rodents is minimal, but that loss of fluid into tissues (edema) may be an important factor. His data indicate that sodium loss (as determined by studies using radioactive sodium) may be minimal, at least prior to the time that the animal approaches the moribund stage. Hyodo-Taguchi and Egami showed a distinct increase in loss of sodium from irradiated goldfish suffering from gastrointestinal syndrome. Lushbaugh pointed out that such loss may well be from vessel damage particularly in the gills of the fish.

In summary of the conference, the problems involved in differential species radiosensitivity were brought into sharper focus, but a great deal of work needs to be done before the differences can be understood. Detailed work is required on differences in pool sizes, the kinetics of cell proliferation, and control mechanisms of cell proliferation in the different species. Physiological variables must be better defined, particularly the rate of utilization of mature functional cells in the irradiated versus normal individual. The possible role of the reticuloendothelial system deserves a great deal more attention, as do changes in blood vessels and the supporting matrix for proliferating tissues, particularly at dose levels high in the lethal range for the bone-marrow syndrome and above.

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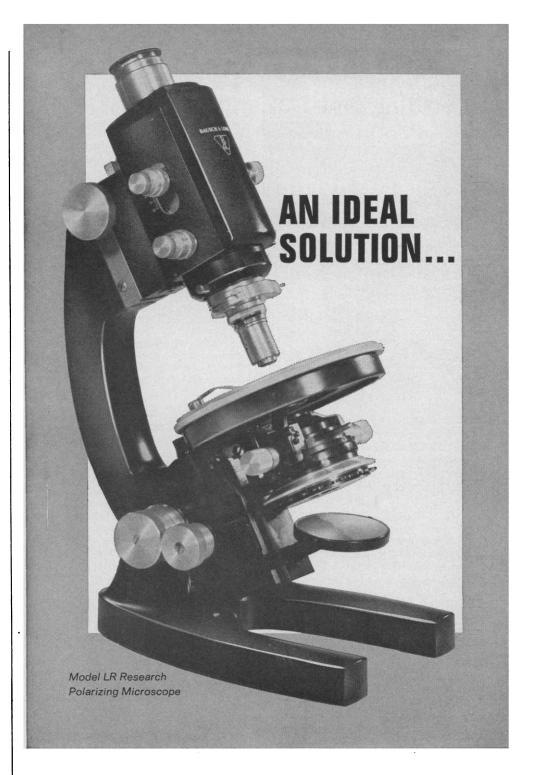
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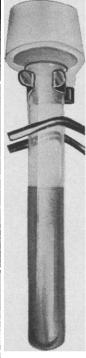
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