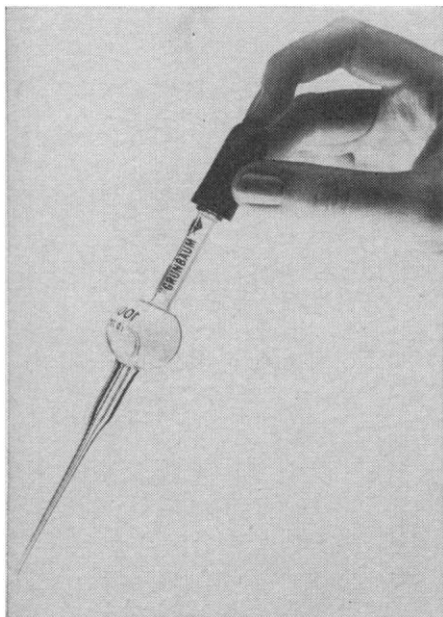


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surgery. The physician who deals with compensation (insurance) cases sees them, as does the neurologist; but so does the internist, the orthopedist, the gynecologist, and the dermatologist. Some patients go so far as to deliberately aggravate a minor condition or even inflict wounds on themselves.

Obviously, Dutton has better things to do with his time than submit to needless hospitalization—but the "unthinkable" is true. Such occurrences are far more numerous than the general public realizes, and probably more numerous than I realize, for I am not a physician.

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Dutton's letter is as sinister as it is disturbing in its implications. To attack the American Medical Association "persecution complex" is his royal prerogative but he ought not attribute his own Machiavellian mental concoctions "to cynical laymen in this country and foreigners." Every doctor I know is currently working behind schedule with overcrowded waiting rooms and with patients disgruntled about having to wait a week, a month, or more for appointments. Every doctor I know devotes considerable time daily at the telephone consulting with patients, trying to discourage unnecessary appointments to lighten his office load. I believe a similar situation exists throughout this country. . . . There are sufficient meritorious arguments for a National Health Service without stooping to snide remarks regarding doctors' character, honesty, and integrity. If we are going to have a National Health Service program, let it be not in retaliation against the medical profession, but rather because we believe it will improve the health standing and medical care of the American people.

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### Conserving Rare Wildlife

Gregg's letter (12 Jan.) reflects the growing concern over the rapid depletion of wild animal populations. Many animals on import lists are also on the "endangered list."

Conservationists usually respond by attempts to (i) establish sanctuaries and game management laws; and (ii) reduce the export of such animals. Both efforts are often thwarted inas-

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much as many such animals come from the developing nations where conservation ranks low on the list of national priorities. National development means developing natural resources, especially arable land to feed rapidly increasing populations. Wild animals are both a resource to be exploited and a hindrance to agricultural development. They may eat, or otherwise damage crops, and game wardens are kept busy destroying animals they receive complaints about. Even where model game laws exist, enforcement is neglected. Need one cite practices in our own country with regard to golden eagles, coyotes, woves, mountain lions, crows, and such "vermin"?

Since conservationists are frustrated at the source, some advocate blocking importation of endangered animals into those developed countries which serve as the market. This negative approach—stopping destruction by stopping demand—fails on two counts. One, destruction of natural habitats and local demands remain unaffected. Two, desirable importation is hindered.

I suggest that the proper positive approach is to (i) encourage establishment of game sanctuaries and preserves; (ii) encourage establishment of enforceable game laws; (iii) encourage establishment of transplanted captive or free-ranging breeding colonies into areas which can be protected; and (iv) encourage substitutions or local breeding for endangered animals used in experiments, biological supply procedures, or displays which tend to "use up" animals.

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### Phosphine

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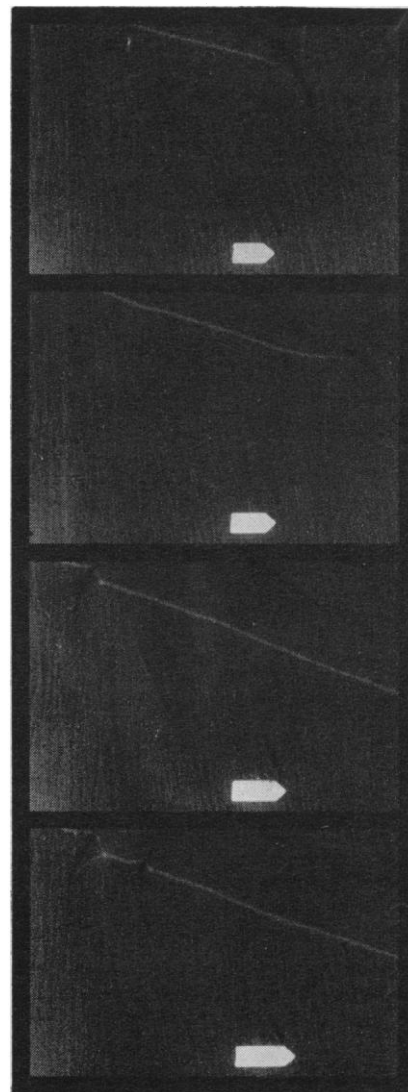


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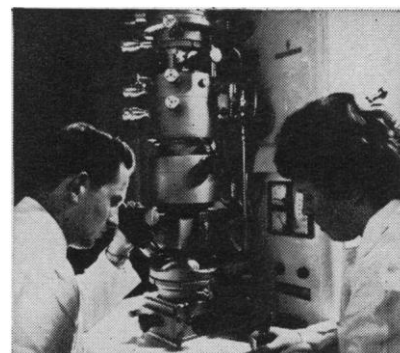
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