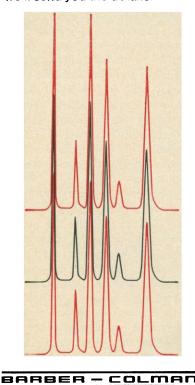
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The emphasis should be placed on that research and innovation which will benefit the underdeveloped area. After all, the most prestigious universities of our time were founded originally to serve the educational and cultural needs of their Colonial and pioneer communities. If institutions which serve primarily underdeveloped constituencies would set their goals realistically, their graduates could return to teach in them with a true sense of purpose and attune themselves to those policies, regardless of where they obtained their advanced training.

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We have been informed that 4 March 1969 was designated as a holiday by a number of M.I.T. scientists and other researchers around the country. We also note that 4 March happens to be the birthday of the City of Chicago (incorporated 1837). We sincerely thank our colleagues for their thoughtfulness in helping us celebrate this memorable event.

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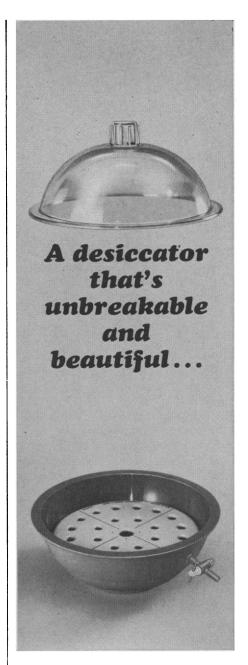
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Common Leeches

It would be greatly appreciated if any reader of Science would send me information concerning suppliers of the common leech. The supplier, Carolina Biologicals, from whom I usually obtain leeches has informed me that they will not be able to supply any until early or mid-April. A slip from the



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