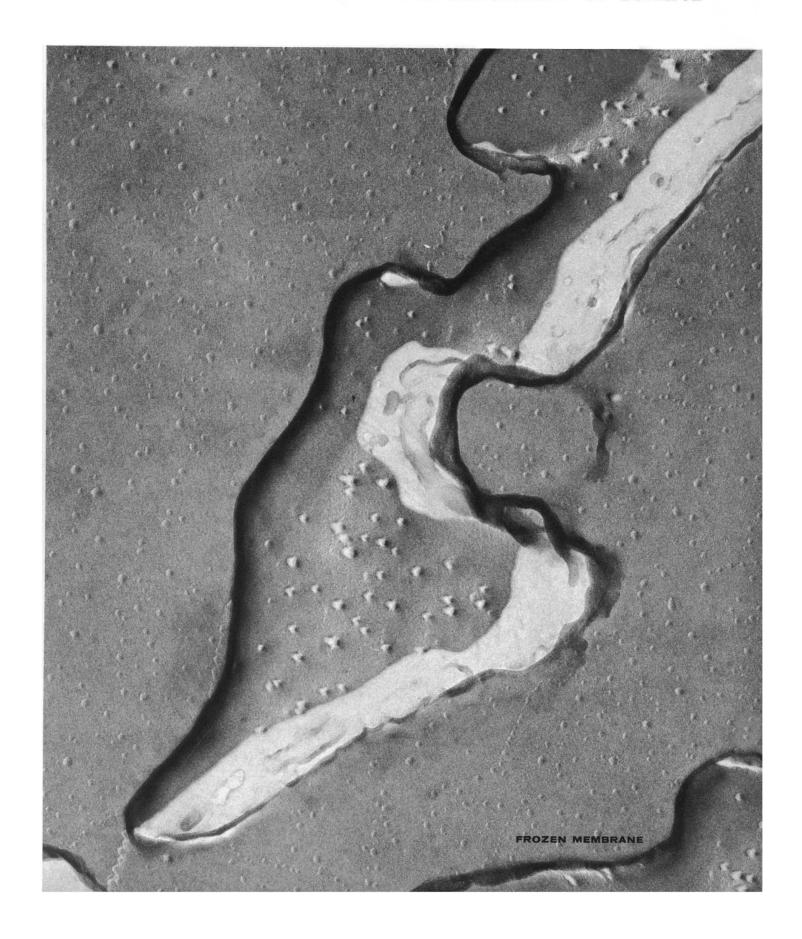
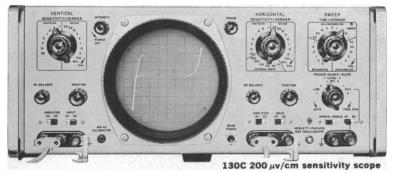
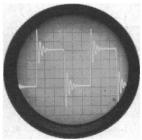
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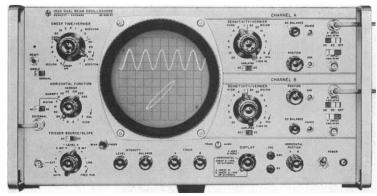
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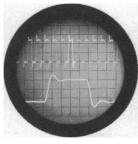
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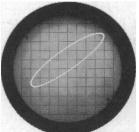
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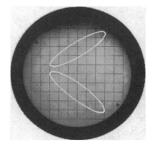
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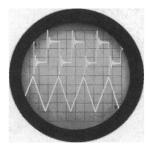
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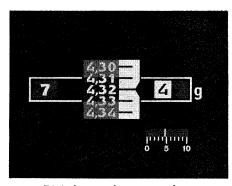
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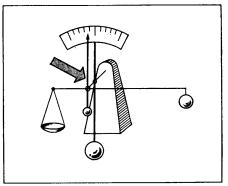


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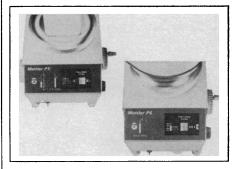
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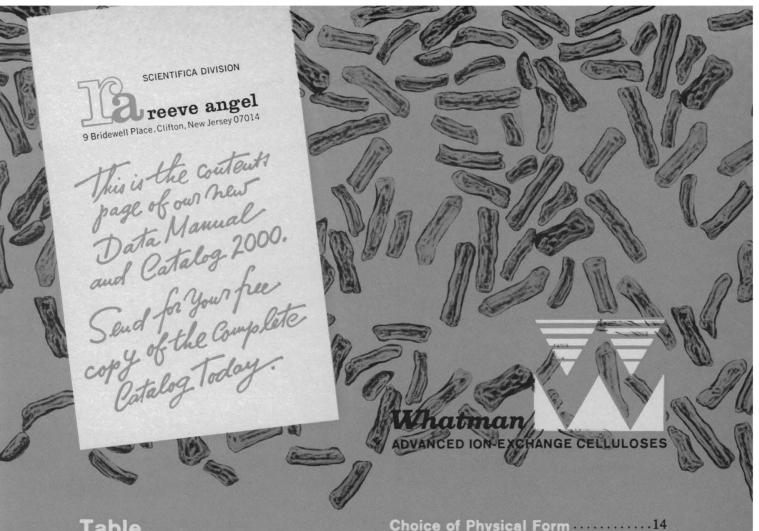
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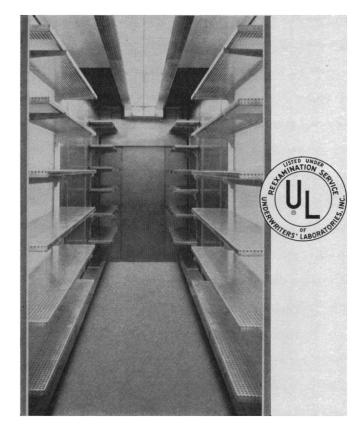
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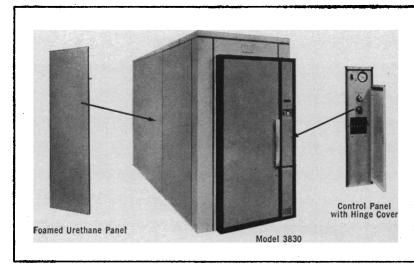
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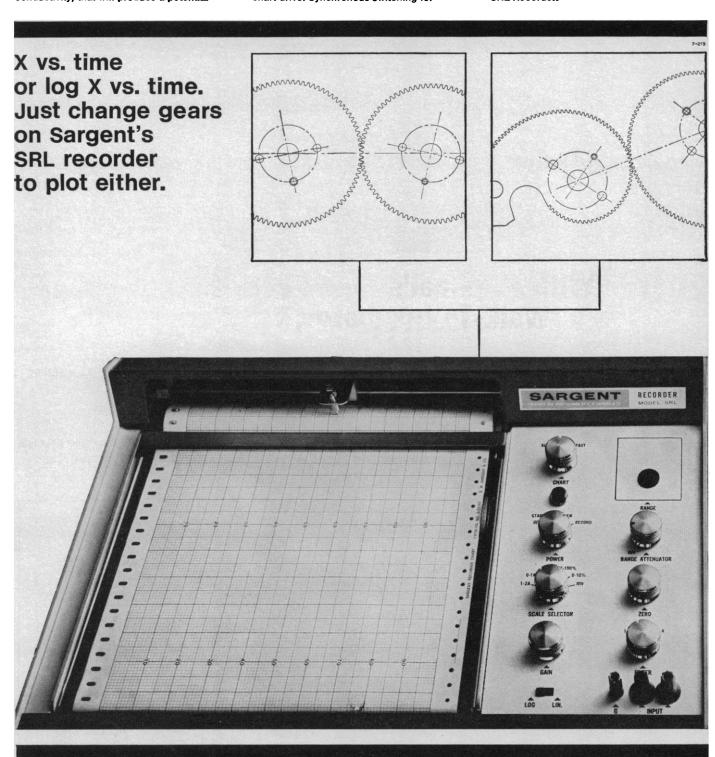
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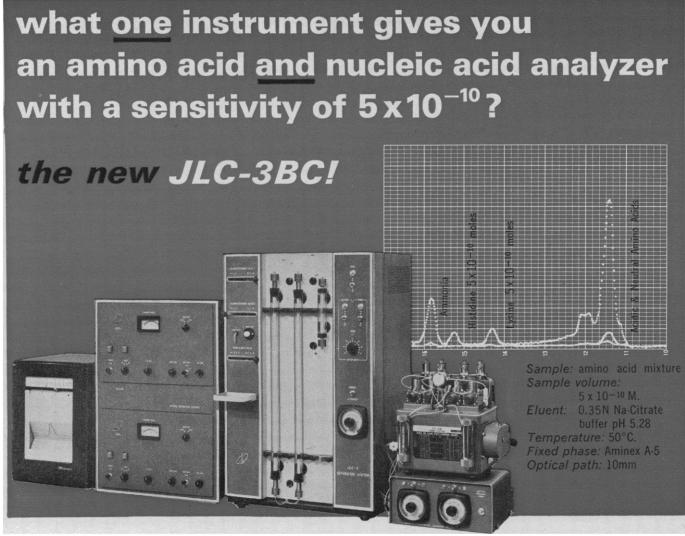
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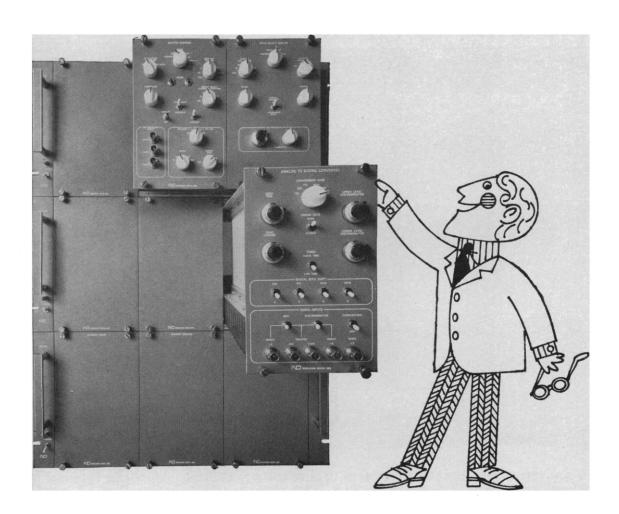
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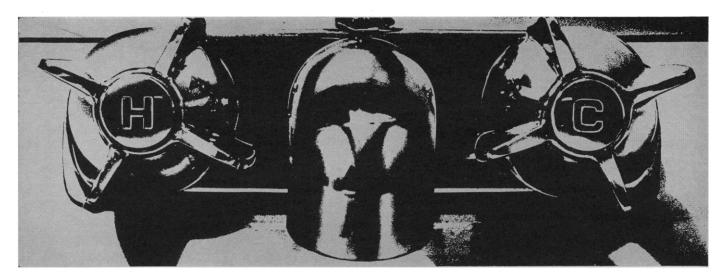
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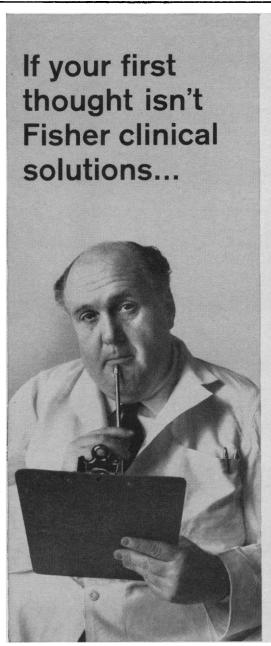
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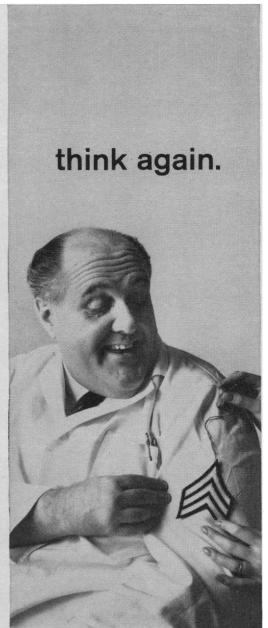


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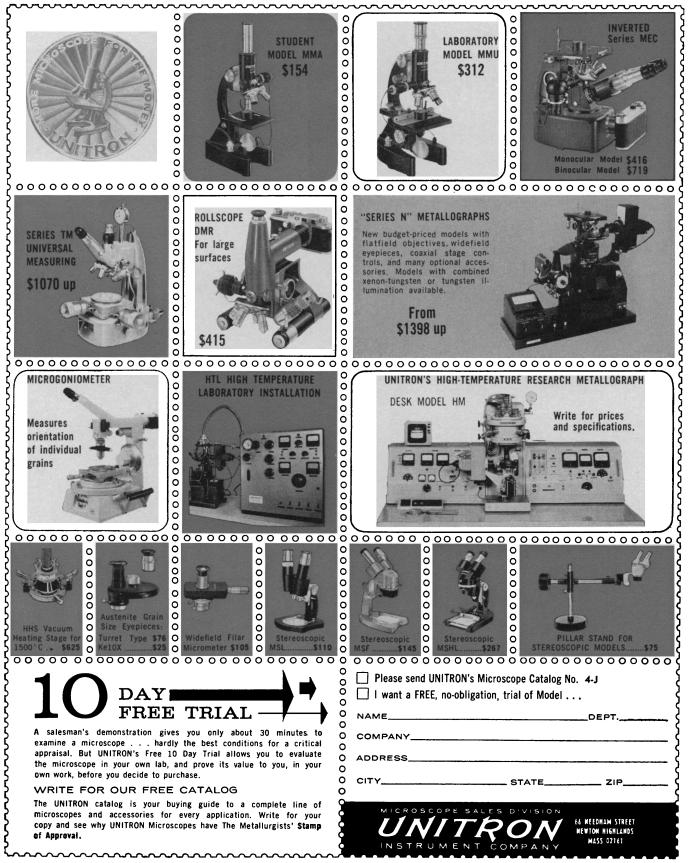
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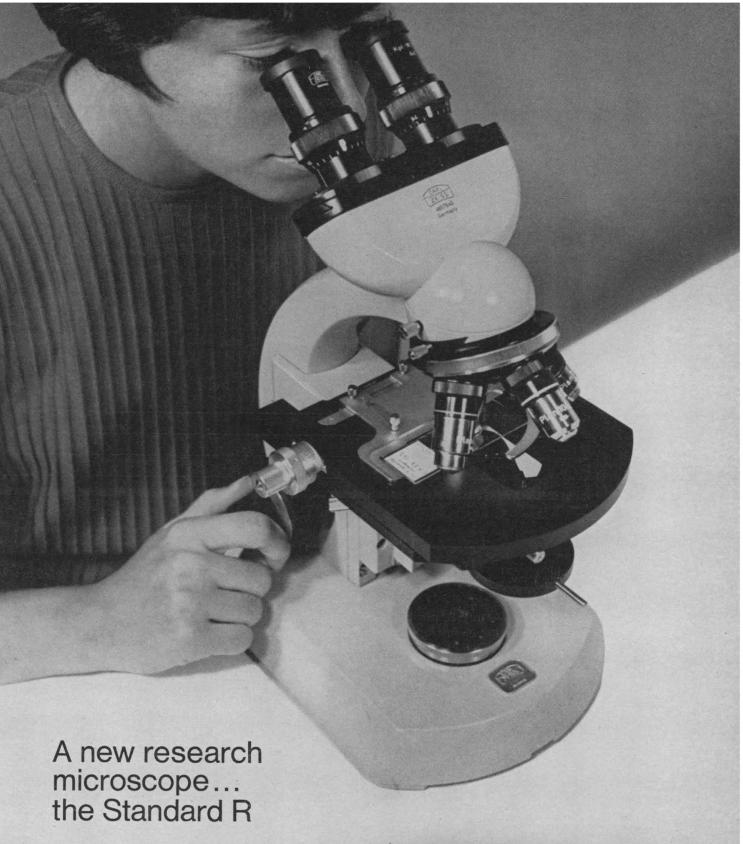
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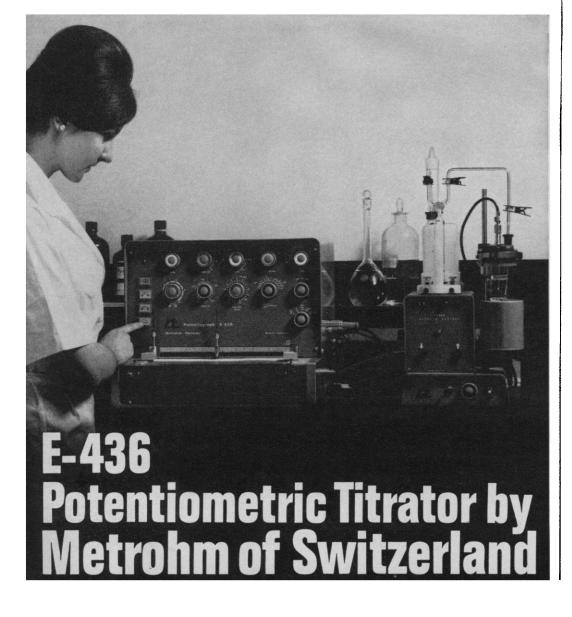
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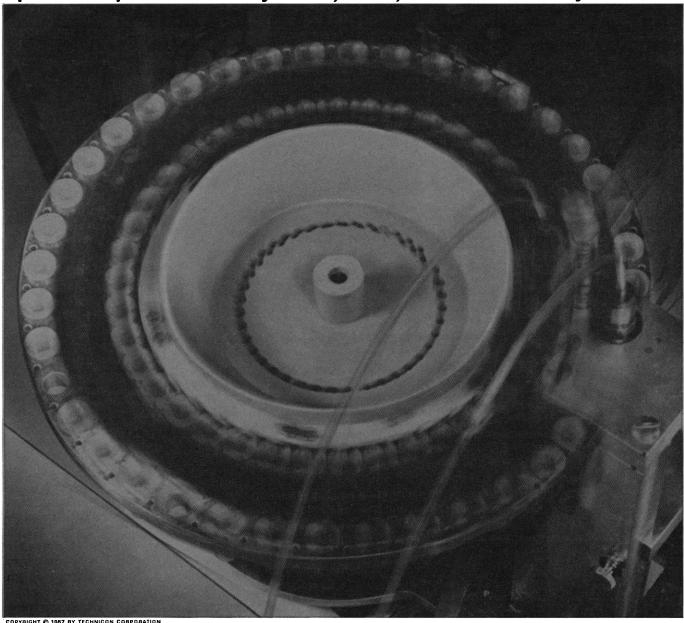
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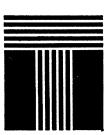
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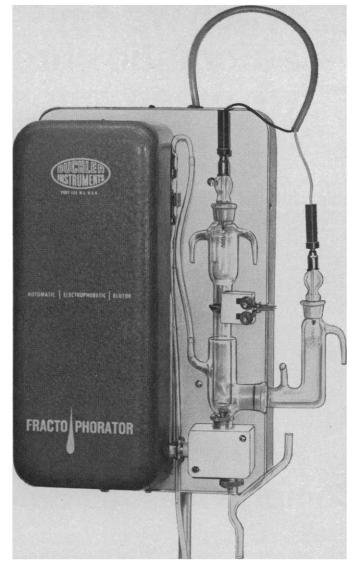


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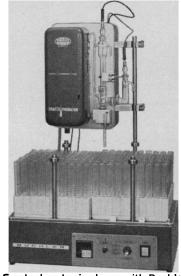
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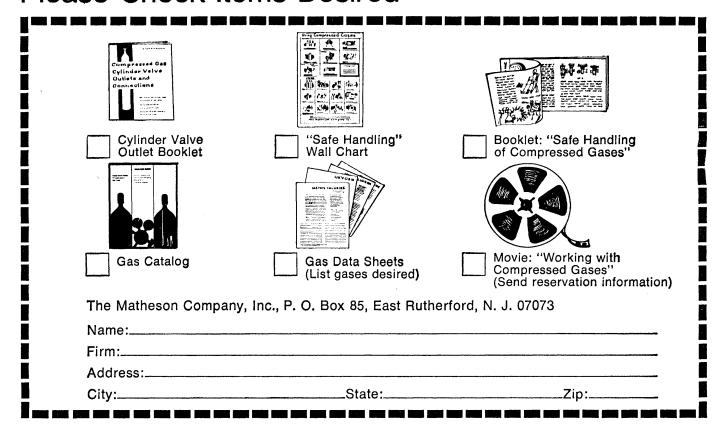


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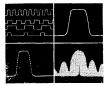
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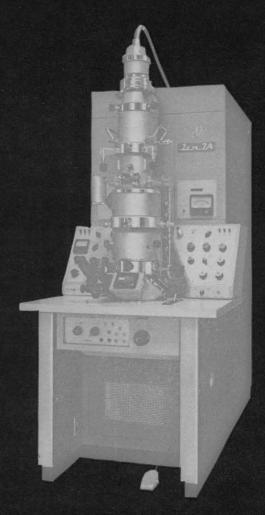


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Sewage: A Rose by Another Name

It is not my intent to deprecate the efforts of Mateles and others (15 Sept., p. 1322) and those cited by the authors to produce single-cell protein (SCP) from hydrocarbons. In fact, fermentation may be more efficient than conventional agriculture in converting petroleum into protein. There are, however, other potential substrates for SCP that are now in the category of misplaced resources. They are domestic effluents and solid organic wastes (commonly known as sewage and garbage). Enormous sums of money are spent to degrade these by-products of our society and dilute them into air and water. For example, most of the present efforts of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration appear to be directed toward dispersal by the usual, expensive methods of sanitary engineering. Yet, it is recognized that without additional tertiary treatment we are merely transferring problems and nuisances from one place to another.

Why cannot fermentation systems be designed to convert organic wastes into SCP? The problem of converting so-called nasty materials into an approved food has been solved in the case of fish protein concentrate. Why not turn some attention to sewage protein concentrate? Of course, this rose would have to be called by another name, but it could be just as nutritious as SCP, FPC, or filet mignon.

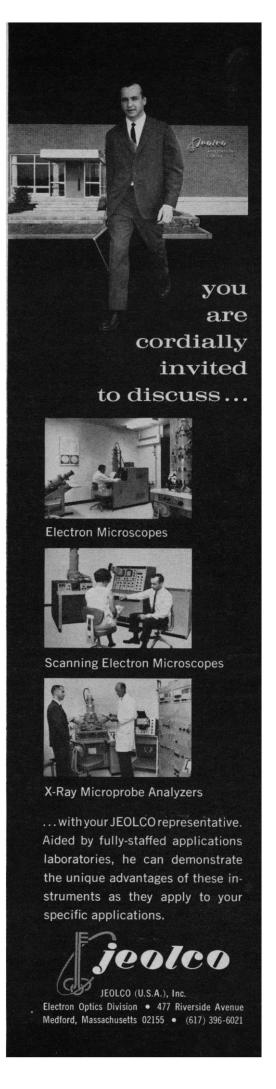
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Vitamin D and Skin Pigments

Loomis points out that the white race evolved in Europe because pigmented individuals develop vitamin D deficiency during the sunless winter months ("Skin-pigment regulation of vitamin D biosynthesis in man," 4 Aug., p. 501). His argument loses force when he states that native Africans are black (melanin granules) and Orientals yellow (keratohyaline granules) because individuals without this pigmentation suffered overproduction of vitamin D in equatorial latitudes. Even in this age of bikinis, the only reported cases of hypervitaminosis D are due to oral ingestion, though the chronic effects of slightly elevated vitamin D probably deserve further investigation. A more likely explanation of why light-skinned peoples suffer in the tropics, now as well as when the races were evolving, is found in solar-dependent skin cancer and simple sunburn [see, for example, F. Daniels, Med. Clin. No. Amer. 49, 565 (1965)]. Both these disorders are extremely common in Floridians of northern European extraction.

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In his article in the Handbook of Physiology (1), F. Daniels discusses the difficulties in viewing black skin as an adaptation to strong solar radiation. In particular, he says that Blum (2) has raised the question that must be answered and can be stated: "How can nondisabling sunburn, the mildly disfiguring effects of chronic solar exposure, and skin cancers occurring well past the reproductive years, have a genetic selection value?" Daniels then sug-



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Although positive evidence for hypervitaminosis D among light-skinned peoples near the equator is lacking today, this is probably because (i) up to now there has been no reason to look for it; (ii) the well-known difficulties of assaying this vitamin; and (iii) of the habit of white men in the tropics of carefully avoiding direct sunlight by wearing clothes and pith helmets, and staying indoors when the sun is high to such an extent that they often are not even sunburned. These cultural substitutes for a black stratum corneum were not available, of course, when the races were evolving. Future confirmation of the hypervitaminosis D theory may come from reports of elevated serum levels of calcium and phosphate, kidney stones, and other symptoms of hypervitaminosis D in white persons living out-of-doors in Java, Kenya, and Peru.

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UFO's: Ideal Space Inhabitants

Markowitz' article, "Physics and metaphysics of unidentified flying objects" (15 Sept., p. 1274), was very helpful and prompts the following thought. Aside from infrequent sightings prior to 1945, UFO's became a source of public concern at a time when exploration of space moved closer to reality. I suggest that man, confronted with stepping into space, finds it intolerable to perceive space as uninhabited. The "sophisticated anxiety" of modern man might be, in part, responsible for populating space with products of intelligent beings.

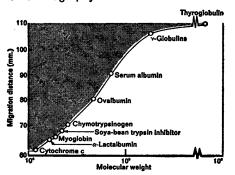
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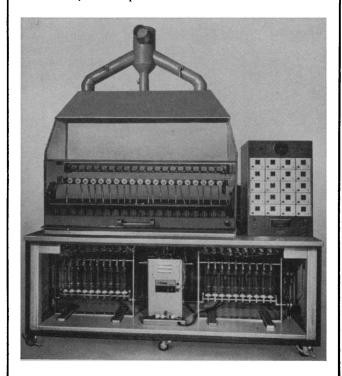
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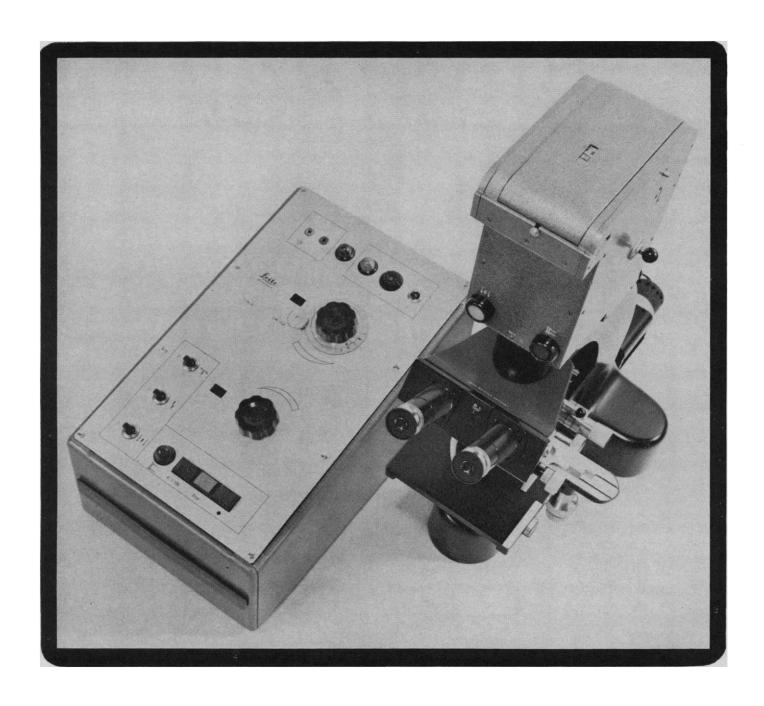
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Funds for New Graduate Students

Academic scientists have not reacted sufficiently to drastic changes in the political climate. As a result, federal support for graduate education has been hard hit. Unless present political trends are reversed, federal funds for academic research may also be cut.

Graduate school enrollments have been increasing at the rate of about 10 percent per year and are expected to reach about 300,000 in 1968. However, the number of new fellowship and traineeship awards will drop from 15,000 in fiscal year 1966 to about 10,500 in fiscal 1968. The effects will be felt most painfully in the physical sciences. Among the programs supporting graduate study, new National Science Foundation graduate fellowships will fall from 3635 (in 1966) to about 2600 (in 1968); the National Defense Education Act Title IV fellowships, from 6000 to 3325; and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration traineeships, from 1335 to 75.

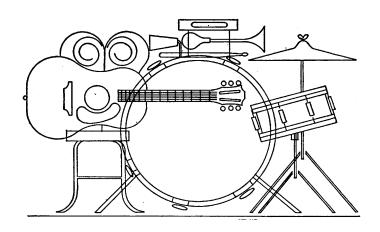
An alternative and important source of stipends for graduate students is research grants or contracts. If funds for research were expanding, some of the effects of the cuts in fellowship funds could be offset. However, overall federal support for the physical sciences has also diminished. Present indications are that federal funds for research and development in the physical sciences will drop at least 7 percent from fiscal 1967 to fiscal 1968. Because of inflation and other factors, the cost of conducting scientific activities increased by about 7 percent during the year.

Those responsible for the conduct of research will have to operate with the equivalent of 14 percent less money. In a retrenchment, purchases of equipment and supplies take precedence over provision of stipends for graduate assistants. Moreover, experienced graduate assistants of known competence are supported in preference to beginners. Thus, one consequence of recent congressional actions will be a stunted or a lost generation of young scientists. Prominent among the casualties will be those who need financial assistance in order to continue their education.

Congress does not seem to have comprehended the effects of its actions. In its present mood it does not want to listen. Observers have the impression that it is unusually peevish and anti-intellectual. Largely because of the war in Vietnam, a deficit of as much as \$29 billion is projected. With an election year approaching and the public overwhelmingly against a tax increase, Congress feels that its only course is to decrease spending.

However, it is unwilling to cut military expenditures, social security, or medicare. It cannot reduce the interest on the national debt. If cuts in the budget are to be made, they must come out of a few activities. Science and education now seem among the more vulnerable. The Congressional Record for 18 October shows the current attitudes of many members of the House of Representatives. In wide-ranging debate concerning budget cuts, many activities and agencies were defended—for example, the Post Office Department, the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, even the supersonic transport. No member rose to speak for education or the National Science Foundation.

Today Congress seems unable to select a wise course of action. In this pre-election year, congressmen listen willingly to their constituents but to few others. If a further decline in support of science and higher education is to be prevented, academic scientists across the country must make themselves heard both now and later. The universities and their alumni associations represent a potentially powerful political force. The time has come for bringing that force into constructive action.—Philip H. Abelson





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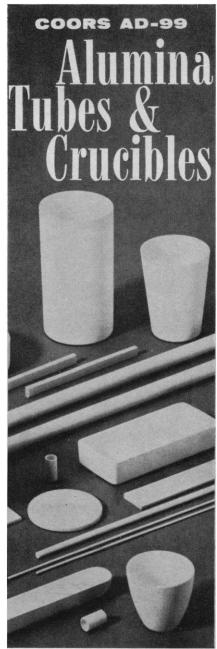
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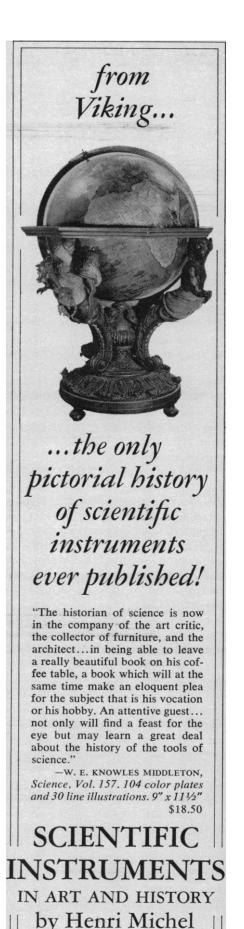
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seriously their responsibility to work on the interaction between sociological theory and technological invention, even to the point where sociologists work out specifications for needed technological innovation. For example, sociologists could have identified the desirability of coitus-independent contraceptives such as the IUD and should press the need for methods to predetermine the sex of offspring. Brim also raised the question of abortion as a major element in family planning. Abortion is a problem that has not yet been solved either technologically or socially, and a mere handful of sociologists are working on it.

Many questions were raised about the consequences of reduced family and population size. What are the effects of child spacing on interpersonal relations within the family? What changes occur in the relations between generations? In the role of women? There was a lively discussion of the need for research on the unintended results of institutionalizing a great social innovation like family planning.

Reuben Hill (Minnesota) focused on family studies, which see man as an initiator in the social process. Such studies are much needed as balance to the demographers' view of man as a passive particle in the grip of social forces. For family planning programs the optimal reference unit seems to be the nuclear family and its social network of neighbors and relatives, rather than the individual mother or society at large. Family planning is a special case of family decision making and problem solving, and it involves the husband and father no less than the mother, although the male member of the family constellation has been largely neglected in family planning research.

Mass communication was described by Daniel Lerner (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) as a technology without a theory. Because the mass media can reach very large communities simultaneously, repeatedly, and rapidly, they make feasible the creation of a climate of opinion in which rapid changes of attitude can occur. This kind of change arouses a whole range of demands-for more housing, more education, and more food, for example. Although mass media cannot alone induce acceptance, family planning programs will be most effective when presented as a form of behavior that can help satisfy the full range of rising expectations. This kind of coordination has been important to the



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success of family planning programs in Taiwan and Korea.

Leo Bogart (American Newspaper described Publishers' Association) American advertising as functioning chiefly on superficial levels of motivation that are not particularly relevant to family planning as a marketing problem. However, family planning programs could well use advertising's organizational expertise for distributing the product: it does little good to persuade people to use a product that is not readily available. One important organizational technique in achieving the right marketing mix is the use of a single coordinator with authority to cut across established hierarchical lines to get things done. Another useful device is to select specific target groups and gear each campaign to certain segments of the population. A third value may lie in promoting familiarity with many different kinds of contraceptives, taking the basic concept of contraception for granted; this may serve to alleviate anxiety about a radical innovation by assuming that it is already favorably known.

Catherine Chilman (Welfare Administration) pointed out that poverty groups in the United States have many of the characteristics of a developing nation. Family planning research on middle class families has as little relevance for these groups as for India or Hong Kong.

George M. Foster (Berkeley) suggested that people in all cultures appear to be basically so pragmatic that they will accept any innovation that they can see actually meets a need in their own lives. If this is true it follows that any attempt to establish change depends on four conditions: the people must perceive a need; they must have information on how that need can be met; the materials to meet the need must be easily available to them; and the society must not impose negative sanctions. Actually there now exists sufficient knowledge about these four conditions that they need not comprise the main barriers against family planning. Those barriers are rather to be found in the nature, structure, and personality of bureaucracies. The real contribution that social sciences can make to family planning—and to all technological development—is to enable people to understand themselves as individuals and as members of their organizations.

Foster also challenged the recurring emphasis on expanding freedom of

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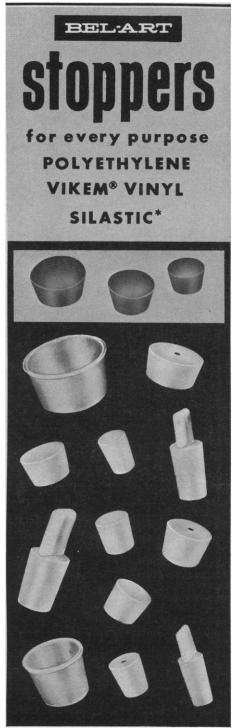
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choice and improving family function as euphemisms for the real goal of family planning programs. This goal he stated as bringing births and deaths into approximate balance at some level which will enable relatively civilized life to continue. This point engendered vigorous discussion. The consensus appeared to be that the three valuesindividual freedom, family integrity, population control-are not mutually exclusive but can and must be brought into a working synthesis, for the purpose of all population planning is to improve the quality of living. It is probably true that the priority of emphasis among the three approaches will differ with different social contexts, but all are essential.

Everett Rogers (Michigan State) reported on research on the diffusion of innovations and suggested ways of using the diffusion approach for family planning research. He stressed the inadequacy of static or demographic variables such as age, literacy, and family size, and suggested four other variables that hold high potential for family planning research: economic incentives, social-psychological perceptions, social structure norms, and communication strategies.

The final discussion, led by Nicholas Demerath (Washington University), concerned organizational theory. Administrative slow-downs in family planning programs can be relieved by research into the motivations and functioning of policy makers. Four special barriers need investigation. First, administrative elites in developing countries are often very small and seriously overloaded; second, they tend to work in the colonial tradition of custodial leadership; third, there is excessive bureaucratization, often increased by the zeal of technical consultants who are eager to get more people to work on their programs; and fourth, the ethnocentrism of technical consultants. often Americans, is a serious obstacle. Organizations capable of all-out efforts for population planning can never be built until Western consultants work in full partnership with local managerial talents, recognizing their high capabilities and working pragmatically in ways that are socially and culturally appropriate to the environment. The creation of personal competence is essential here, and it can be done by co-opting local talent and helping to give them locally appropriate forms of managerial training. In this discussion of organization, the question was raised

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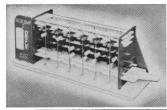
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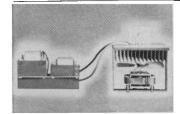
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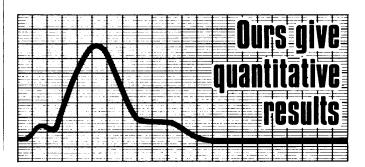
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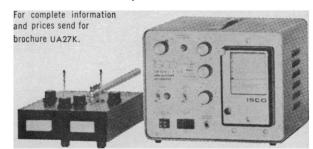




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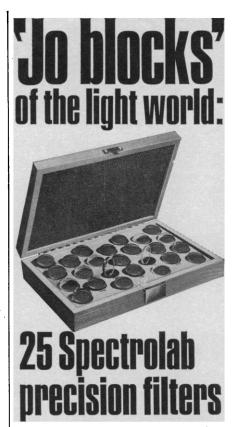
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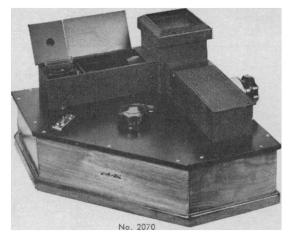


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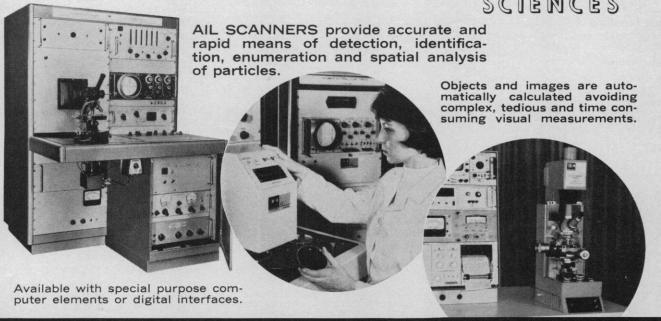


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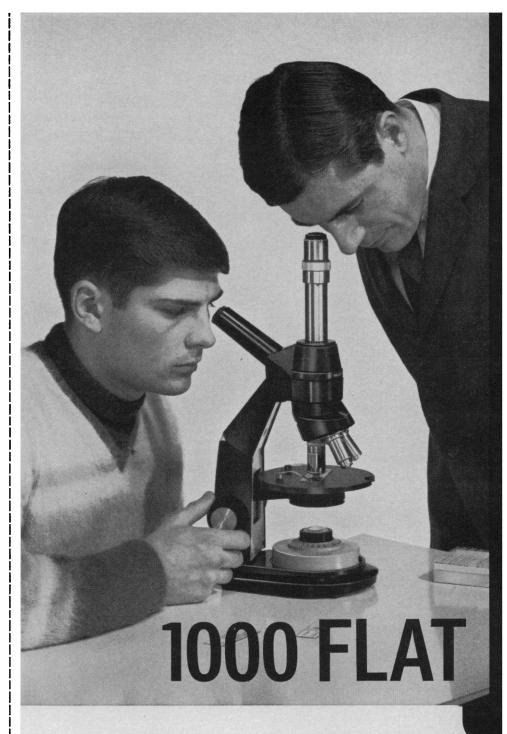
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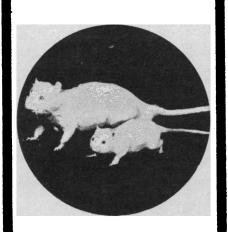
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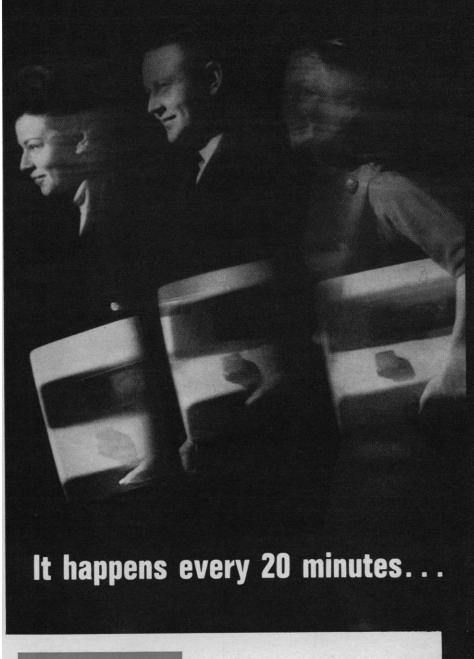
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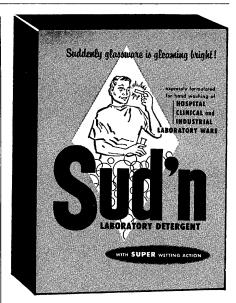
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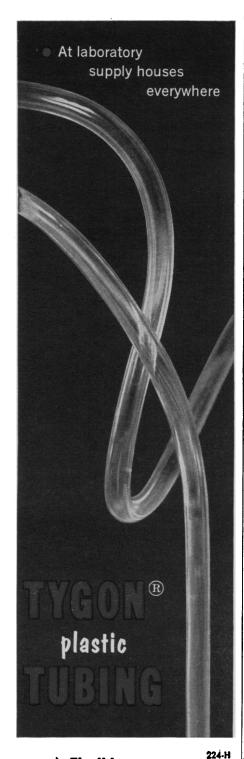
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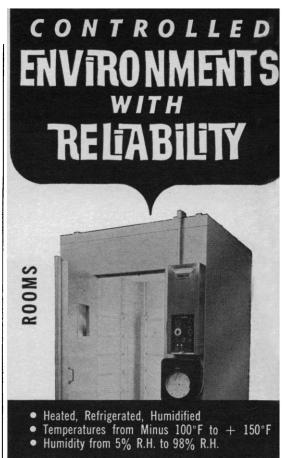
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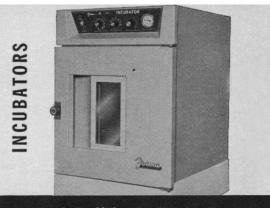
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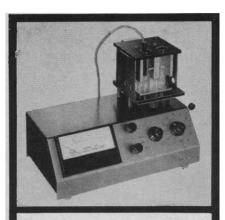
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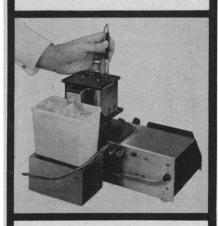
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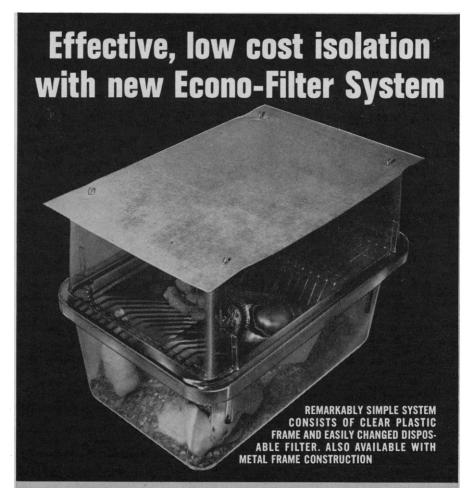
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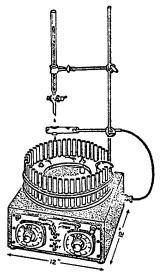
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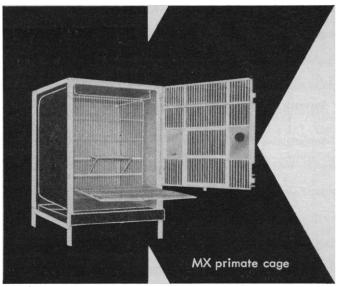
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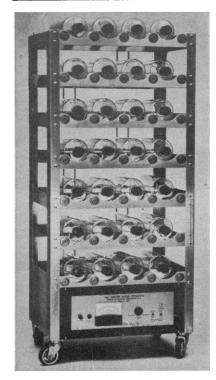
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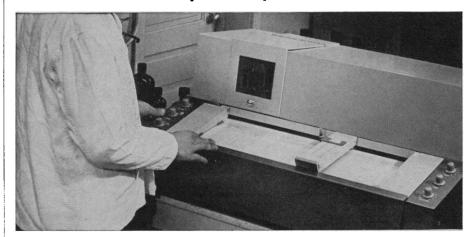
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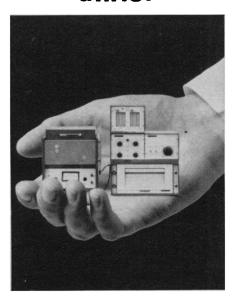


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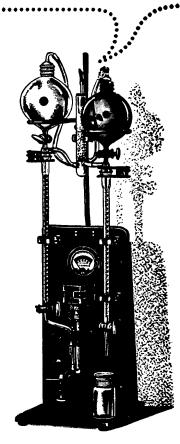
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