

for those less than 25 years of age as compared with those more than 25 years of age. Thirty-five individuals were 25 years or older. Twelve of the 35 (34 percent) preferred the LSD painting, whereas 23 (56 percent) preferred the conventional painting. Fifteen individuals were less than 25 years of age. Of the 15, 8 (53 percent) preferred the LSD painting and 7 (47 percent) preferred the conventional painting. Thus, it is clear that there was a reversal of preference about the age 25. A further effort was made to characterize the group and evaluate each individual as to how much of a "swinger" he or she was. Scores of 1 to 5 were assigned, with 1 representing the least swinging of the group and 5 the most swinging of the group. This simple system obviously has deficiencies; however, it is interesting to note that the group preferring the LSD painting had a mean score of 3.4 and the group preferring the conventional painting had a mean score of 2.9.

Although the results suggest that the group preferring the painting executed under the influence of LSD is a younger and more swinging group, the sample is small and the methods of study informal and not precise. The members of the group who preferred the conventional painting as well as readers of the same mind are certain to counter that our study has shown *Little Significant Difference*.

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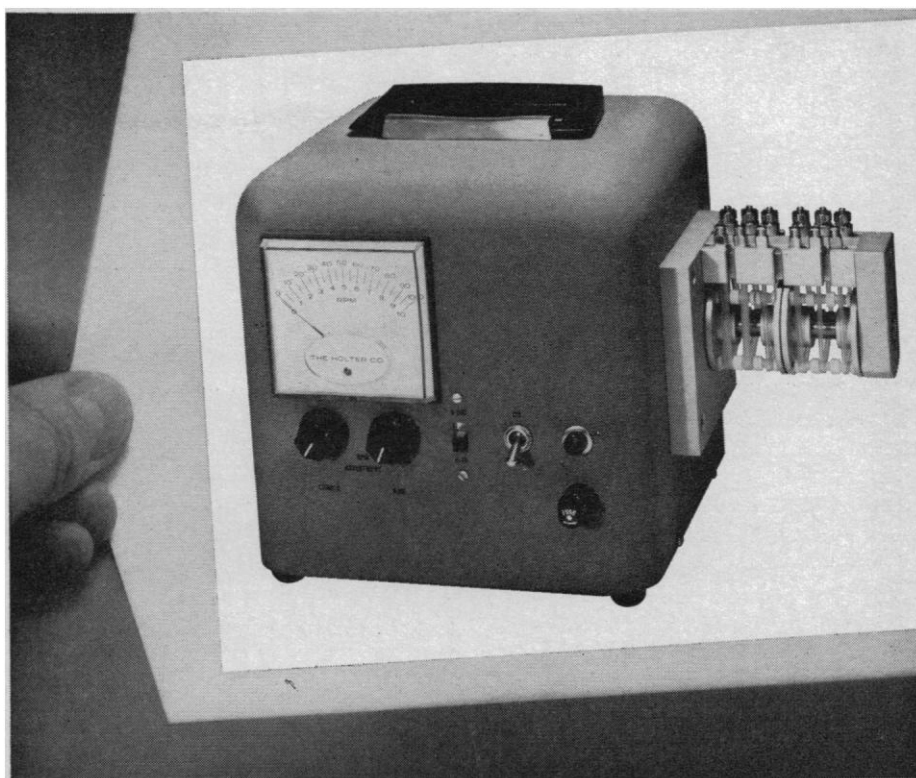
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May I add to your concise report on the ills of U.S. participation in the International Biological Program (22 Mar.): It is highly improbable that a group of individuals who cannot agree on what constitutes a community can agree to get together for international cooperative research on communities. Not only is this an inauspicious time to commence major projects requiring new funds, but there is reason to believe that the field of ecology is not mature enough to benefit from a large-scale, coordinated program. This double misfortune is particularly disheartening since we are already in very deep ecological trouble.

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