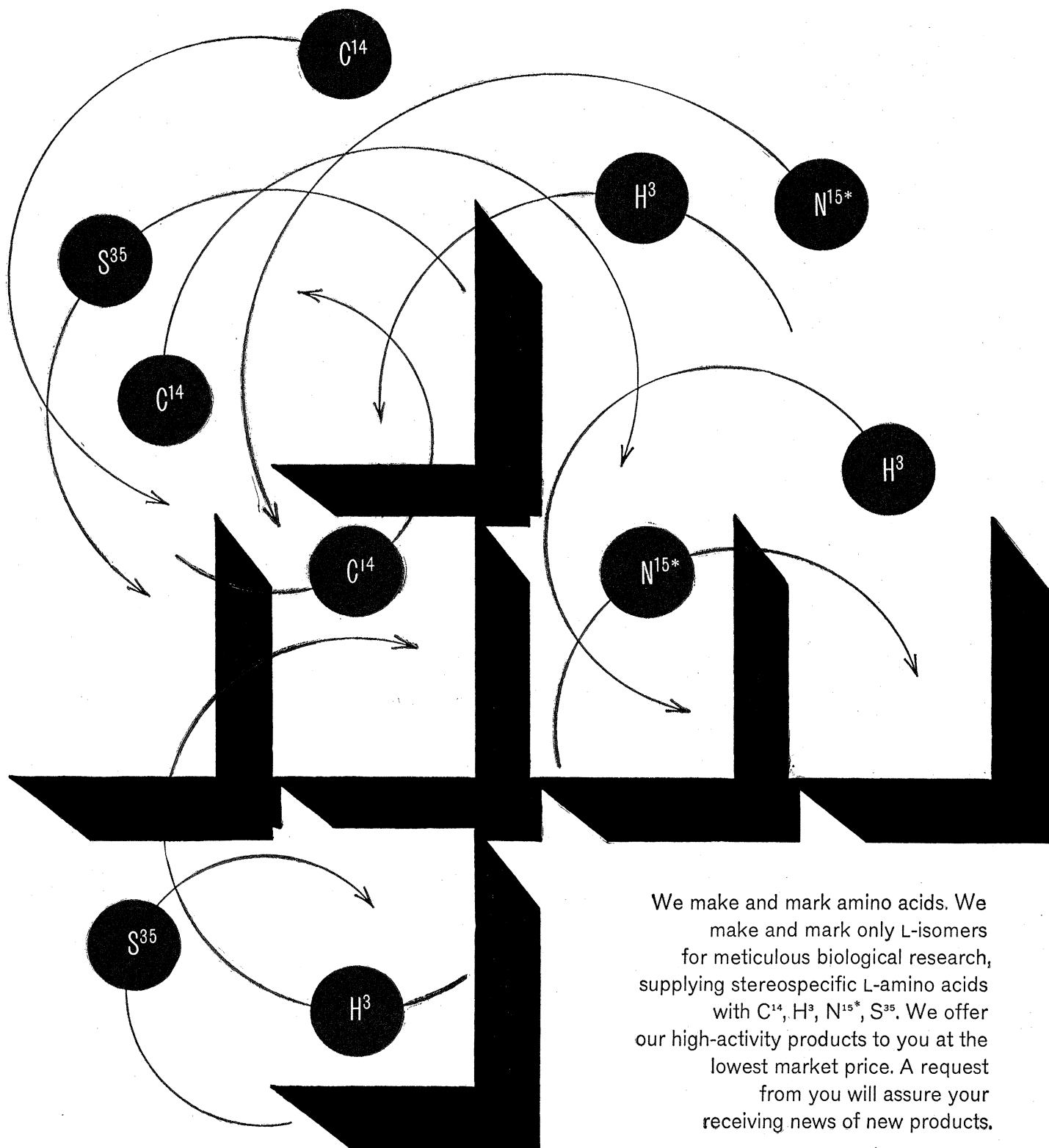
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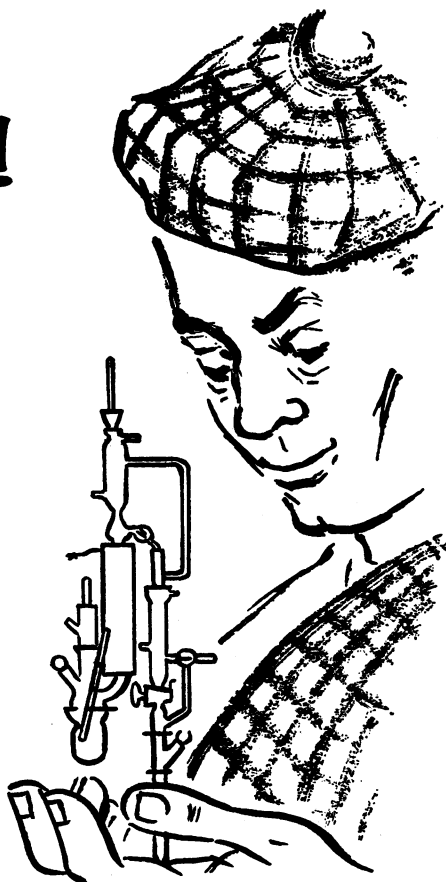
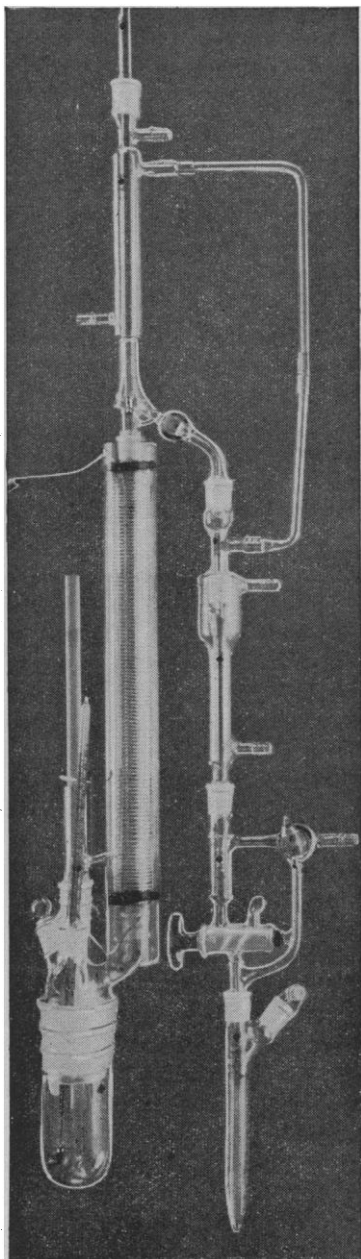


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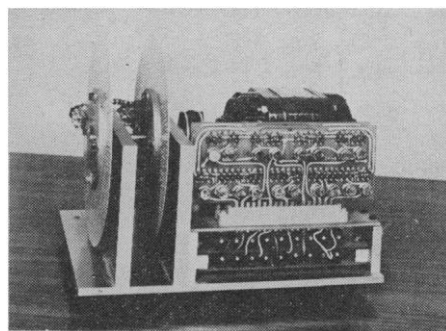
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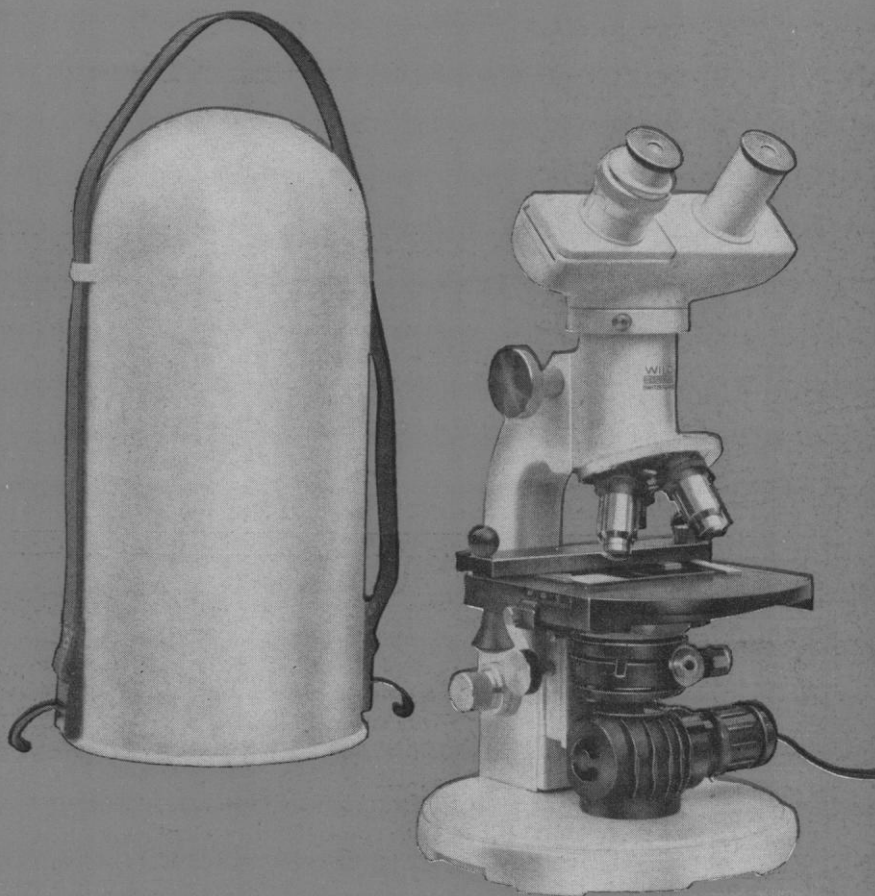
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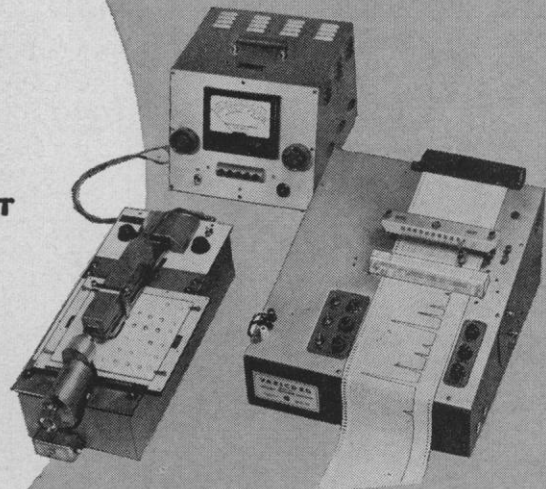
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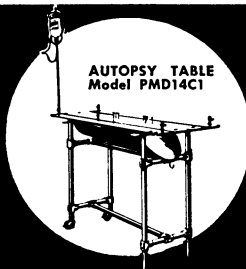
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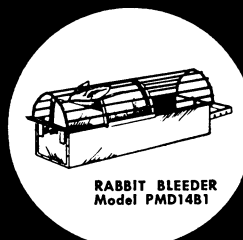
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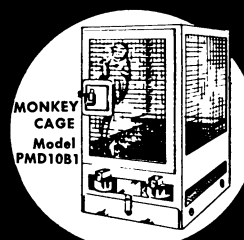
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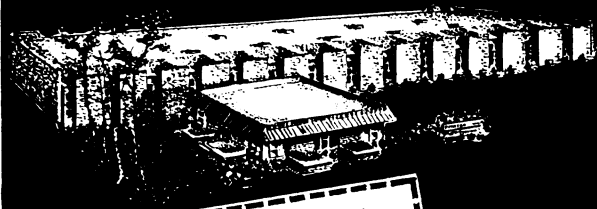
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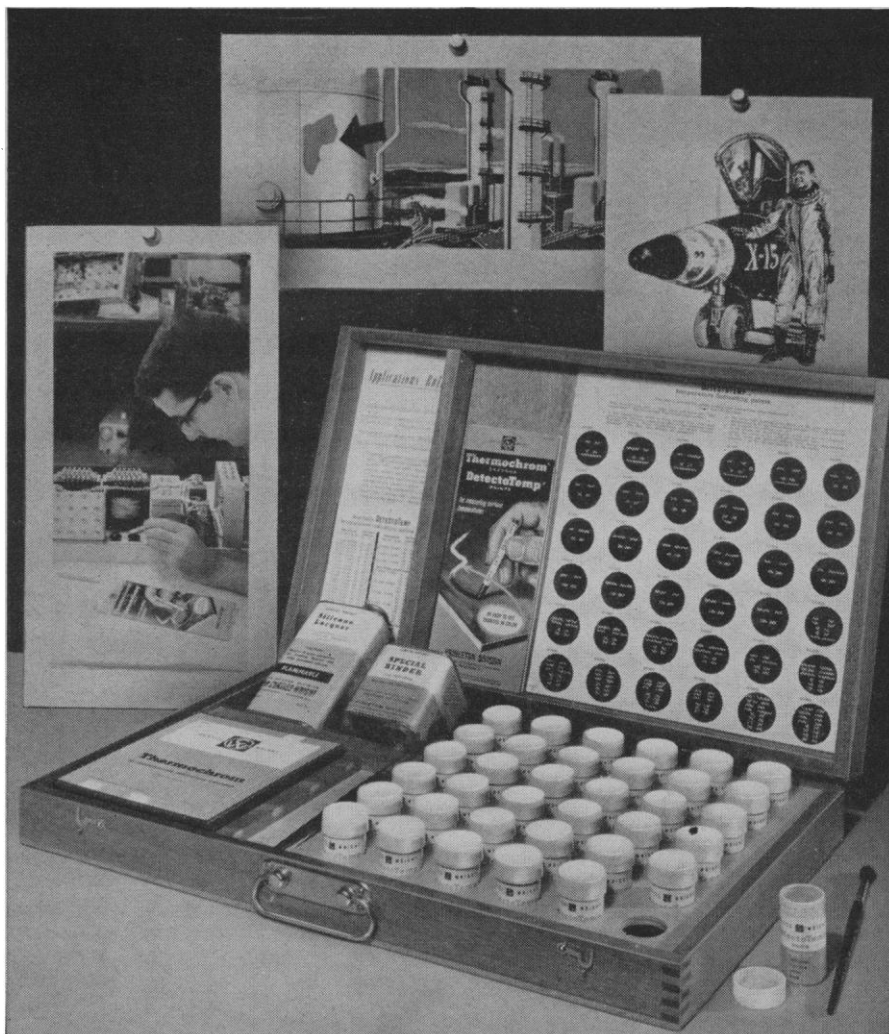
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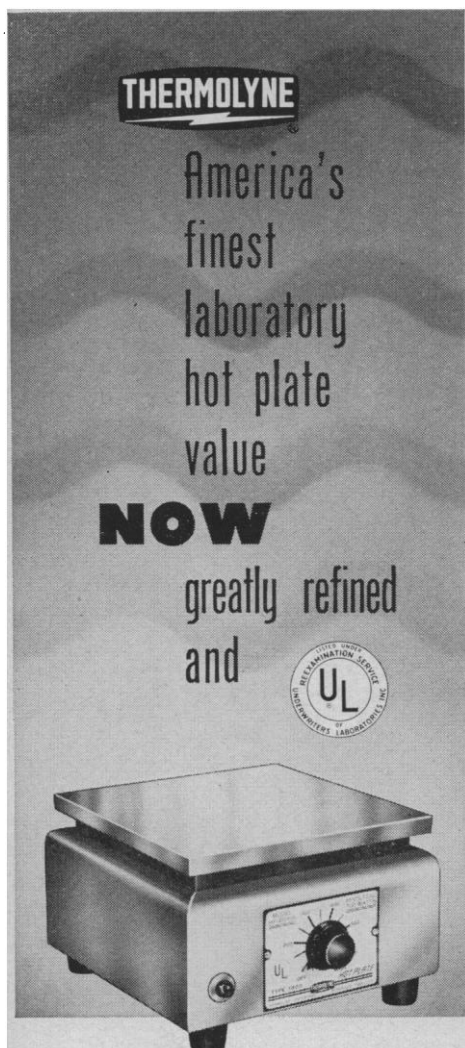
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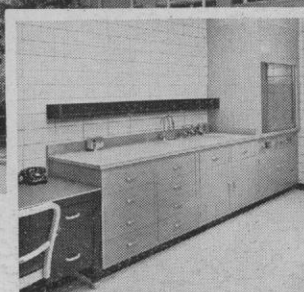
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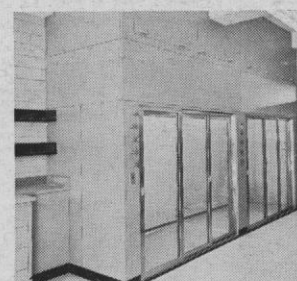


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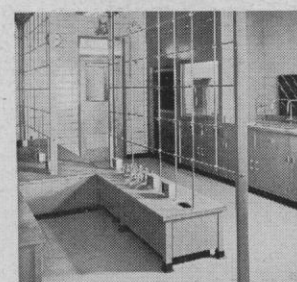
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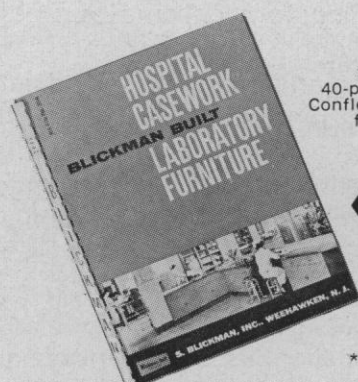
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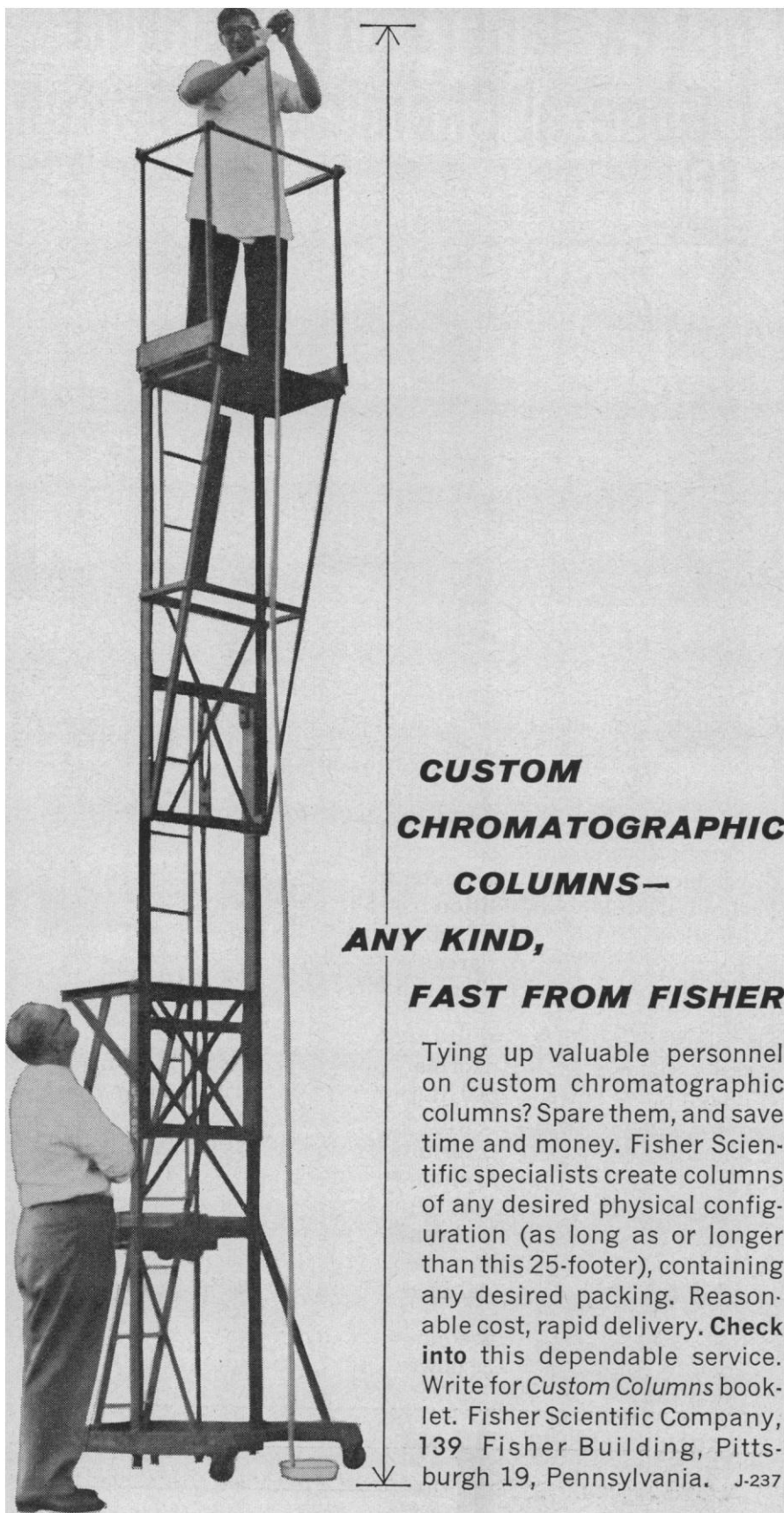
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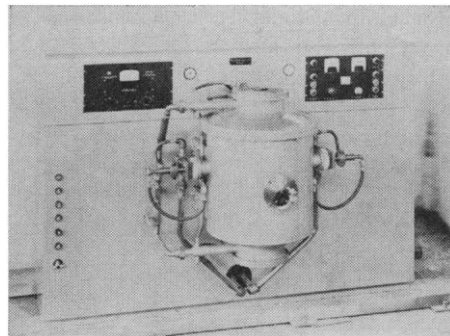
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Thickness monitor (model DTM-2) for vacuum deposition measurements, determines deposit thickness by monitoring the change in resonance frequency of a quartz crystal held in the evaporation path. Range of measurement is 1 to 300 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$, equivalent to 30 to 10,000 Å of aluminum. Accuracy is said to be $\pm \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$. Output is provided in the form of meter indication, audible signal, and external recorder signal. A built-in meter has a set-point relay for automatic source control. The transistorized instrument occupies less than 1 ft³. A detection unit occupying 2 in.³ is installed near the substrate. —J.S. (Sloan Instruments Corp., 323 State St., Santa Barbara, Calif.)

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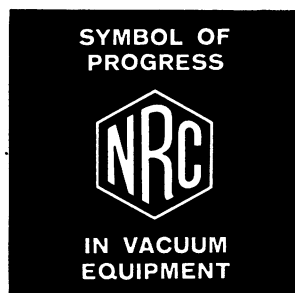
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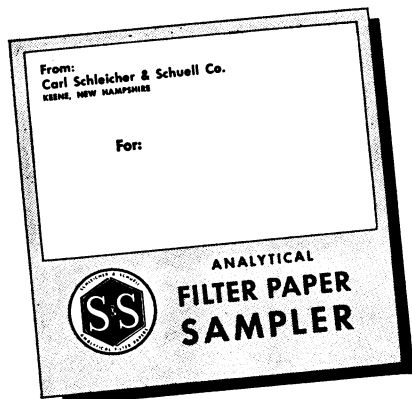
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university research could not possibly be carried on these days with private funds alone.

That this government support of research on university campuses has raised some problems goes without saying. There are difficulties in fiscal and contractual management. There are difficulties arising from the fact that some scientific fields are adequately supported while others are not. Some institutions have, no doubt, overreached themselves and have taken on larger projects than the quality of their staffs warranted.

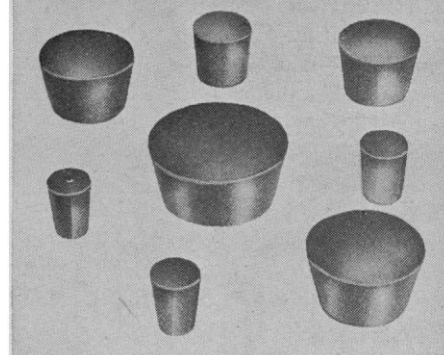
However, these difficulties and headaches should not lead one to assume that the entire picture is as black as Hubbert claims. A vast amount of fine research is being properly carried on and adequately supported under suitable conditions. A very large number of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows have been enabled to carry on their studies under these research grants and contracts, and many more have been enabled to pursue their studies by virtue of government fellowships of various types. Most universities have greatly improved both their undergraduate and graduate instructional programs in pure and applied science by virtue of these government funds.

Hubbert also regrets that universities have become "dependent" on federal support. It is obvious that if the Congress of the United States suddenly refused to appropriate any money for university scientific research, many universities would face catastrophic disruptions of their programs. Many universities faced such disruption during the great depression of the 1930's when private funds were so drastically reduced and when state appropriations to public institutions were heavily curtailed. There is risk and a danger of "dependency" in any form of financial support of university education and research. Actually, the government programs have, since the war, shown a remarkable stability and a healthy growth rate. The benefits to the nation and to science have been so spectacular that it seems unlikely that any Congress would suddenly drastically reduce the research budgets of all government agencies. And government agencies have not sought to direct either the academic or research programs of the institutions whose self-initiated proposals they help to support.

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I need not comment on Hubbert's gratuitous remark that there has been "a reversion to pure authoritarianism . . ." There is no evidence for this assertion, and Hubbert himself warns us of the dangers "whereby statements, if made by proper 'authorities,' are to be accepted as valid, independently of any supporting evidence."

Scientists, educators, and government officials do face problems in properly carrying on the great programs of education and research in the sciences in our colleges and universities. Much open and frank discussion and debate on the essential issues is necessary. Such debate, however, is not assisted by the misinterpretation of incorrect data from improper sources.

LEE A. DuBRIDGE

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In my presidential address before the Geological Society of America, "Are we retrogressing in science?", a condensed version of which was published in *Science*, I expressed concern over the direction in which science in the United States has been evolving during the last few decades. As evidence of retrogression, a few examples were cited on pages 884-886 from recent major treatises and textbooks of physics which indicate either an indefensible carelessness on the part of authors, referees, and editors with regard to some of the fundamental principles of physics, or else the emergence of a generation of physicists who are inadequately acquainted with those principles. In either case misinformation of the kinds cited is being extended to another generation of physicists who are now, or recently have been, students in American universities.

In seeking for a reason for this abandonment of intellectual standards, I directed attention to a number of probable contributory factors. One of these, with which I have been associated (on the giving end) for some 20 years, is the contract-grant system of supporting scientific research in universities. I have seen this system grow, since about 1935, from small grants of a few hundred dollars from private funds, each made to individuals, to grants in the range of tens-to-hundreds of thousands of dollars from government funds, still made to individuals.

Over the years, I have served on several committees or advisory groups concerned with the distribution of such funds, principally to academic person-

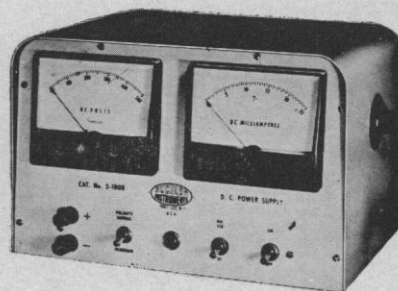
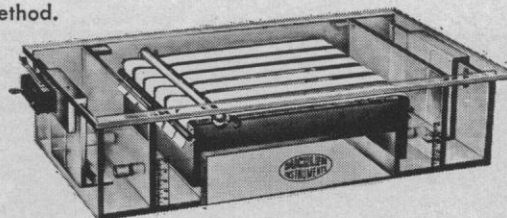
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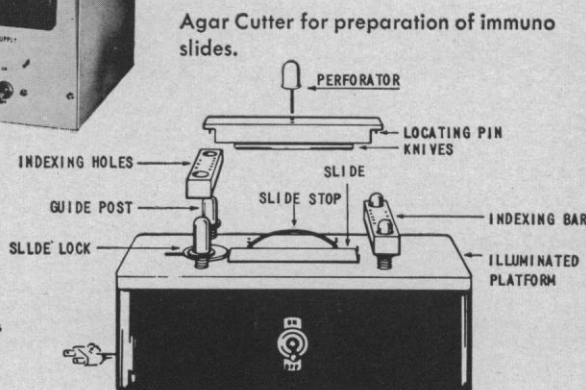
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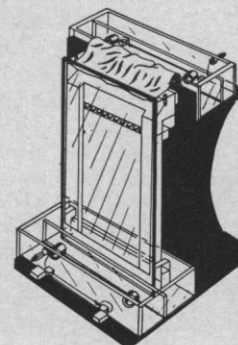
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nel: the Projects Committee of the Geological Society of America, the Advisory Committee for the Earth Sciences to the Office of Naval Research, and the Advisory Panel for the Earth Sciences of the National Science Foundation. In addition, I have had a continuing load of related projects which have been sent to me for refereeing.

On the academic side, I have served as a member of the Visiting Committee of the Department of Geology and Geophysics of Massachusetts Institute

of Technology, the Visiting Committee of the Department of Physics, University of Houston, and the Advisory Council of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics of the University of California.

It was largely on these firsthand personal observations that my analysis of the objectionable effect of the contract-grant system was based. From such information it was clear that most of our universities, especially the privately endowed ones, are becoming increas-

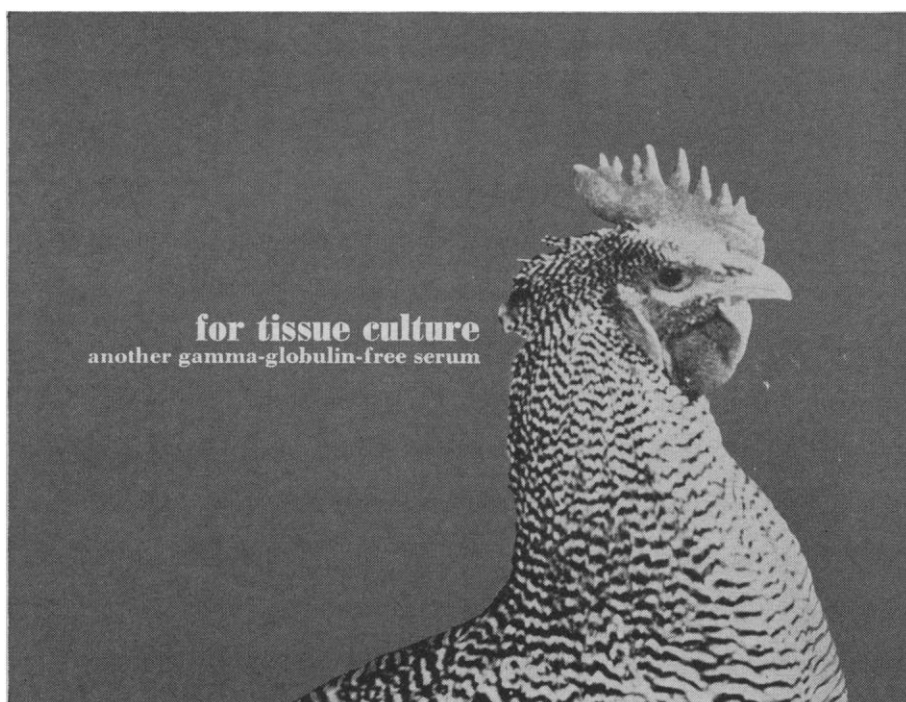
ingly dependent upon this contract-grant system for their essential financial support. In order to obtain approximate information on the extent of this support I referred to a standard secondary reference, *American Colleges and Universities* (8th edition, 1960), from which I obtained the data I gave in Table 1. A recheck of this source confirms that all the items in my Table 1 are correctly quoted except those for Rice and Yale. The Rice figure for "Income from Contracts" was quoted as \$633,500; it should have been \$633,300.

The Yale figure is more interesting. No information on "Income from Contracts" was given, and this was erroneously interpreted as being zero. Several previous correspondents have pointed out this error, and it has already been corrected in the full version of the address which is shortly to appear in the *Geological Society of America Bulletin*.

In an effort to obtain a valid figure for Yale the "Report of the Treasurer of Yale University for the Fiscal Year 1958-1959" (Series 55, Aug. 1959, No. 15) was studied in detail. The figure on "Income" for 1958-59 agreed exactly with that cited in Table 1. The sources of income were also listed, but the United States Government was not included. Finally, on the back pages of the report the donors of gifts were listed. Of these "gifts" five, totaling \$2,075,745, were from the National Science Foundation; five others, totaling \$3,075,788, were from the U.S. Public Health Service; and one, of \$2900, was from the U.S. Forest Service. Unofficial information from government sources indicates that Yale also receives grants from other government agencies.

DuBridge has seized upon this error of interpretation and has magnified it out of all proportion to its importance. He has also implied that all the data in my Table 1 are misleading and has substituted a table of his own, whereby, by excluding the large-scale operations such as the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, the Argonne National Laboratory, and other such essentially industrial laboratories which I had criticized as having no legitimate place in universities, he has drastically scaled down the amount of apparent federal support.

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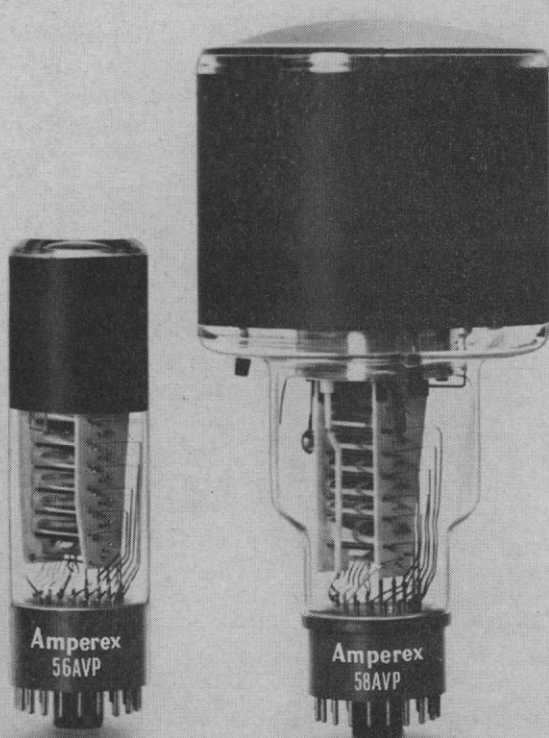
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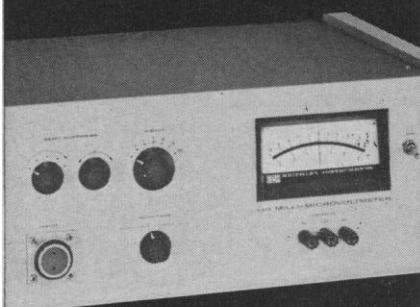


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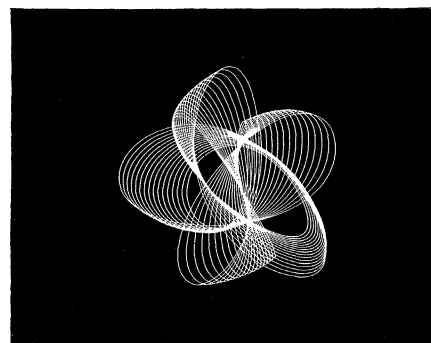
The first of these figures agrees exactly with that of my Table 1. The second is lower by \$2,869,263, which represents income from "wind tunnel tests and other special research." Apparently the latter amount was erroneously ascribed to the U.S. Government by the editors of *American Colleges and Universities*.

The correct figure in my Table 1 for the percentage of total income represented by federal funds for California Institute of Technology should, therefore, be 83.6 percent instead of my original figure of 88 percent, or DuBridge's figure of 38 percent.

However, all of this is largely irrelevant with respect to the main problem which I was discussing. Regrettably, in the *Science* condensation, my own position with respect to the government-support problem was not made sufficiently clear. In the full version it was pointed out that public support of education at all levels in a modern industrial society is a social necessity, and that in the United States this is coming increasingly to mean support by the federal government. That this is not an onerous burden to the government or to our society is indicated by the fact that the entire cost of operating all the colleges and universities in the country amounts to but about \$3.5 billion per year, as compared with President Kennedy's recent statement that the space program budget for this year would be \$5.4 billion.

My real point was not to criticize the government for supporting the universities, or the universities for accepting such support, but rather to criticize the chaotic way in which such support is now being administered, and to point out its bad effects upon the universities. It is my opinion that, when the funds to be dealt with are small, the making of modest individual grants upon recommendation by the people who are acquainted with the subject concerned, and preferably with the applicant also, is the best procedure. When the sums to be dealt with reach the magnitudes of tens-to-hundreds of millions of dollars per year, as is now the case for the National Science Foundation, the Public Health Service, the Atomic Energy

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Commission, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other fund-granting federal agencies, the effect upon the universities is to produce much of the chaotic state which I tried briefly to describe.

The solution to this kind of haphazard administration appears to me to be obvious: Grant to each of the universities directly, by means of a well-monitored system of dispensation, enough money to meet adequately all of its legitimate needs, and hold the university officials responsible for a proper internal administration of these funds.

In case DuBridge and other readers of *Science* may suspect that the views expressed in the paper under discussion are merely the "half-baked" and ill-considered views of a single individual, and are not representative of the scientific community at large, it is worthy of note that this paper has evoked an avalanche of mail consisting overwhelmingly of expressions of enthusiastic approval. Already 166 such communications have been received from a cross section of scientists ranging from nuclear physicists to psychologists—both in the United States and abroad. To the members of Congress, the administrators of agencies disbursing government funds for scientific and educational uses, and others who should be mindful of such matters, this unintentional poll of scientific opinion should be of more than passing interest.

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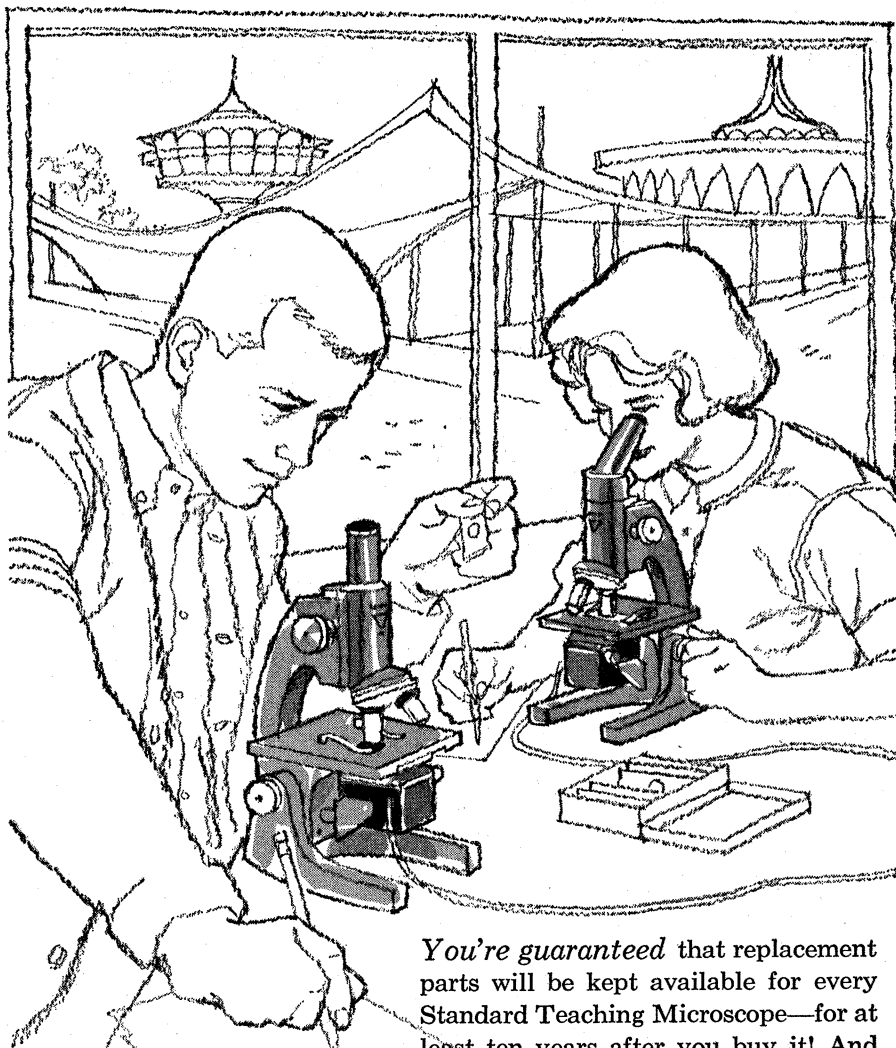
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More on Paper Work

The editorial "More paper work, less research" [*Science* 139, 725 (22 Feb. 1963)] is much to the point. However, it does not mention what seems to me the most disturbing feature in the new regulations of the grant program of the National Institutes of Health. This is the requirement that the investigator must notify the granting agency if he has altered the objectives of his research, as he stated them in his application. How this rule is to operate in practice I do not know. No criteria are given to indicate just what constitutes a change of objective, but in any case the requirement appears to impair the fundamental distinction



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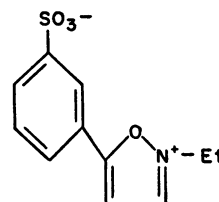
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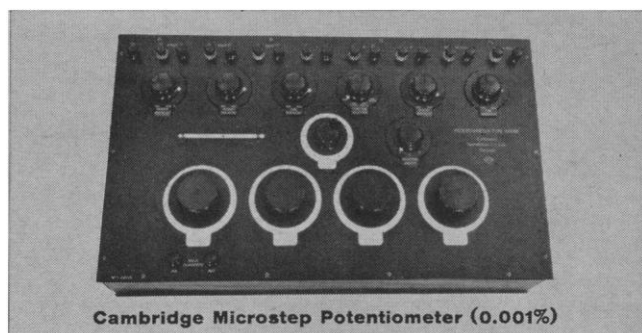
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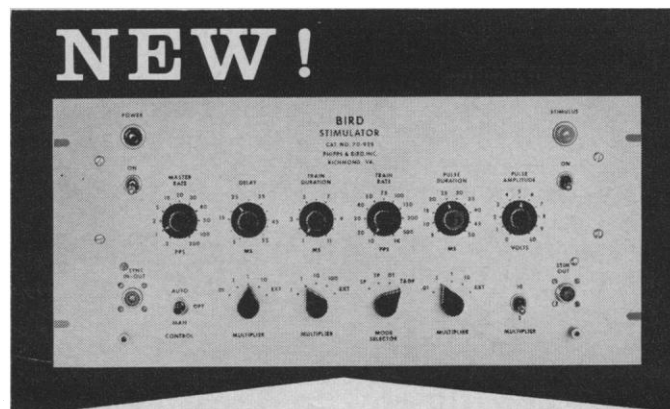
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Of course, investigators who have already achieved high distinction can generally write their research applications in such broad terms as to include almost any new development that may occur in the course of the research. Relatively unknown young investigators are generally under pressure, in writing research grant applications, to specify in considerable detail what they intend to do and how they plan to do it. If they are conscientious they may feel considerably worried by the requirement that they must report to the granting agency any new turn that their research takes. Moreover there may be a future tendency, if present trends continue, to require *all* investigators, when they apply for grants, to write out a description of the intended research in great detail and to stick to that prearranged line unless they get specific permission to change it. This would be contrary to sound policy.

When, for instance, Roentgen made the initial observation that led to the discovery of x-rays he changed the objective of his research immediately. Would the progress of science have been promoted by requiring him to get permission from a government agency to do so?

Very likely permission would have been granted after some delay, but any delay would have retarded the pursuit of a great discovery. No adminis-

trator, and no advisory scientific panel, is in a position to tell the investigator what he ought to do under such circumstances. It is easy enough to miss the opportunity for major new discoveries; the inertia of the human mind is great. Several investigators before Roentgen had observed fogging of photographic plates near cathode ray machines, but had failed to see the great discovery implicit in this simple observation. If we set up rules that make it harder for investigators to change the objective of their research we shall make such discoveries less likely in the future.

To grant government money with such freedom in its use may appear to place the scientist in a position of special privilege. In fact, scientific research is probably the most profitable form of investment known, but it yields its best returns only when competent investigators, recognized as such by qualified experts in a panel or study section, are given adequate research grants and plenty of discretion in following the lines of research that look most promising to them. This is a justifiable way to spend the taxpayer's money, because experience has shown that, in the long run, it yields the best results. The dividends to the public are far greater if the scientist has a good deal of latitude in trying out his ideas, within the limits of his approved budget, than if he is held more tightly on the leash. To ask this is not to ask for special privilege, but for the opportunity to carry on the work so as to secure the best results.

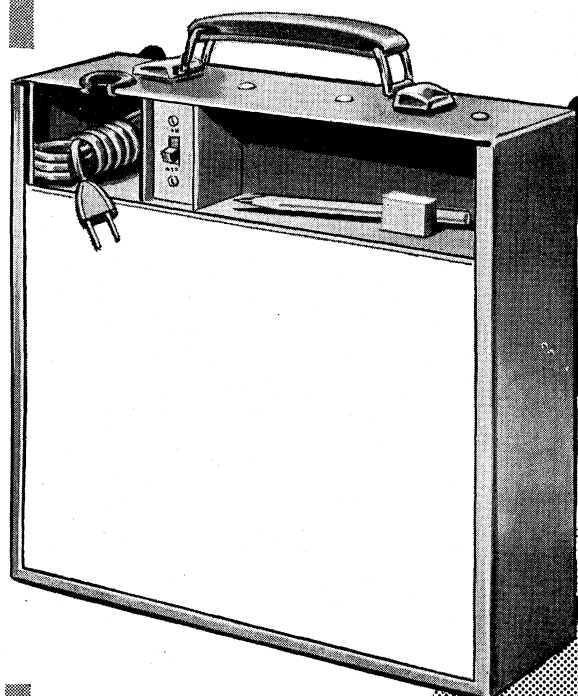
It seems likely that the new regulations will not save money for the government. Rather they will increase the costs of research by requiring a new army of accountants and administrative officials to handle the elaborate bookkeeping and paper work. The cost of all this is likely to be much more than the amount saved by imposing stricter regulations on the scientists, quite apart from the serious loss to science, which your editorial mentions, because the scientists themselves will be spending more time on paperwork and less on research.

Nevertheless, scientists cannot dismiss lightly the problem of fiscal responsibility. If even one grant in a thousand is handled wastefully or dishonestly, such irresponsibility endangers the whole scientific community and the community at large. It is harmful to the national interest to cripple

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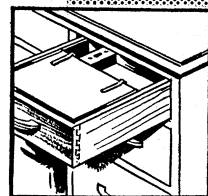
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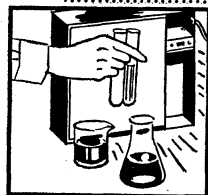
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the development of fundamental science, as the new NIH regulations probably will; but it is also harmful to allow irresponsible people to waste or misappropriate government money. The wastefulness of a few demoralizes many and must be held in check. This is the serious problem that justly concerns those members of Congress who are critical of the administration of research grant programs. It is a genuine problem, and we cannot ignore it, while at the same time we must urge the maintenance of liberal policies in administering research grants, for the advancement of science and of our society.

Some of the great private foundations set a pattern of free and flexible support for research in the earlier decades of this century. Their example profoundly influenced government agencies, such as NIH and NSF, when they began to support research on a very large scale, and in a manner that has nourished such a magnificent growth of science in the United States during the last 15 years. Government support has been so great, and its administration so well designed to permit the scientist to proceed freely with his work that the private foundations have largely withdrawn from this field and have devoted themselves to other problems and needs. In view of these new developments it is perhaps in the public interest that more money from private sources should again flow into the support of research in the natural sciences. Private foundations can choose carefully among the people they wish to support and grant them funds with a maximum of freedom and a minimum of administrative regulation. Such funds, even though limited, will be worth far more to the people who receive them than the same amount of money from NIH, with its present encumbrances.

It is one of the most effective features of our social system that the sources of power and influence are widely distributed. Large-scale government support is essential today for the development of scientific research, but the maintenance of some support from sources outside of government is vital to preserve the balance and to minimize the potential danger that science might be stifled by bureaucratic regulation.

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Calling the attention of the scientific fraternity as a whole to this situation serves notice that scientists, as a group, must adhere to ethical as well as legal standards in their dealings with government.

The professions have found that the best way of dealing with the "small minority who betray their trust" is to subject them to pitiless publicity, rather than to anonymity in referring to their act, which, without revealing their identity, casts a reflection on the entire group. Congressional demand for better policing of situations such as you have described merely reflects the public demand for such action and there is no greater deterrent of unethical conduct than the knowledge that the discovery of such conduct will be made public.

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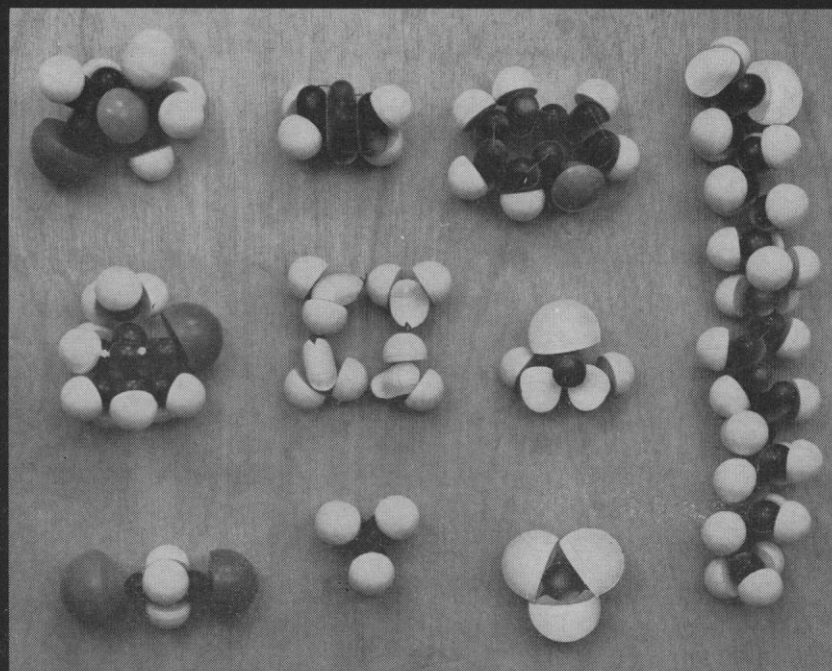
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In view of inaccuracies contained in your 22 February editorial and at the urging of scientists who feel that your statements should not go unanswered, I feel obliged to make further comment on this matter.

I believe the editor has greatly exaggerated the increase in paper work required for yearly grant continuations under the new NIH policies and the additional reporting requirements in general. In this connection, our studies revealed that NIH has not made the most effective use for grant management purposes of report data already in its possession. In any event, the Committee on Government Operations has performed its proper function in demonstrating the inadequacy of policies for the guidance of grantees and the need for more effective procedures to prevent the misuse and the inefficient use of public funds. The specific manner by which NIH chooses to implement the recommendations of the Committee with which it has expressed agreement is the agency's responsibility.

I cannot avoid the conclusion that the editor of *Science* has not studied the Committee's reports and hearing record when he speaks of an "unfortunate slip" and "one instance of mismanagement." The fact is that the Committee has demonstrated a pattern of administrative weakness in the NIH

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grant programs. The case referred to was illustrative of the kinds of undesirable spending practices that have resulted in the absence of clear-cut grant policies and under the agency's management procedures. Moreover, one should not ignore the fact that NIH officials testified that management improvements were desirable and overdue in these programs.

Perhaps the editor is too close to NIH to be a disinterested observer. It is noteworthy that he has been a consultant to the agency for many years.

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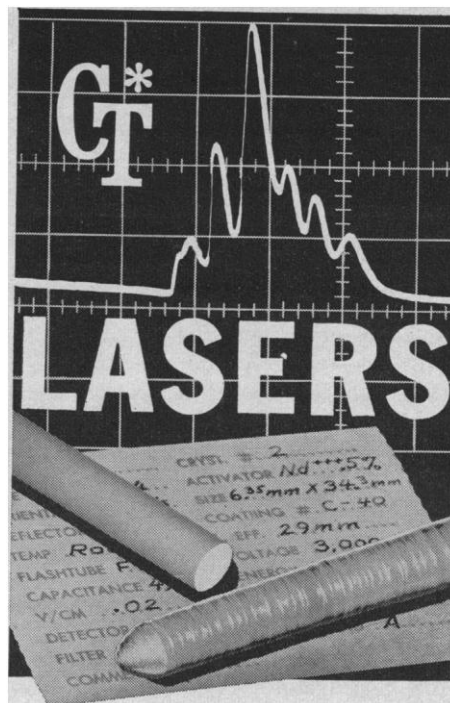
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As one who has participated in the flourishing growth of American science during the last two decades, I wish to endorse the editorials in *Science* of 1 and 22 February. I consider that the thoughtful dispensation of public funds has moved American science into world leadership.

The National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, led by their scientific administrators, developed a granting policy that guaranteed a fair but stern judgment. This resulted in a distribution of funds which benefited the gifted and promising young men and women as well as those who had already shown ability. In particular, the availability of funds and decent salaries for young people not only attracted gifted people to scientific fields at home but also drew scientific talent from all over the world to this country. In contrast to most other countries, here there was an opportunity to get a place in the scientific community and obtain the means to do independent research work which, because of the structure of many scientific communities outside this country, was obtainable by only a very few.

It is difficult to understand that this almost miraculously successful government expenditure should be challenged as an imprudent distribution of public funds. Although such slips as there have been should not be brushed off lightly, the magnitude of the success shows how small the waste has been. It is witnessed by the increase in the flow of Nobel prizes in chemistry, physics and medicine to this country in recent years. We find that 40 went to United States scientists in the years 1946-1962 as against 16 in the period 1927-1945.

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Your excellent editorial pointed out some of the inevitable consequences of the new budgetary rules propounded by the NIH in the wake of congressional inquiry. Perhaps these are indeed the sorts of rules that congressmen deem necessary, perhaps not. Certainly some congressmen, like Fogarty of Rhode Island, who have specialized in matters concerning health research, should be able to understand how wasteful of precious research and teaching time these procedures are; the cure for cancer or even the common cold will not be found in double-entry accounting books.

Needless to say, no one is condoning the few examples of actual misuse of funds, which have received an undue amount of publicity. But apparently this phrase, "misuse of funds," has a different meaning for the accountant and the investigator—and we cannot agree with the implication of your news writer D. S. Greenberg (1 March, pp. 814–15) that this connotes a lack of moral fiber among scientists. To cite one possible example, is it truly a misuse of funds to transfer monies from the category for technical help to the purchase of a \$4000 photomicrographic apparatus that came on the market after the grant was made? Previously such shifts were encouraged, on the assumption that the investigator might know best what use of funds would yield the most in the long run. Now, apparently, one must wait months for an uncertain permission from Washington.

It is in this light that the recent furor over the American Institute of Biological Sciences augurs badly for the future. The scant information on the alleged "misuse" of funds that has reached us in newspaperless New York City as part of appeals for financial support has failed to clarify the nature of the actual crime. What does appear is that the NSF saw fit suddenly to require the return of funds. Certainly to use money to make a series of teaching films, even if not covered in the original grant, should not be termed "misusing public money," as one sees in many summaries, including those in *Science*. Is it not possible that AIBS gave the public a great deal for its money? Certainly the spasticity of the NSF in this matter gives one cause for apprehension. Does this action imply that each of us who has transferred funds might now be summarily required to return them? Can we look forward to receiving appeals from individual scientists for the same kind of financial support the AIBS



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has required in the last month or so? Is it in fact true that science and scientists have been shown to be "guilty" and must clear themselves in the public eye?

If it becomes necessary that, to do investigative work, one must spend weeks each year fussing over the assignment of funds and worrying about foreseeing future needs, many may consider the excitement of the actual research not worth the trouble. One problem that worries many of us in academic medicine, for example, is that the pool

of talented people interested in pursuing these lines is steadily shrinking because other exciting areas are opening up. A major factor that has helped our particular group in maintaining its competitive position has been the availability of funds for doing exploratory (basic) rather than applied research. If the chore of seeking and administering such funds becomes increasingly unpleasant and if the threat of being held personally accountable for alleged "misuse of funds" becomes routine, the attraction of this field will dim rapidly.

Will this turn of events aid the opening of still more medical schools to produce the needed physicians?

In this connection, it seems pertinent to quote the Nobel laureate Otto Loewi on the conditions before World War I in the German universities [*Perspectives Biol. Med.* 4, 3 (1960)]:

"The conditions in Germany at that time were most favorable to the development of scientists. . . . The universities were government owned, but the government hardly ever interfered with their far-reaching autonomy. As a rule, it contented itself with accepting the debts of the departments. If the debts were excessive, the department got a warning—and a little later the payment. Because of these enlightened policies, there was no need to rush work and publication."

We are deeply disturbed and wish to benefit from wide discussion of the problems facing our particular community. These problems must be considered within the larger framework of the adjustment of the United States to the problem of recruiting personnel for all of the current needs. But we doubt that the direction recently taken by the NIH and NSF is going to aid in the ultimate solution of our dilemma, or even to improve the ethics of the scientific community, if such improvement is indeed required.

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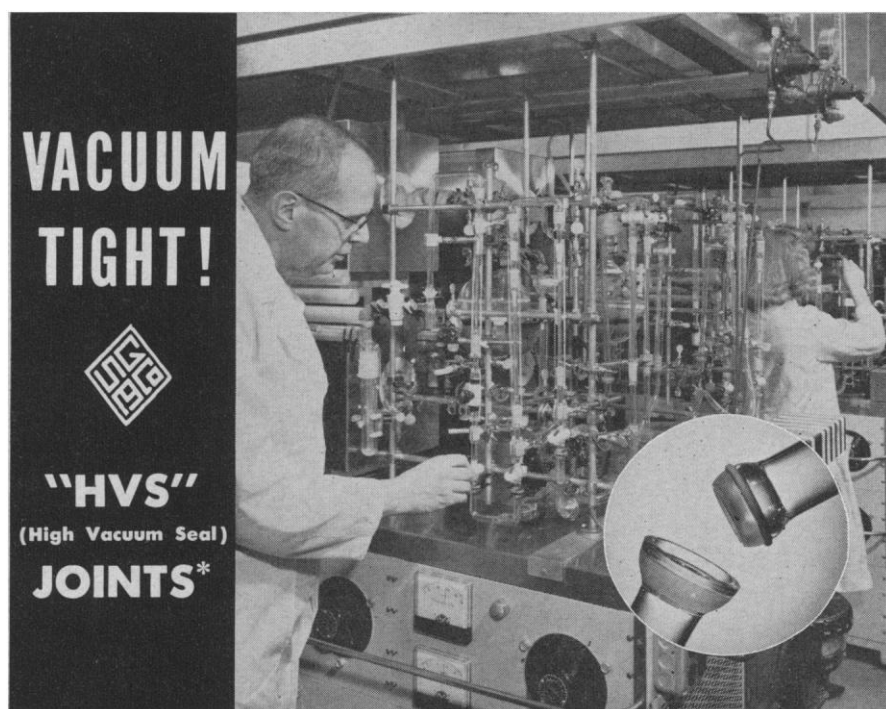
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The development of a broad program of research related to health under the auspices of the National Institutes of Health during the past two decades represents one of the highlights of scientific achievement in the United States. Moreover the administration of this program until now has been conducted with commendable attention to the dual objectives of freedom of scientific inquiry and proper accountability for the use of public funds.

Recently, administrative procedures of the National Institutes of Health have been revised and distributed to universities and research institutes.

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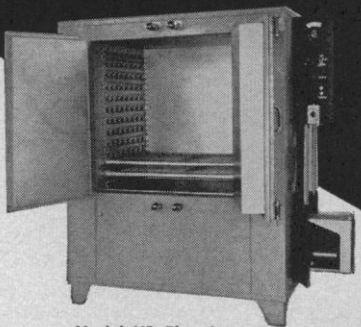
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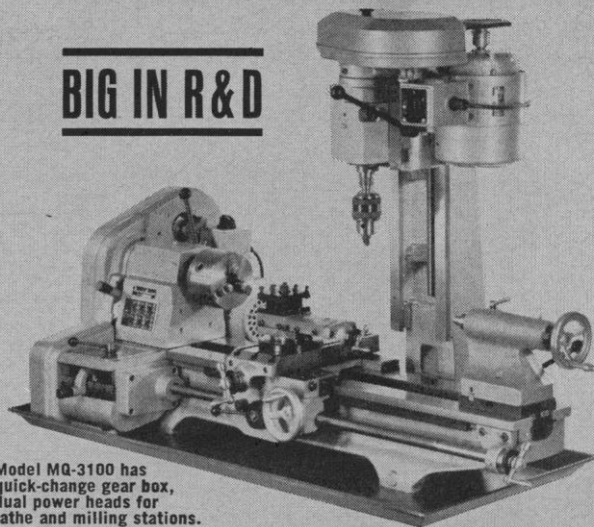


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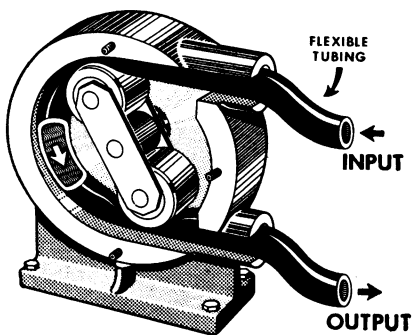
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Furthermore, scientific progress is impeded when competent scientists are denied sufficient latitude to alter their direction of inquiry as indicated by the course of their observations or by the unfolding of their ideas. Progress is also impeded when scientists are unable to exploit new leads promptly for lack of essential equipment. The requirement that scientists stipulate equipment needs as much as one year in advance is clearly impractical, as is the requirement that unforeseeable changes in research direction or in equipment must have the prior written approval of non-scientific personnel.

The threat to future progress of the research programs related to health in the United States is so grave that the procedures should be altered, if necessary by revision of the law, to meet the special needs of the scientific community.

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The recent "scandal" involving the use of federal funds by the American Institute of Biological Sciences has reinforced an impression that has developed through the years: first, that much grant money is indeed being used improperly as a federal aid to education, and second, that the grant recipient or principal investigator may be the victim of embezzlement of his research funds by his chief or even by the institution which employs him.

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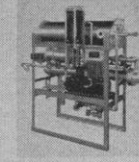


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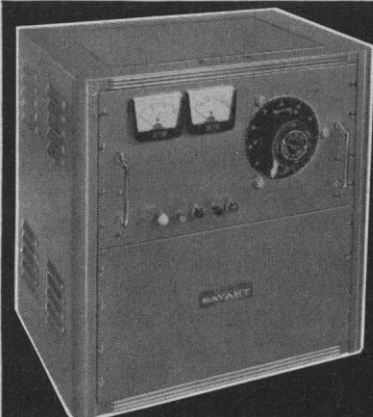
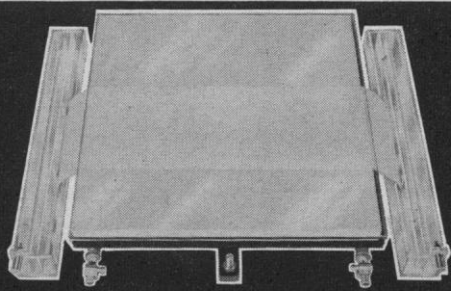
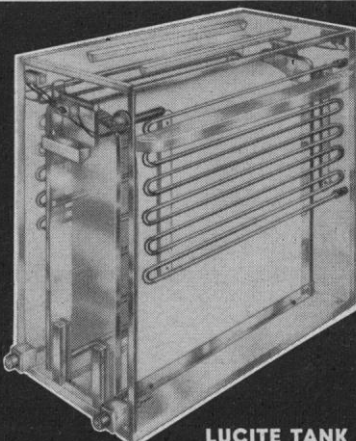
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or salary supplement for the principal investigator. This would take the granting agencies away from the business of providing federal aid to education. There is certainly nothing wrong with the assignment of federal monies to supplement education, but it should come from a source so designated.

Rescinding this freedom would return the grant systems to rules under which they operated 12 years ago, would remove any conflicts of interest that had developed, and, in institutions, would avoid placing in the hands of department heads the temptation to expand their departments by the use of grant-in-aid funds.

The second remedial step would be to insure that the grantee alone had the privilege of directing the expenditure of his own funds. This would prevent intradepartmental pooling of misappropriated funds, which is so often used to keep some institutes alive. The third step would be to dispense with the \$100,000 grants or "megagrants," for scientists may then hire other scientists, and we are back to some type of institutional aid program. After all, \$100,000, when properly invested in research, can produce more data than any single man can digest in a year. Why not break big grants down into subgrants for those professionals working on different aspects of a major problem?

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I would be inclined also to trust the small investigator a little more. One gets the impression that monies have been given recently to institutions rather than to individuals, and institutions of themselves have never produced research.

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Somehow, either the government or the scientists themselves will have to provide the feedbacks or opposing forces that will make the grant systems fair, functional, and operational.

There will be much talk during this ferment about "getting the most out of our dollar," and rules will be offered that may well destroy the freedom that is the heart of productive research. This must be prevented.

Research by its very nature is inefficient and its value cannot be measured in dollars. If measurement could be made it might take a generation or so to appraise its true worth. Investing in research is an act of faith. Thus the issue is not how to get the most out of the research dollar, but how to keep the research dollar honest, and toward this end the scientific community must now address itself.

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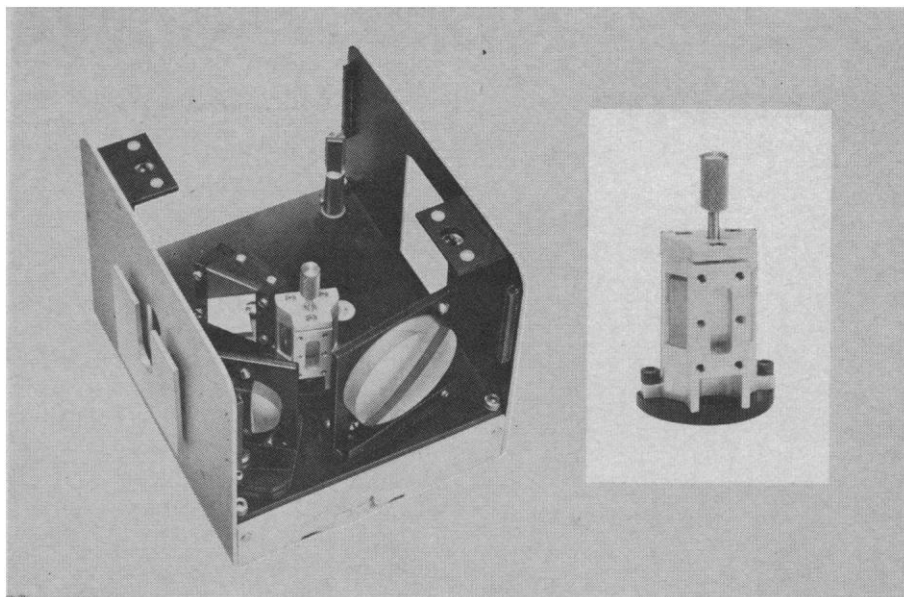
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I cannot resist commenting on your editorial "More paper work, less research". This is another of a series of commentaries that seems to say that "scientists" are or should be a race apart when handling money other than their own. Present evidence is against this view and I, among many, am disappointed in your failure to appreciate that reasonable and generally accepted accounting procedures are desirable whether applied to expending taxpayers', a company's, or an individual's money.

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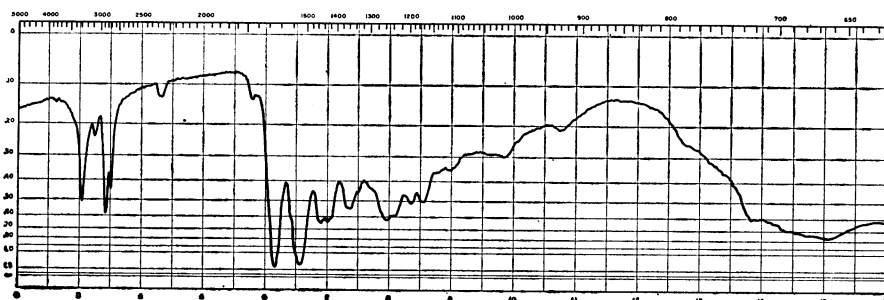
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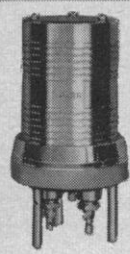
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In a story about pirates and treasures, it is fascinating and quaint to hear about knots and fathoms. In a journal, however, whose readership overwhelmingly does not belong to the class of old tars and salts, one might expect the use of kilometers, meters, and where necessary, centimeters.

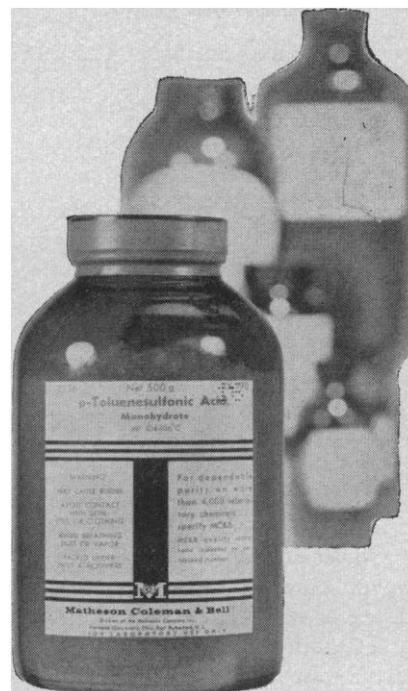
In the 15 February issue of *Science*, I read with interest three articles on oceanographic topics. One dealt with oceanographic experience and expressed the depth of water in meters and distances in kilometers; the second on uplifted islands, described distances in kilometers, and thickness of sediments in meters; the third, however, in a discussion of ripple marks in the Florida Straits, recorded the flow of water in knots, distances in miles, depth in fathoms, and heights and lengths in feet and inches.

I am a chemist. Those who plied my trade before me used the impressive units of stones, grains, and other quaint weights. Some time ago a switch was made to the cgs system. Why do not others, writing in *Science*, make the same switch? If great hardship should be involved, knots and fathoms could still be added in parentheses.

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for outer space. So far, "space law" consists of the two points expressed in a General Assembly resolution of December 1961: that international law, including the U.N. Charter, applies to outer space and to celestial bodies, and that these are free for exploration by all states, and are not subject to national appropriation.

Attempts to elaborate these principles into practical rules were hampered between 1958 and 1961 by a Soviet boycott of the U.N. Space Committee because of dissatisfaction with its composition. Subsequently, they have been hampered in more fundamental ways by serious differences in the American and Soviet concepts of what a suitable law for outer space might be. These differences stalemated the legal subcommittee, both at its first meeting in Geneva last spring and at its recent session as well.

Different Approaches

What the Soviets want, essentially, is a binding law that would qualify general pieties about free exploration and use of outer space with specific limits and prohibitions on permissible space activities. Once these principles are established, they say, then more detailed legal provisions can be worked out, but without them there can be no progress.

The United States envisions a more pragmatic evolution of space law, beginning with agreements on liability for space accidents, and for the rescue and return of disabled astronauts and spacecraft. The Americans go along with many of the general pieties the Soviets have proposed, but find certain of the specific qualifications repugnant. In addition, the U.S. wants the general principles, if at all, only in the form of a U.N. resolution, while the Soviets want them in a formal international treaty.

If they reflected nothing more than the differing legal traditions of their sponsors—American pragmatism versus a Soviet predilection for theory—the different approaches might be reconcilable. In fact, however, they become the source of additional mistrust. The American delegation thinks the Soviets are hammering at points clearly unacceptable to the U.S. precisely to prevent agreement, and cannot bring itself to believe that the Soviets may be serious about them. The Soviets, in turn, think

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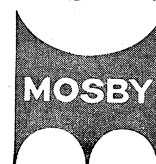
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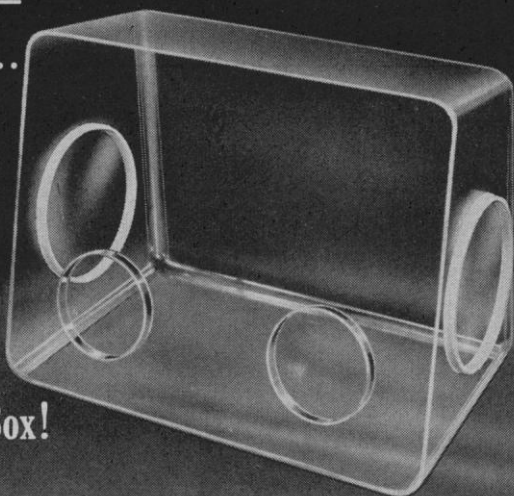


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the American focus on smaller legal issues grows out of fear that general principles would compromise what they regard as the more nefarious aspects of our space program. Problems that to the Americans appear separable, seem to the Soviets interwoven, and the result is deadlock, even on issues where agreement seemed within reach.

Four principles proposed by the Soviet Union as qualifications on the "absolute" freedom of outer space caused most of the trouble. These called for (i) prohibiting the use of outer space for "propagating war, national or racial hatred, or enmity between nations"; (ii) international consultation and agreement prior to any experiment in space "that might hinder its exploitation or use for peaceful purposes"; (iii) limiting space activities to states and international organizations; and (iv) prohibiting the collection of intelligence data by satellites.

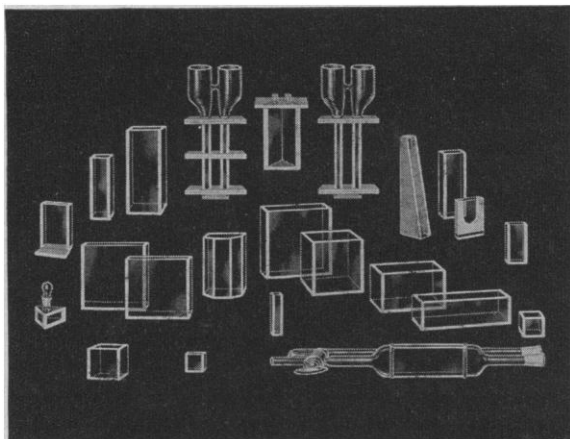
The cynicism with which Western delegates greeted the proposal to ban war propaganda in outer space was based on experience at the Geneva disarmament talks last year. A similar proposal had been debated, on Soviet initiative, and agreement had been reached. A draft had already been prepared for signing, when the Soviets suddenly changed their minds, and in the end they refused to sign. Speculation abounds, but a good many Western delegates attributed the switch to Chinese objections based, they think, on a particular provision which prohibited propagandizing for "wars of national liberation." Even aside from its political history, however, most Western delegates thought the proposal too broad and ambiguous to be useful.

Military Complications

The Soviet proposal for international consultation on potentially harmful experiments was a bit delicate for the U.S., since Project Starfish (our high altitude nuclear test series) and Project Westford (orbiting communications needles) have aroused widespread scientific controversy around the world. The U.S. moved a considerable way toward the Soviet position during the course of the meeting, agreeing to use the consultative facilities of the international Committee on Space Research (COSPAR). The Soviet position is still open, but they would apparently like to go beyond simple consultation to real international scientific agreement on potentially dangerous experiments.

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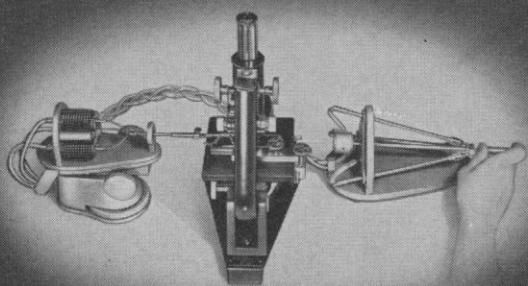
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both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. continue to have military implications, however, anything approaching an international scientific veto on space projects is unlikely to be accepted—by either side. Coexistence of military and civilian space programs in both countries was affirmed by the committee's explicit recognition of "aggressive" rather than the "military" as the antonym of the "peaceful" in its title. Neutral delegations, led by the United Arab Republic, supported nonetheless a binding prohibition on all military activity in outer space.

The proposal to exclude private companies from space activities—an obvious attack on the American Communications Satellite Corporation—also was a bit embarrassing to the U.S. Our official response was that the Soviets had taken an ideological position, were attempting to impose a single economic system (their own) on outer space, and that our system was none of their business. We were publicly supported by other Western states on the committee, but in private, both Western and neutral delegates appeared to share some of the Soviet's uneasiness about commercial exploitation—uneasiness shared by many in Congress as well.

The genesis of the Soviet position may be ideological, but many of their arguments and fears are practical. Private ownership, in their view, compromises the principle of the liability of the launching state for space vehicles. This was one reason why they refused to consider a separate treaty on liability, despite very close agreement with the U.S. on the specific contents of such a treaty. The U.S. sought to alleviate this worry by explicitly recognizing that private corporations active in outer space were to be chartered and regulated by the government, and by accepting liability for them. But the Soviets fear, nonetheless, a sort of "United Fruit Company" in outer space, and imagine a time when the U.S. would shrug, deliver a lecture on free enterprise, and claim it had no control over the activities of its citizens in outer space.

On this question the deadlock seems permanent unless the Soviet position changes, for the Communications Satellite Corporation is a going concern, and there is little chance that it will be dismantled.

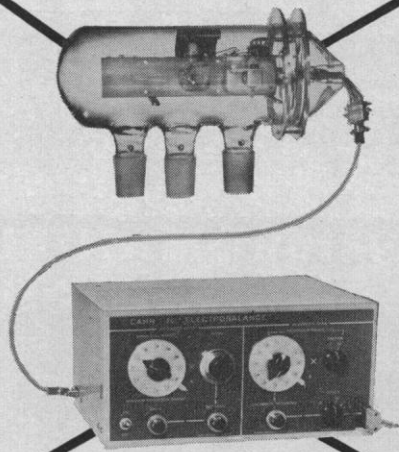
The final point of disagreement came on the use of reconnaissance satellites (such as the Air Force's Samos) for intelligence gathering. The Soviets call



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this espionage, and want to prohibit it altogether. The U.S. calls it "observation to promote national security," and regards it as a legitimate and "peaceful" use of space that promotes international stability by closing the "information gap" between Communist and non-Communist countries. Since what we call the "information gap" amounts, in fact, to the overall Soviet security system, it is hardly surprising that they failed to welcome our arguments.

The Soviets also related reconnaissance satellites to a treaty on rescue and return of disabled astronauts and spacecraft, pointing out that no country would return an enemy intelligence satellite that fell by chance on its territory. The U.S., basically, agrees that this is a problem, but it would rather smudge over the issue, make de facto exceptions for the spy satellites, and proceed with the rescue and return treaty nonetheless. The Soviets, insisting on stark clarity, say the two are incompatible, and they won't take one without the other.

The failure to reach any agreement on legal principles does not augur well for international cooperation on scientific projects in outer space. The technical counterpart of the U.N. legal subcommittee opens meetings in Geneva next week, and the U.S.-U.S.S.R. bilateral agreements on weather and communications satellites are scheduled to go into effect on 20 May. These do not seem directly threatened by the legal stalemate, but the work of the scientists would be a good deal easier, and their positions less tenuous, had the politicians been able to record some progress.—ELINOR LANGER

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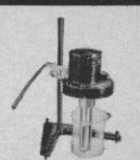
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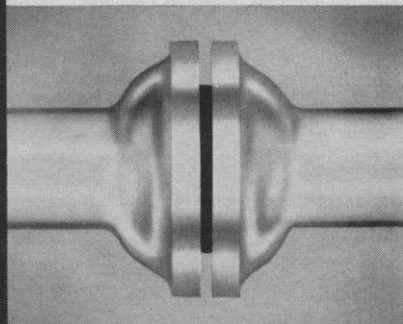
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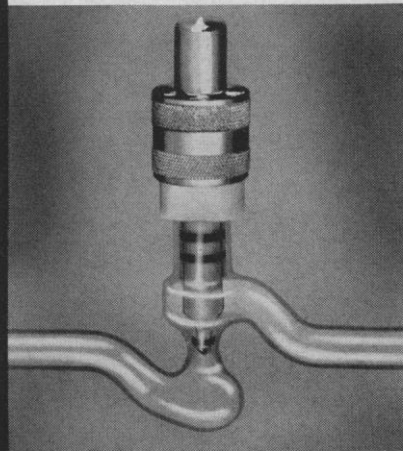
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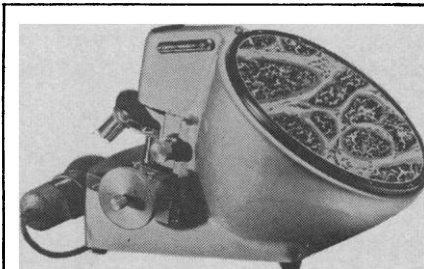
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Applicants from other countries must have their government's approval. Financial assistance, if needed, may be obtained through the Agency for International Development, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization of American States, or the World Health Organization. Application must be made through the candidate's embassy or legation in Washington, to the AEC. Deadline for receipt of applications: **15 June**.

A laboratory course in **histochemistry** will be presented 10-22 June at the University of Kansas Medical Center. It will include principles, techniques and applications of histochemistry. Tuition is \$75 per week; fellowships are available. (Department of Postgraduate Medical Education, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City 3)

Applications are being accepted for participation in the University of Oklahoma's conferences on advanced **computer science and related mathematics** or on **biostatistics and computer science**. The courses are scheduled for 27 June to 23 July, and are open to college professors who have a knowledge of computer programming. Forty-six stipends of \$405, plus partial travel allowances will be provided. The courses will include work on advanced program



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The chemical division of the American Society for Quality Control will present a course 20-22 June, at the University of Rochester, N.Y. It will review **control techniques** now in use, and will introduce new techniques that use cumulative sum charts, exponentially weighted means, and methods of adaptive quality control. The fee for the course is \$120. (R. J. Malach, Color Technology Div., Kodak Park, Bldg. 65, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester 4, N.Y.)

A graduate course in **marine science** will be held 4 June to 17 August at the University of Texas Institute of Marine Sciences. The program will include general marine science, microbiology, geology, ichthyology, and research problems. The course will conclude with an 8-day trip to the coral reefs at Veracruz, Mexico, to study tropical marine life. Ten NSF stipends of \$300 will be awarded, plus dependent and travel allowances. Part-time research assistantships are also available. (H. T. Odum, Director, University of Texas Marine Institute, Port Aransas)

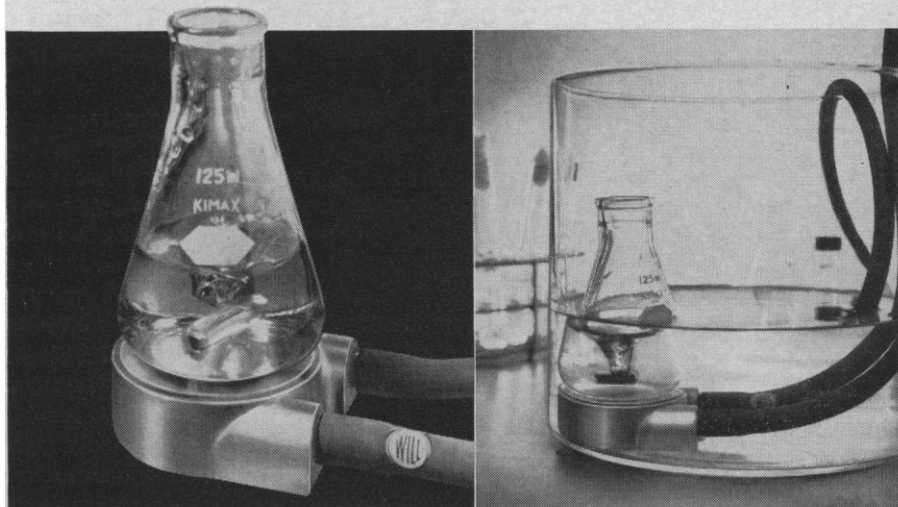
Meeting Notes

Papers are invited in all branches of **applied spectroscopy** for a symposium scheduled 16-18 September, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The meeting is sponsored by the Canadian Association for Applied Spectroscopy. Deadline for receipt of titles and abstracts: **3 June**. (J. Kelly, The Steel Company of Canada, Metallurgical and Chemical Laboratory, Wilcox St., Hamilton, Ont.)

The date of the 1964 annual meeting of the **Electron Microscope Society of America**, to be held in Detroit, has been changed to 13-17 October to avoid conflict with the Third European Regional Conference on Electron Microscopy, which will be held in Prague, in August 1964.

Papers are being solicited by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers for the 1963 **Northeast Electronics Research and Engineering**

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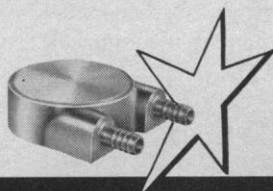


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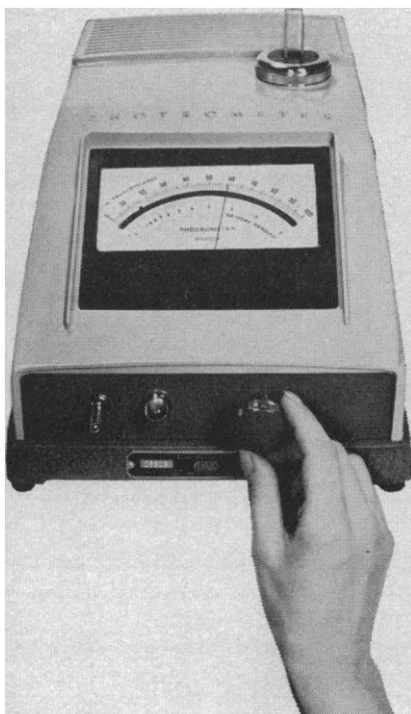
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Scientists in the News

Charles C. Sprague has been appointed dean of the Tulane University School of Medicine. Sprague, professor of medicine and director of the hematology laboratory at Tulane, succeeds **M. E. Lapham**, who was named provost of the university.

At the University of Michigan:

Margaret J. Hunter, research biophysicist at the Institute of Science and Technology, has been appointed associate professor of biological chemistry.

Kenneth E. Jochim, head of the biodynamics section, defense research laboratories at General Motors Corp., has been named professor of physiology.

John P. Dawson, of the Harvard University law school, will be visiting professor of law for the fall semester.

Kenneth S. Pitzer, president of Rice University, has been awarded the 12th Priestly Memorial award of Dickinson College for "contributions to the welfare of mankind through chemistry."

Frederick Coulston has been appointed professor of experimental pathology and toxicology at the Albany Medical College of Union University. He previously served at the Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute as director of experimental pathology and toxicology and as assistant director of the biology division.

Rachmiel Levine, chairman of the department of medicine at New York Medical College has been elected 1963 president of the Association for Research of Nervous and Mental Diseases.

Frederick B. Llewellyn has been appointed science adviser to and deputy for the director of the University of Michigan Institute of Science and Technology. Llewellyn, who joined the institute in 1961, previously served as executive secretary to the President's Science Advisory Committee.

New president of the National Society of Professional Engineers is **John H. Stufflebean**, chief engineer at Blanton and Cole, Tucson, Ariz.

Franz Sondheimer, head of the organic chemistry department at the Weizmann Institute of Science, New York, has been named recipient of the Corday-Morgan medal for his "contributions to the chemistry of natural products." The Chemical Society of London's award includes a silver medal and an honorarium of 400 guineas (\$1176).

New director of the Dounreay Experimental Reactor Establishment, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, is **Roy R. Matthews**, formerly a deputy director in the Authority's reactor group. He succeeds **R. Hurst**, who will become director of research of the British Ship Research Association.

Recent Deaths

Wilfred H. Crook, 75; retired chairman of the department of economics, Colgate University; 16 April.

James A. Doull, 73; director of the Leonard Wood Memorial for the Eradication of Leprosy, Washington; 6 April.

Scott V. Eaton, 77; associate professor emeritus of botany at the University of Chicago; 16 February.

Frank G. Helyar, 80; retired director of resident instruction and professor of animal husbandry, Rutgers University; 15 April.

Helen Stephens Noble, 70; retired associate professor of higher mathematics, Fairleigh Dickinson University; 29 April.

Louis A. Pardue, 62; former vice president and director of graduate studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute; 27 April.

William H. R. Shaw, 38; chemistry professor at Arizona State University; 24 April.

Abraham Segal, 63; former director of urology, Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn; 19 April.

Gilbert L. Stout, 64; chief of the bureau of plant pathology, California Department of Agriculture; 19 April.

Theodore Von Karman, 81; space and aeronautical engineer, Aachen, Germany, 6 May.

Carl J. Wiggers, 79; professor emeritus at Western Reserve University's department of physiology; 28 April.