17-21. International Union of Independent Laboratories, 4th triennial general assembly, Leamington, England. (A. Herzka, Pressurized Packaging Consultants, Ltd., Ashbourne House, Alberon Gardens, London N.W. 11)

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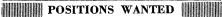
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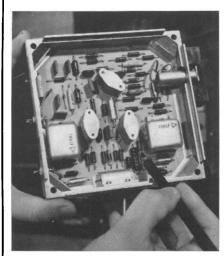
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