

peddle semipornographic trash in bookstores and theaters. The fact that some white people are prejudiced is given as reason enough to "burn Whitey," and because some Negroes riot there are those who would put "the Negro" back in his place. In every instance, one wrong is being used to justify another.

There is no reason to be surprised that such childish reasoning is used by immature people—this has been going on since time immemorial. What is so discouraging is that supposedly intelligent people, including a fairly strong and vociferous segment of our educators and scientists, are not only unable to cope with such arguments on the part of adolescent students, but actually side with the students in their blind rebellion against any standards of conduct.

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Research on Aging: A Proposal

In my letter (15 Dec.) essentially supporting Strehler's view on aging research, I suggested the "creation of a Research Commission of Aging which would be directly responsible to the President and Congress and the transfer to this Commission of authority for all basic biological research on aging—in effect, formation of an AEC of biological aging." Unfortunately Strehler interpreted my statement to mean creation of an organization of the *financial* size and complexity of the AEC, while I intended it to refer only to an organization with centralized responsibility and authority similar to the AEC. I had in mind an organization of perhaps 100 people whose primary purpose would be to monitor contracts with universities, hospitals, and independent research groups. A secondary purpose would be to carry on in-house research, both to verify contract results and to explore concepts which were not under contract. A third purpose would be to stimulate private research interest in the biological mechanisms of aging. These three aims could be accomplished on an annual budget of between \$5 million and \$50 million, progressing from the smaller to the larger value as the commission became established.

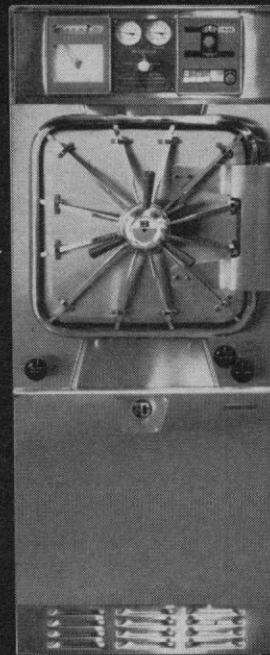
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