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sibility in all these areas and suggests that the government "find a mechanism for facilitating as promptly as possible our programs in population research, education, and public service, perhaps by the appointment of a person at a high national level with specific responsibility for leadership in implementing population programs."

In thrusting itself into the middle of domestic discussions on population the Academy has joined ranks with a great many other institutions that have only recently abandoned attitudes of unconcern or neutrality. Chief among these is, of course, the government, which was committed by President Johnson's State of the Union Message to "seek new ways to use our knowledge to help deal with the explosion in world population and the growing scarcity in world resources," and which is now providing birth control assistance to foreign governments who request it, through the Agency for International Development. In addition the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, and a number of other agencies and institutions have begun to take an interest in the population problem. The direction of the next effort by the Academy committee has not yet been determined, but it is certain that it will attempt to provide what amounts almost to a new "movement" with the same enlightened leadership that has characterized its first two efforts.—ELINOR LANGER

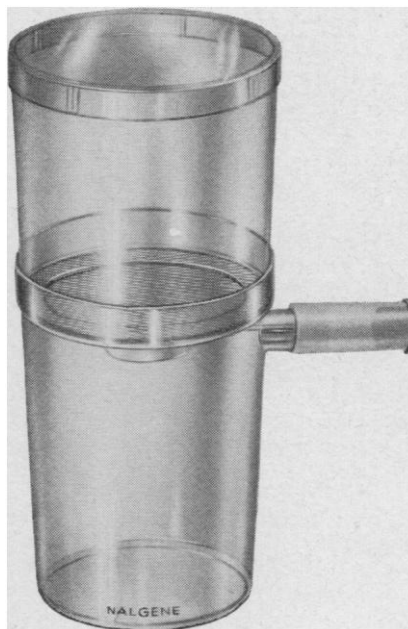
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Erratum: Figure 3 of the article, "Computerized bibliographic services for biomedicine," by L. Karel *et al.* (7 May, p. 769), is a composite of two sets of data. The cards (lower right), both labeled "National Library of Medicine," should have been designated to set them off from data on "Therapy of Chromoblastomycosis." The last item under "Therapy of Chromoblastomycosis" is incomplete.

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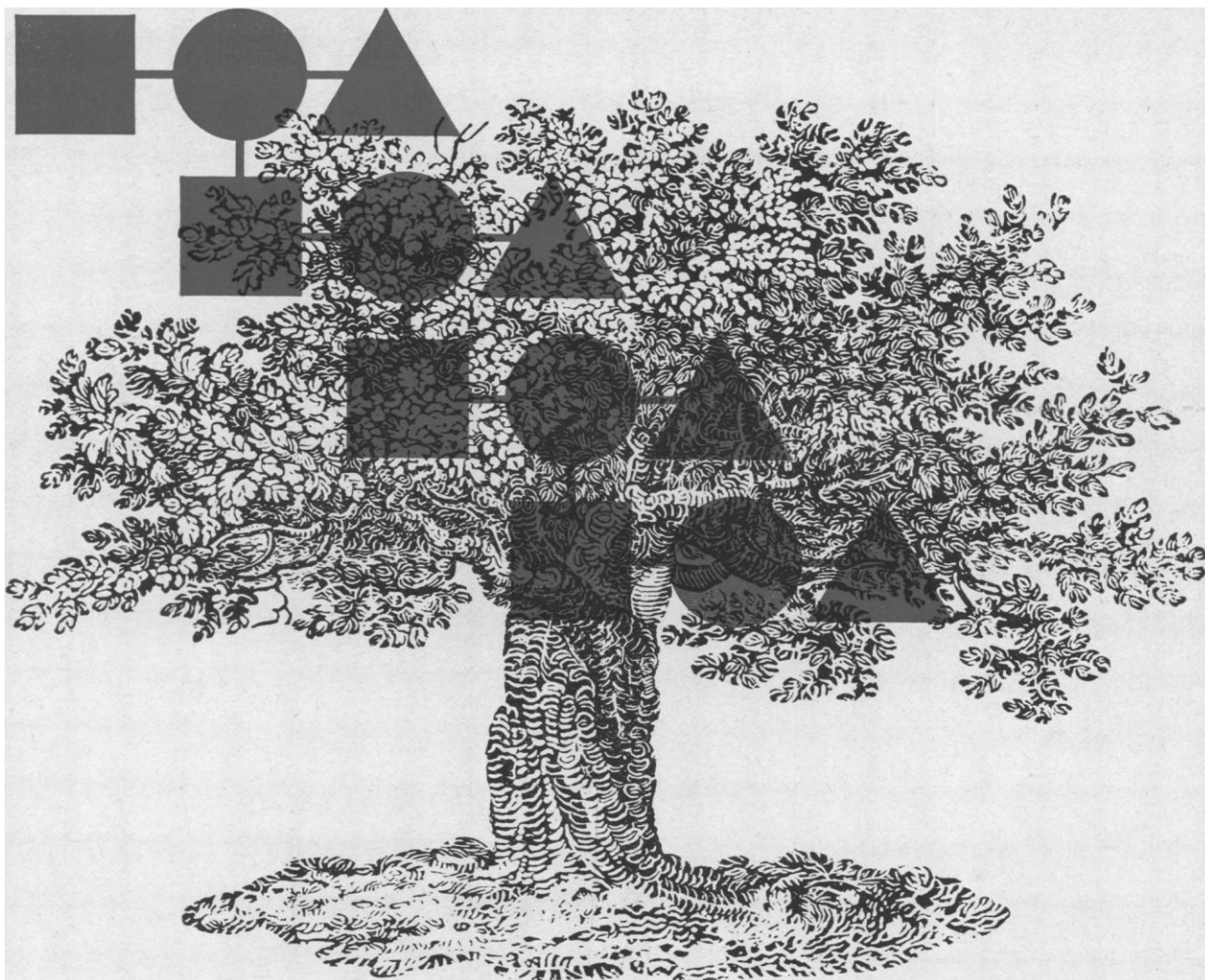
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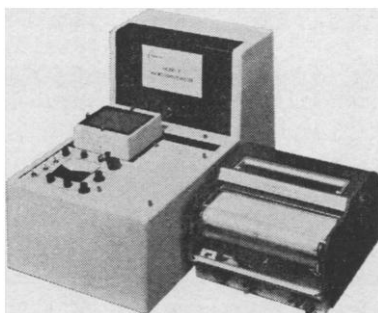
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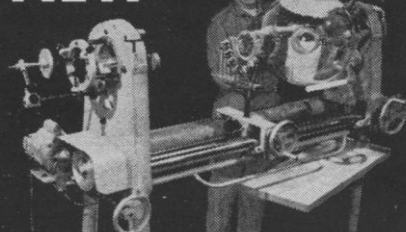
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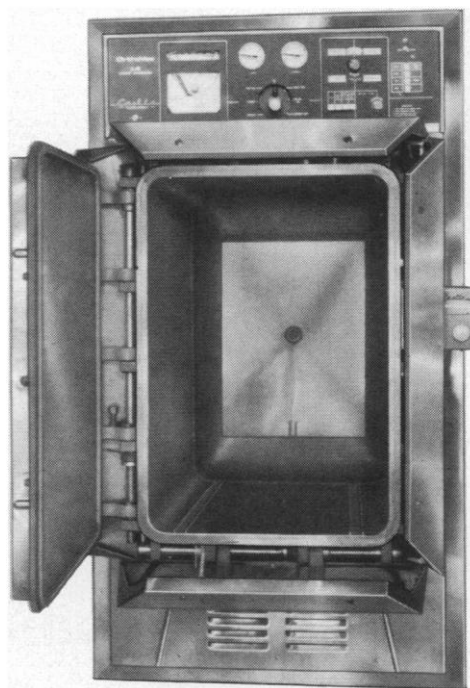
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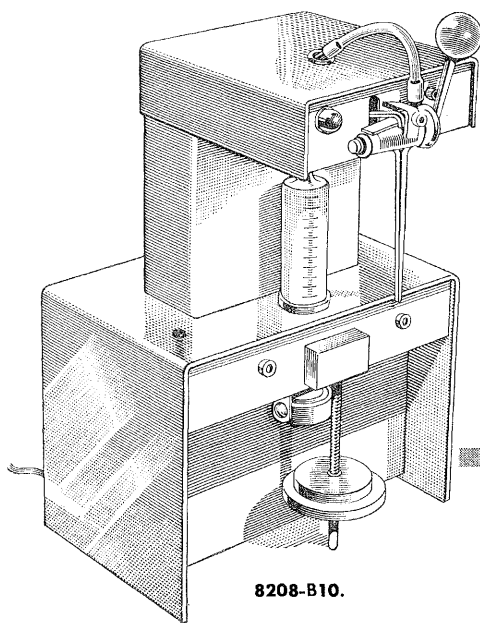
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