

20-24. **Research Administration Inst.**, American Univ., Washington, D.C. (American Univ., 1901 F St., NW, Washington 6, D.C.)

20-24. **Fluid Dynamic Aspects of Space Flight**, Marseilles, France. (Fluid Dynamics Panel, NATO, 64, rue de Varenne, Paris 7^e, France)

20-24. **American Soc. of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers**, annual, Detroit, Mich. (L. S. Fletcher, ASTME, 10700 Puritan Ave., Detroit 38)

20-25. **American Acad. of Neurology**, 16th annual, Denver, Colo. (AAN, 4307 E. 50 St., Minneapolis 17, Minn.)

21. **Association for Symbolic Logic**, New York, N.Y. (Mrs. R. Drew-Bear, Special Projects Dept., American Mathematical Soc., 190 Hope St., Providence, R.I.)

21-23. **Joint Computer conf.**, Washington, D.C. (C. S. Jones, 8227 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda 14, Md.)

21-23. **Engineering with Nuclear Explosives**, 3rd "Plowshare" symp., Davis, Calif. (Plowshare Symp. Committee, Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Bldg. T-105, P.O. Box 808, Livermore, Calif.)

21-24. **American Geophysical Union**, Washington, D.C. (AGU, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.)

21-30. **Seismology**, intergovernmental meeting, Paris, France. (UNESCO, Pl. de Fontenoy, Paris 7^e)

22-24. **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers**, 16th annual southwestern conf., Dallas, Tex. (F. E. Brooks, Jr., Military Electronics Div., Ling Temco Vought, P.O. Box 6118, Dallas 75222)

22-24 **British Inst. of Radiology**, 25th congr., London, England (BIR, 32 Welbeck St., London, W.1)

22-25. **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics**, Miami Beach, Fla. (H. T. Karnes, Dept. of Mathematics, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge 3)

23-25. **American Gastroenterological Assoc.**, Dallas, Tex. (D. Cayer, 2240 Cloverdale Ave. Winston-Salem, N.C.)

23-25. **Illinois State Acad. of Science**, Bloomington. (A. A. Paloumpis, Illinois State Normal Univ., Normal)

23-25. **Medical Women's Federation**, annual, Keswick, England. (MWF, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Sq., London, W.C.1, England)

23-25. **Ohio Acad. of Science**, Cleveland. (J. H. Melvin, 505 King Ave., Columbus 1, Ohio)

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24. **Parenteral Drug Assoc.**, Chicago, Ill. (PDA, Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.)

24-25. **Chemistry of Microbial Products**, symp., Tokyo, Japan. (H. Umezawa, Inst. of Applied Microbiology, University of Tokyo, Hongo, Tokyo)

24-25. **South Carolina Acad. of Science**, Aiken. (R. W. Rutledge, Clemson College, Clemson, S.C.)

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26. **Georgia Acad. of Science**, Athens. (T. W. Kethley, Georgia Inst. of Technology, Engineering Experiment Station, Atlanta 13)

26-27. **Water and Geology**, conf., Bloomington, Ind. (A. F. Agnew, Dept. of Geology, Indiana Univ., Bloomington)

26-30. **Cereal Chemists**, 49th annual, Toronto, Ont., Canada. (N. G. Irvine, Grain Research Laboratory, 190 Grain Exchange Bldg., Winnipeg 2, Canada)

26-30. **AAAS, Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Div.**, Lubbock, Tex. (M. G. Anderson, P.O. Box 97, University Park, New Mexico 88070)

26-30. **American Industrial Hygiene Assoc.**, Philadelphia, Pa. (G. D. Clayton, 14125 Prevost, Detroit 27, Mich.)

27. **Tooth Transplant in Humans**, intern. seminar, New York, N.Y. (S. J. Behrman, New York Inst. of Clinical Oral Pathology, 101 E. 79 St., New York 21)

27-28. **Molecules of Life**, colloquium, Yeshiva Univ., New York, N.Y. (B. Ho-racker, Dept. of Molecular Biology, Yeshiva Univ., 1300 Morris Park Ave., New York 61)

27-29. **American Assoc. for Thoracic Surgery**, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (AATS, 311 Carondelet West, 7730 Carondelet Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63105)

27-29. **National Acad. of Sciences**, annual, Washington, D.C. (Office of the Home Secretary, NAS, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.)

27-29. **National Watershed Congr.**, 11th, Little Rock, Ark. (G. K. Zimmerman, 1424 K St., NW, Washington, D.C.)

27-30. **American Physical Soc.**, Washington, D.C. (K. K. Darrow, APS, Columbia Univ., New York 27)

27-1. **Photographic Science and Engineering**, intern. conf., New York, N.Y. (H. F. Nitka, General Aniline and Film Corp., Bldg. 44, Charles St., Binghamton, N.Y.)

28-30. **Micrographic Congr.**, intern. conv., Philadelphia, Pa. (C. E. Nelson, 313 N. First St., Ann Arbor, Mich.)

28-1. **Dallas-Southwest Industrial Trade Fair**, Dallas, Tex. (C. L. Wells, P.O. Box 26010, Dallas 26)

29-1. **Acoustical Fatigue**, 2nd intern. conf., Dayton, Ohio (D. M. Forney, Research and Technology Div., U.S. Air Force Systems Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton)

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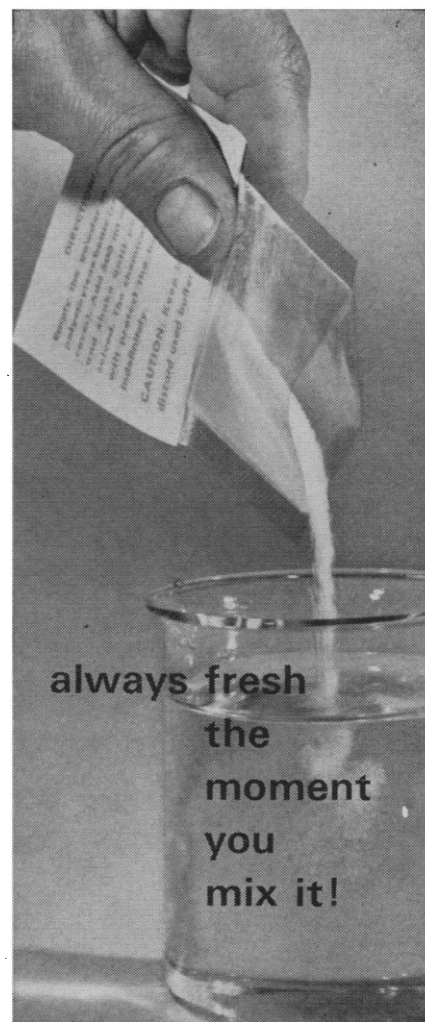
29-2. **American Thyroid Assoc.**, annual, Rochester, Minn. (T. Winship, ATA, 110 Irving St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20010)

30-1. **Institute of Hospital Administrators**, annual, Edinburgh, Scotland. (IHA, 75 Portland Place, London, W.C.1, England)

30-1. **Zonal Centrifugation Systems**, Oak Ridge, Tenn. (F. C. Von der Lage, Office of Industrial Cooperation, Oak Ridge Natl. Laboratory, P.O. Box X, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37831)

30-2. **Agricultural History Soc.**, annual, Cleveland, Ohio (A. G. Bogue, History Dept., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City)

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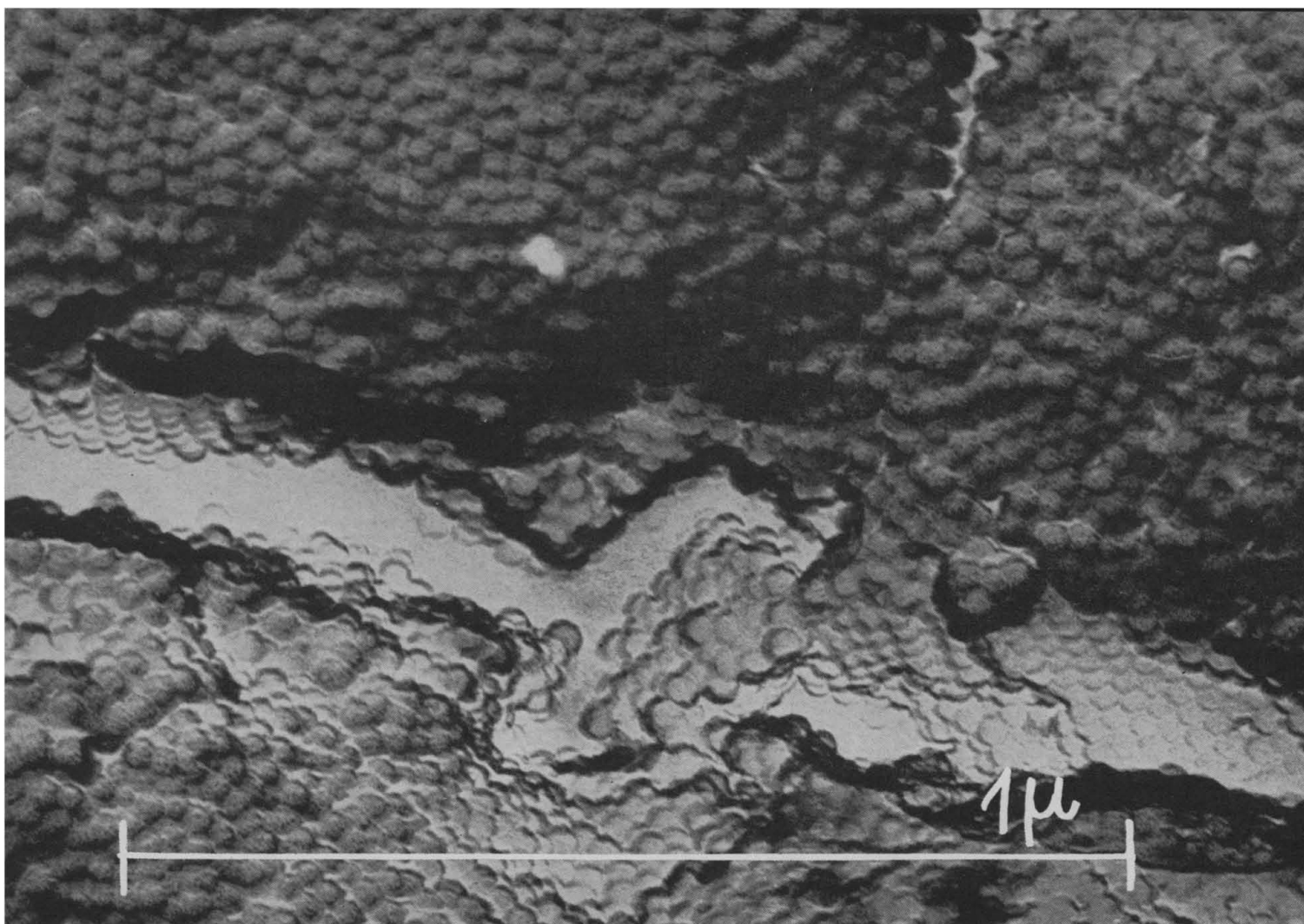
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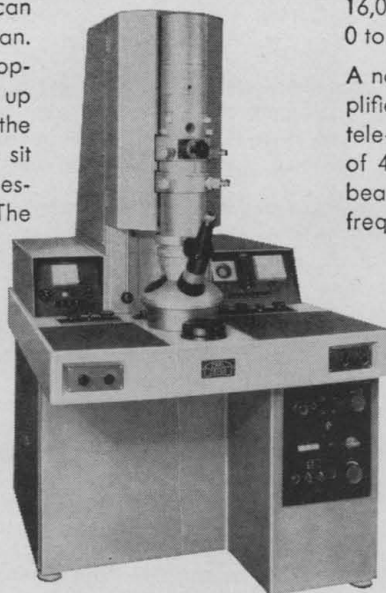


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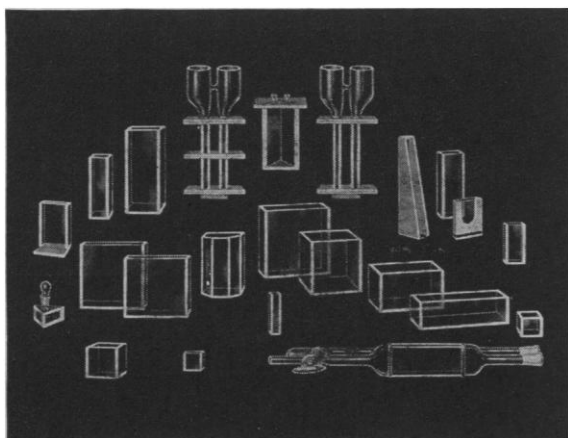
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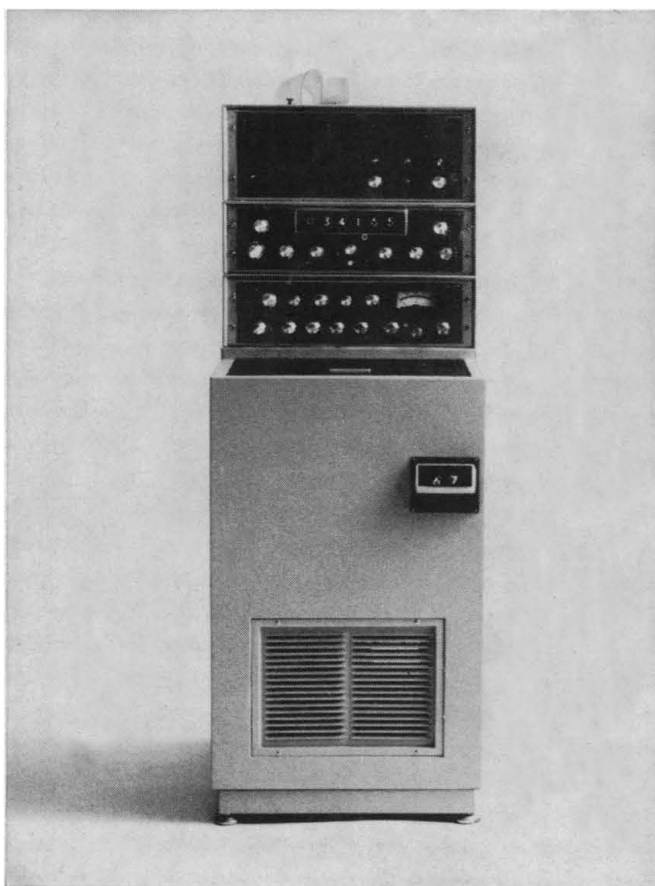
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