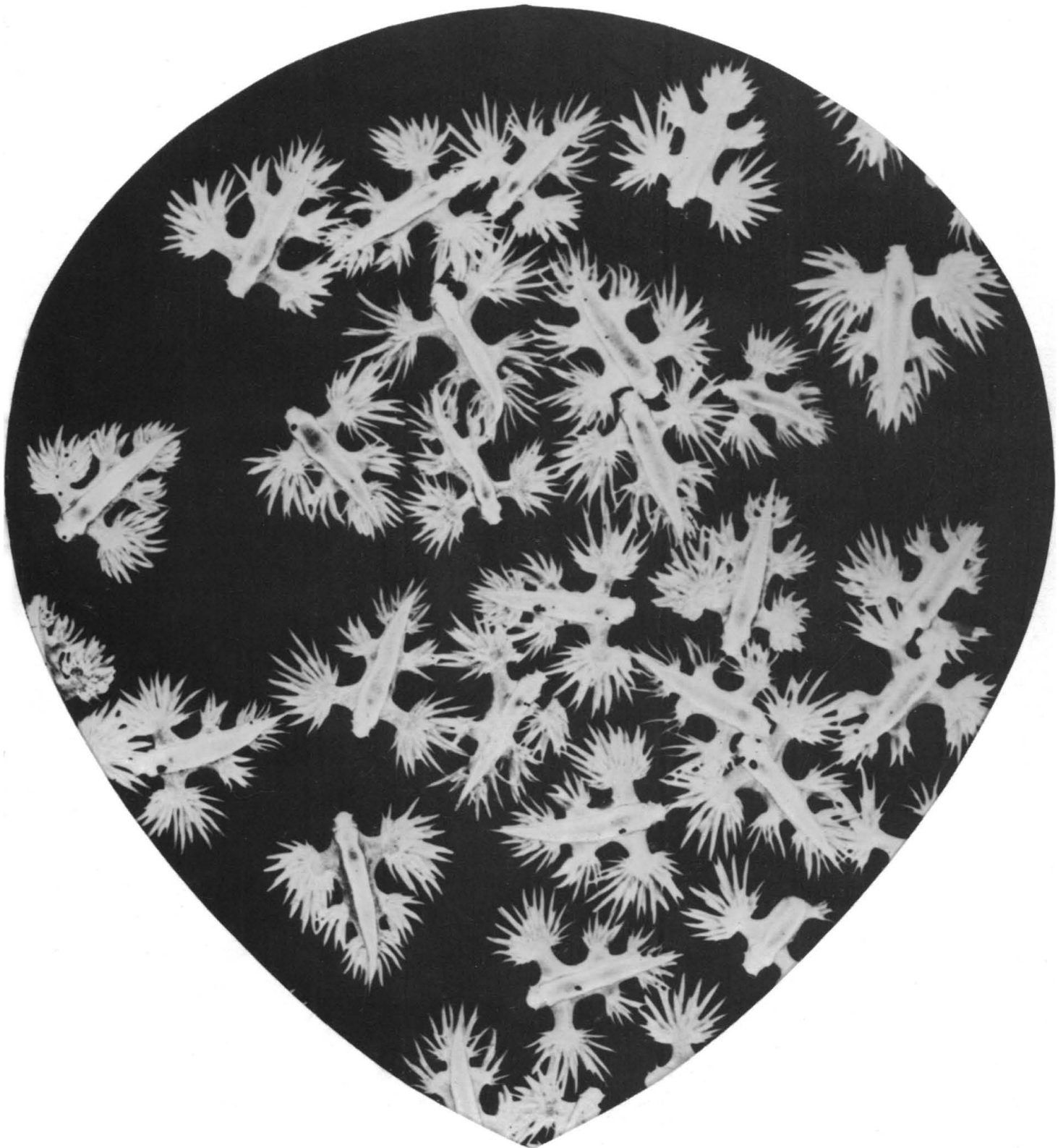


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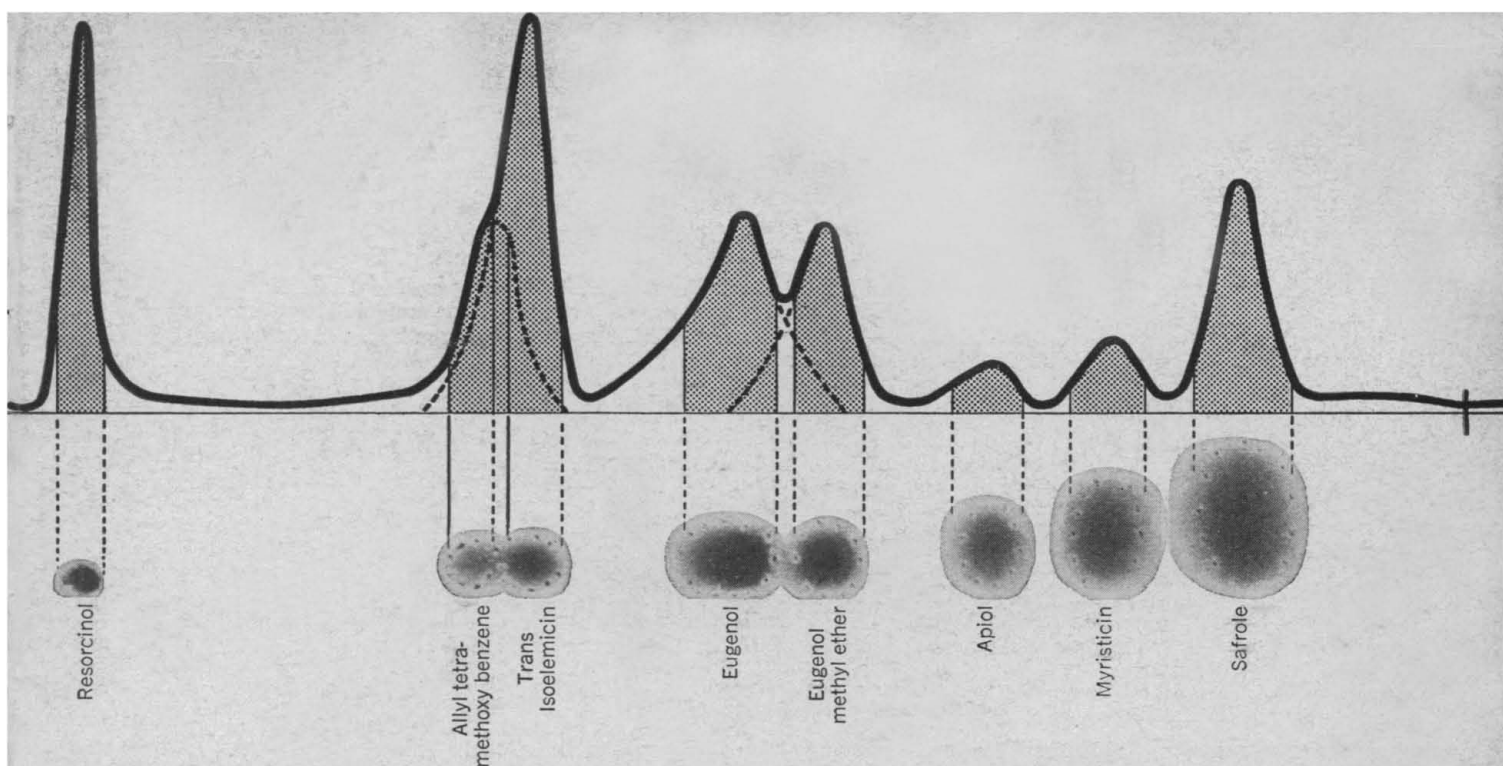
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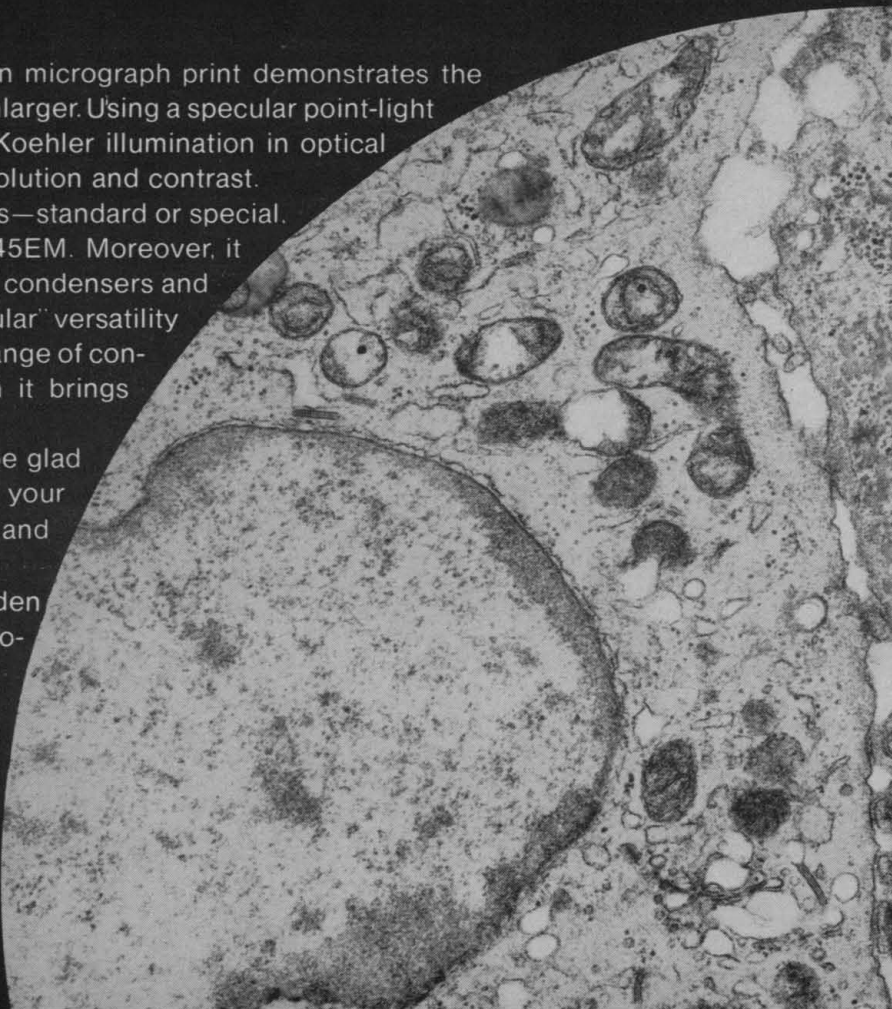
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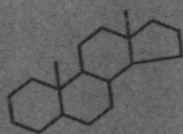
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plants. The burning of fossil fuel pol-  
lutes the atmosphere; even if the solids  
are removed from the smoke, gaseous  
pollutants escape. Nuclear and fossil  
fuel plants liberate tremendous amounts  
of heat, either via cooling water dis-  
charge or cooling towers. Air pollution  
control authorities are quite concerned  
about the long-term effects of heating  
the atmosphere with cooling towers.  
Thus all known economical forms of  
large-scale power generation pollute the  
environment in one form or another. . . .  
If the demand for energy exceeds the  
supply, then the supply must be ra-  
tioned, either through the existing free  
enterprise price system, or by regula-  
tion if serious inequities arise. I believe  
that "cheap and plentiful" electrical  
energy is a luxury our environment  
can no longer tolerate. This of course  
implies a slowdown and eventual stop-  
page of expansion in some industrial  
and domestic power consumption. . . .

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Angel makes three points, the first  
two of which are essentially straw men  
he has set up. Thus, there is no basis  
for his presumption that I consider the  
impending catastrophe is worse than  
continued air pollution. Although he  
chides me for stating that the public  
is too concerned about the environ-  
mental impact of industrial operations,  
what I said was "this concern has solid  
basis, and in the long run can prove  
to be socially beneficial." Finally, he  
cites in condemnation of the whole  
power industry the proposal of his local  
utility—which represents one-half of  
1 percent of the industry—to carry  
out the raising of a power dam of  
dubious validity. This discussion of his  
particular local peeve has little bear-  
ing on the broad subject of the edi-  
torial.

Although Berkowitz says I give first  
priority to creating no obstacles in the  
way of providing adequate energy, he  
neglects an earlier statement in which  
I said, "A major effort is called for  
to make possible continuing and ex-  
panding use of energy by man and to  
assure compatibility of this energy  
with a healthy environment." In my  
book this ranks the two in a parallel  
effort, with neither given precedence.  
His particular straw man raises the  
specter of unlimited growth of power  
generation and energy release desired  
by man. But why unlimited growth? I  
suggested a continuing and expanding

use, but not necessarily at the present  
rate. Certainly with time, and this may  
not be so far off, saturation factors  
will make themselves felt in the de-  
mand for energy.

I thoroughly agree with Frank that  
"what is needed is reasoned assess-  
ment of the options that are open and  
their consequences, to the extent that  
they can be foreseen. . . ." As to  
veiled threats, I believe that if the  
opposition to expanding electric en-  
ergy supply continues we are going  
to bring about a catastrophic situation  
because it will result in an energy  
shortage and a disruption of our in-  
dustrial production and, in general,  
adverse consequences to an economy  
that is currently bedeviled by a gallop-  
ing inflation, one of the cures for  
which is continued and expanding pro-  
duction. I disagree with his singling  
out the rate of growth of energy use  
as the cause for alarm. It seems to me  
that the issue is a double one. We  
need to be concerned from the pollu-  
tion standpoint with the absolute  
amount of energy we produce and also  
with the rate of growth. Certainly as  
long as our population continues to  
increase, we need to expand our energy  
use so that the coming generations  
will at least have the same amount of  
energy per capita to build as good a  
living world for themselves as the  
current generations have. Regardless of  
what Frank's local utility may think,  
I do not believe we are headed toward  
an unlimited expansion of energy at the  
rate of doubling every 6 years. Such a  
rate continued for the next 60 years  
would result in increasing the amount  
of energy a thousand-fold, and well  
before it has reached 1 percent of  
that value there are certainly going to  
be introduced into the growth factors  
heavy saturation influences.

Finally, I do not agree that our  
choice is between different catastro-  
phes. I believe we have a choice, but  
it is between permitting the develop-  
ment of a catastrophic situation and  
finding how to bring about full com-  
patibility between man's requirements  
for expanding use of energy and its  
production and use in a healthy en-  
vironment.

I am heartened by the communica-  
tions of Emerson and Walter and their  
plea for population control. In a re-  
cent report of the Committee for  
Economic Development on a program  
of assistance to underdeveloped coun-  
tries, I stated that "the overwhelmingly  
most important item is population con-



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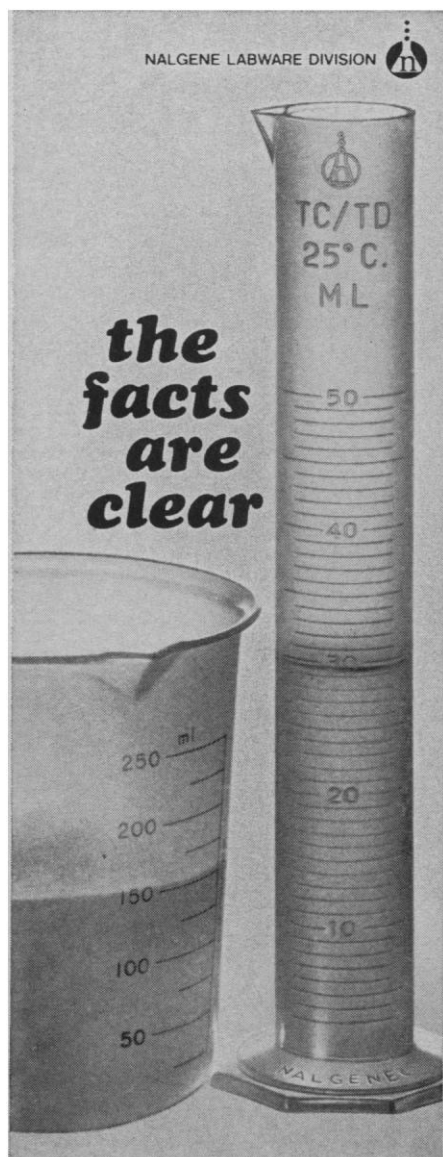
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control; without it all the potential effectiveness of an intelligent and generous aid program will be wiped out." I am not certain that population control is as immediately pressing in the United States as it is in the underdeveloped countries, but that we have to embrace population controls to solve the problems of exhausting resources, pollution, transportation, and general ecological balance I am firmly convinced.

I find the final part of Weston's statement very hard to take. Our problem is to expand supply to meet any demand in the interest of enhancing man's and society's welfare. This includes compatibility with a healthy environment. Weston's ex cathedra judgment that "cheap and plentiful" electrical energy is a luxury our environment can no longer tolerate is most certainly not based on facts heretofore disclosed and is far, far premature. I stand on the conclusion given in the final two sentences of my editorial: "Neither is there any need to doubt the feasibility of obtaining both increased energy for man and environmental protection. It may be difficult, but the two are, or can be made, compatible."

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### Environmental Problems

Many believe that scientists concerned about the alarming and accelerating deterioration of our environment can do very little personally about these enormous problems. This viewpoint is dangerous because it leads to inaction and misleading because one cannot predict effectiveness. Biologists are especially qualified by training and knowledge to evaluate dangers to health and well-being. We have the right and responsibility to try to influence the public and government.

To provide effective channels for communication, I propose the establishment of a series of permanent commissions (composed of commissioners with 3- to 5-year appointments), each assigned to deal with one area of human ecology and public health—such as radiation hazards, new methods of contraception, the impact of chemical and biological warfare on public health, pollution, conservation of natural resources, novel sources of food, man-made changes in ecological patterns, toxic additives in food and drugs, and medical ethics.

These commissions would publicize problems in their areas and develop positive innovative measures. Unlike the committees of the National Academy of Sciences, they would be autonomous and permanent and would have great independence and influence, even though their functions would be fact-finding and informational in nature. Selection of commissioners, experts in their fields, would be by their peers, perhaps by the various professional societies. Commissioners would be expected to devote considerable time to this activity, including public lecturing, contact with congressmen and other government officials, the press and television, with some research activity within the framework of the commission.

The importance of establishing permanent commissions should be stressed. Continuity would be improved if a permanent secretariat were provided to assist each commissioner. It is hoped that the modest costs could be borne by the participating professional societies, with perhaps an additional direct contribution from individual scientists.

Many of these problems do not stop at national boundaries. A plan for an international center for the environment to include 14 areas of concern is being considered by the International Council of Scientific Unions. It is very important that the United States participate fully in that program. The commissions clearly could provide a well-developed base from which to coordinate activities.

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### Venus: A Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R.

#### Exploration Program

In their comprehensive article, Hunten and Goody (26 Sept., p. 1317) make a strong case for a more ambitious program of exploring Venus. The study of the earth's "sister" planet holds great promise toward understanding the origin and evolution of the earth's atmosphere, and the two planets are similar in size and distance from the sun, but the question persists—why does the earth not have a hot, dense atmosphere as Venus does?

The exploration of Venus may have another very important tangible benefit to mankind. It could serve as the object of a cooperative planetary ex-

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ploration program carried out jointly by the United States and the Soviet Union. The U.S.S.R. has clearly demonstrated their interest in the exploration of Venus through the launching of the Venera series of spacecraft with the highly successful probes of the Venus atmosphere by Veneras 4, 5, and 6. They have used large resources in the development of the technology necessary to penetrate a planetary atmosphere. We have invested our planetary exploration resources toward the development of the Mariner-class spacecraft which will reach its culmination in the 1971 Mars orbiters.

A wise use of the resources of the two countries would be to conduct a coordinated exploration of Venus, each using the technology that they have developed—the U.S.S.R. the atmospheric probe, and the United States the planetary orbiter. An exchange of ideas between the two countries would produce complementary experiments in the two types of vehicles. Some atmospheric properties can only be completely defined by having one probe enter the atmosphere while the other orbits above. As each country conducts its own mission in coordination with the other's mission, a spirit of competitiveness and cooperation will be fostered that could serve as a model for other international activities.

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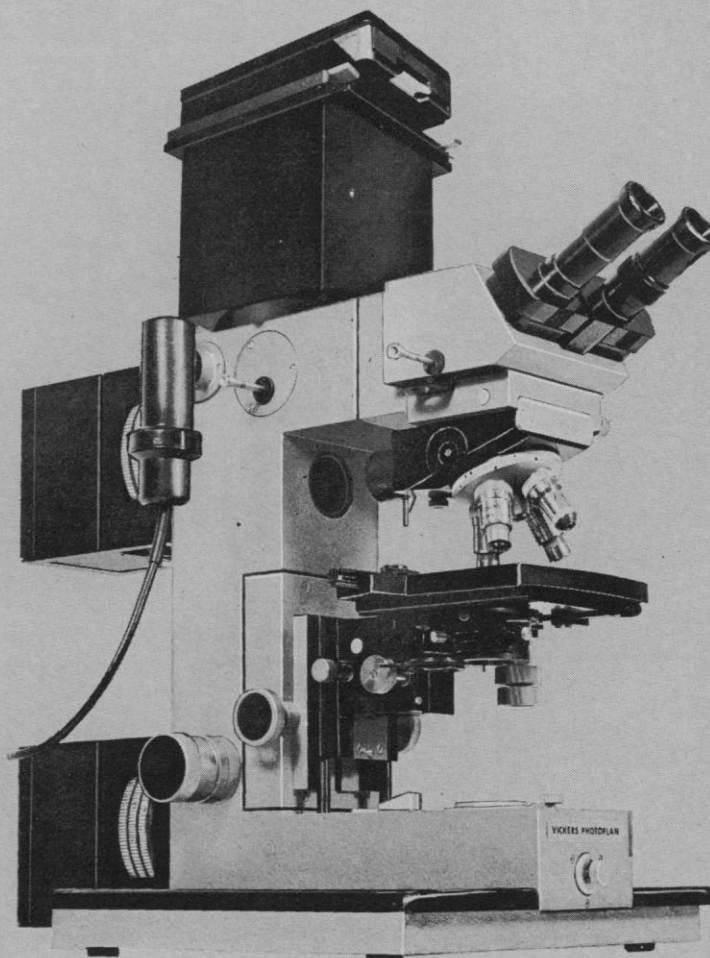
I agree with Bryce Nelson's statement (31 Oct., p. 584) that "it is impossible to ascertain future need for scientists if there is no clear idea of what is happening now to recent graduates." In connection with my new book *Opportunities in Oceanographic Careers* (Vocational Guidance Manuals). I found it impossible to find any reliable figures on manpower needs for the next decade, not to mention present employment. I second Nelson's suggestion that the federal government (perhaps the National Science Foundation) might assume the task of accumulating data on the supply-demand situation for scientific manpower.

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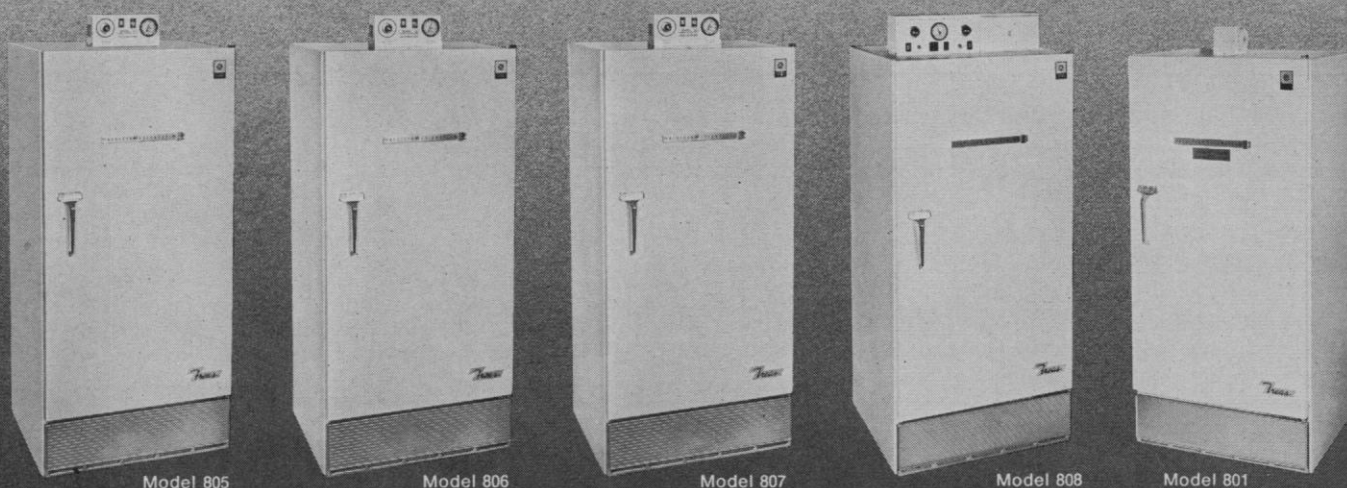
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## Confrontation or Cooperation in the Cornfield

Two different projections are being made concerning the prospect of global hunger. The more gloomy views suggest that massive starvation is probably unavoidable before the end of this century. The more optimistic views, derived from several recent agricultural successes, imply that massive increases in starvation might be neither necessary nor probable. My knowledge in this area is very imperfect, but the data I've seen inspire little optimism. However, if the recommended agricultural strategies continue to focus on ever larger areas of the earth's surface converted to narrow, intensive approaches for maximizing food production and continue to ignore broader ecosystem relationships, we are bound to seriously aggravate the later stages of the "people-food crunch," whatever its magnitude.

The past few decades of agricultural development have made possible increased yields, greater uniformity in the marketed products, and lower unit costs. However, it now becomes clear that the bookkeeping on agricultural production is artificial. Sizable sums have been palmed off on the world at large and do not enter the ledger as part of production costs: these include pollution and other degradative processes which re-emerge as medical bills, more rapid deterioration of property, increased costs for recreation and other goods and services, as well as general lowering of some aspects of environmental quality. Calling attention to this bogus bookkeeping has triggered a loud response from the more blatant polluters. They insist that their critics want a totally unattainable return to pristine presettlement conditions; i.e., some polluters apparently recognize no alternative to the accelerating degradation currently being perpetrated.

In no small measure the restlessness among thoughtful people—including many college students—is aggravated by a growing awareness of this ultimately lethal flaw in our technology. The cynicism displayed by many polluters, including some in agriculture, who have fought governmental regulation while abdicating self-regulation, warns of the increasing role these issues could play when the Vietnam war no longer mesmerizes the nation's activists.

The foreseeable demand for improved food production should result in increased prestige for the profession. But turning agricultural graduates loose on the world without sensitizing them to the larger environmental problems or to the serious flaws in many narrowly specialized strategies for maximizing food yields and profits must end. There are encouraging signs that required curricula are indeed being altered to include a broad environmental viewpoint. For their part, more ecologists might assume the responsibility of illuminating ecological principles as they apply to agriculture.

But change is difficult, slow, dependent on strong motivation and on financial support. As the hidden costs of narrow management strategies, largely spawned on our campuses, become more apparent, will agricultural programs become subject to the kind of ridicule and protest currently being heaped on academics conducting research for narrow military ends? Three-way communication seems required among (i) those concerned with designing tomorrow's food production technologies, (ii) those concerned with studying the earth's ecosystems and the presently unutilized species in natural communities, and (iii) those concerned with the value systems in our many different cultures. The sooner sound cooperation begins, the better our chances for escaping a wasteful confrontation.—JOHN E. CANTLON, *Provost, Michigan State University.*

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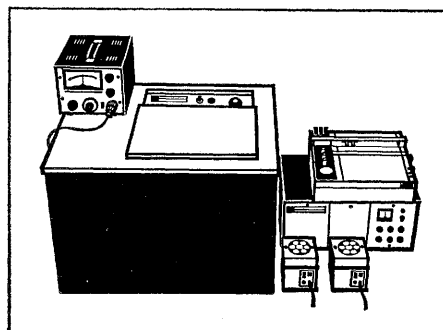


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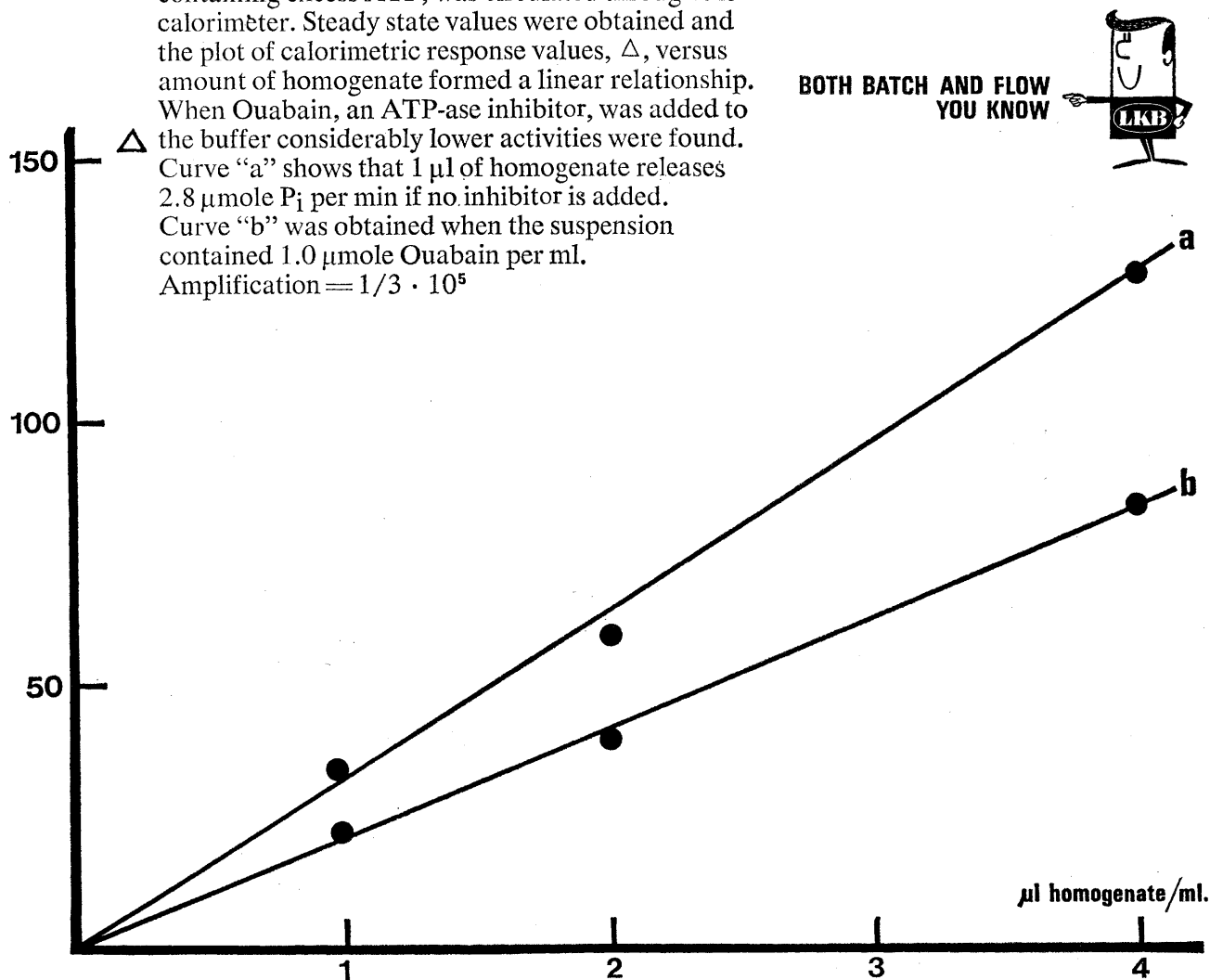
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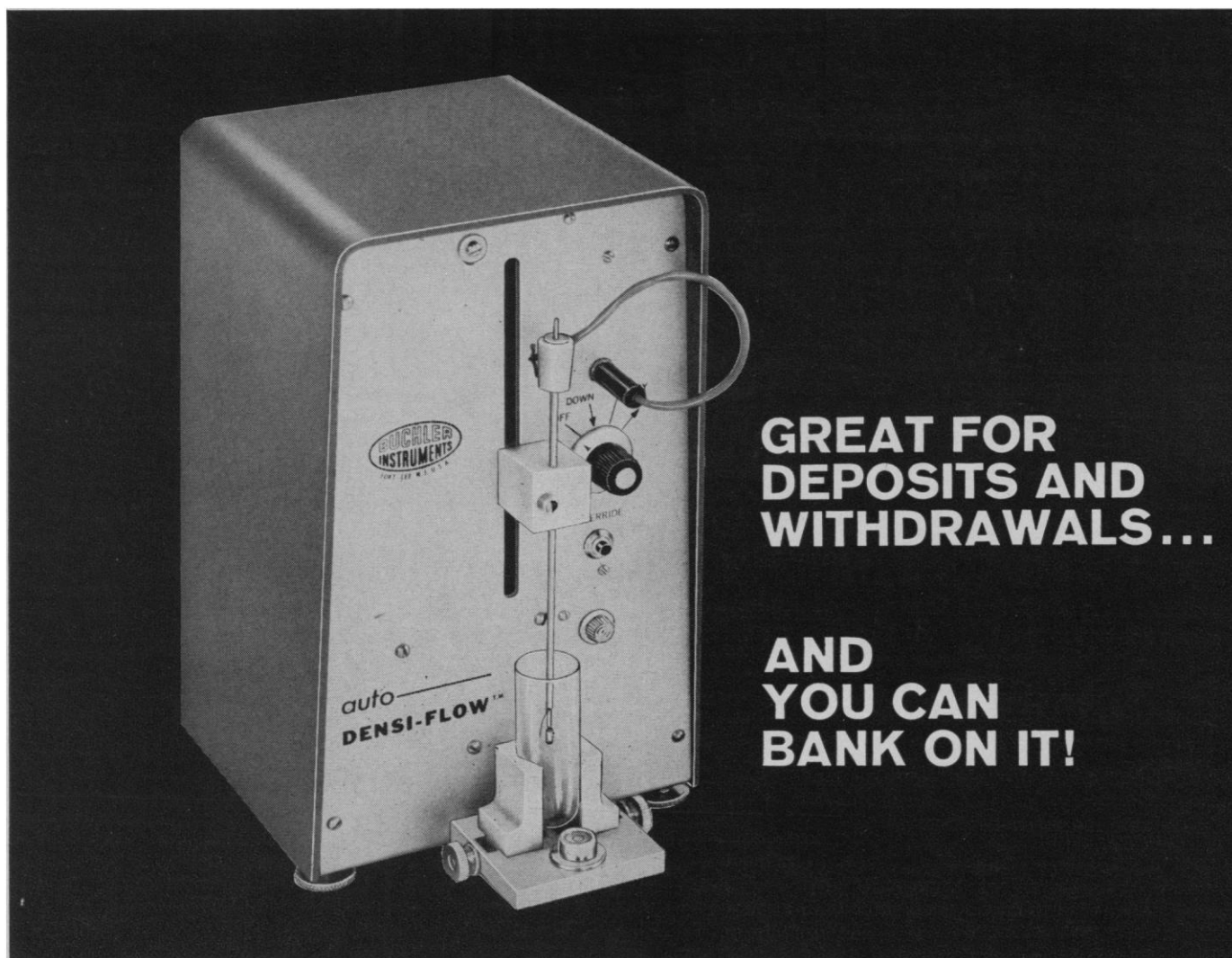
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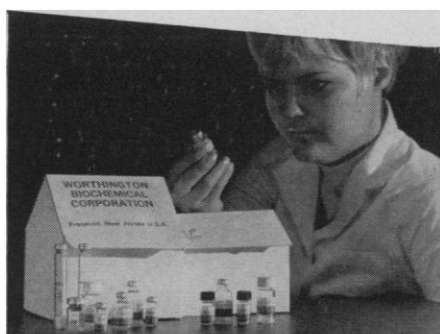
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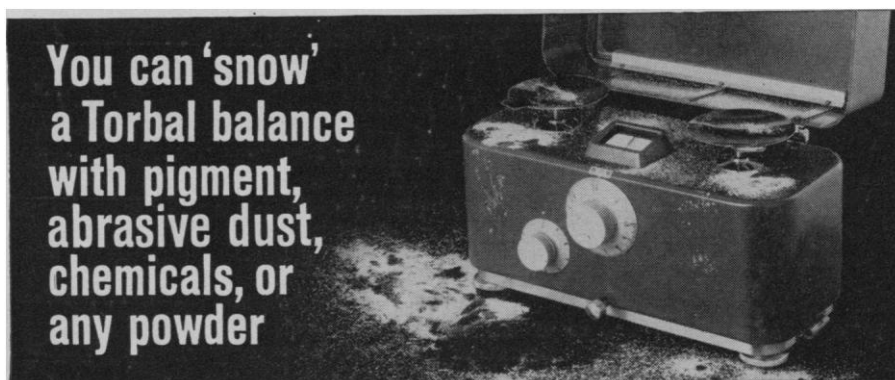
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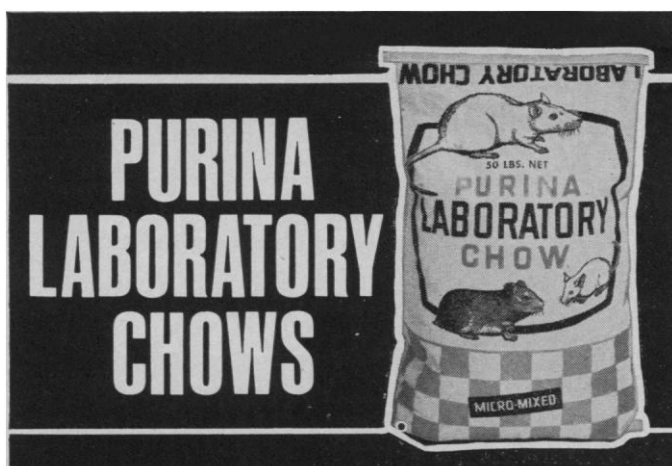
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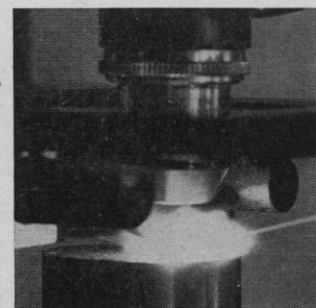
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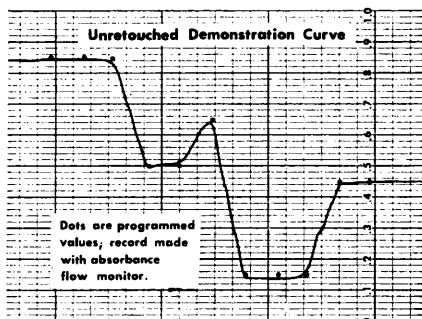


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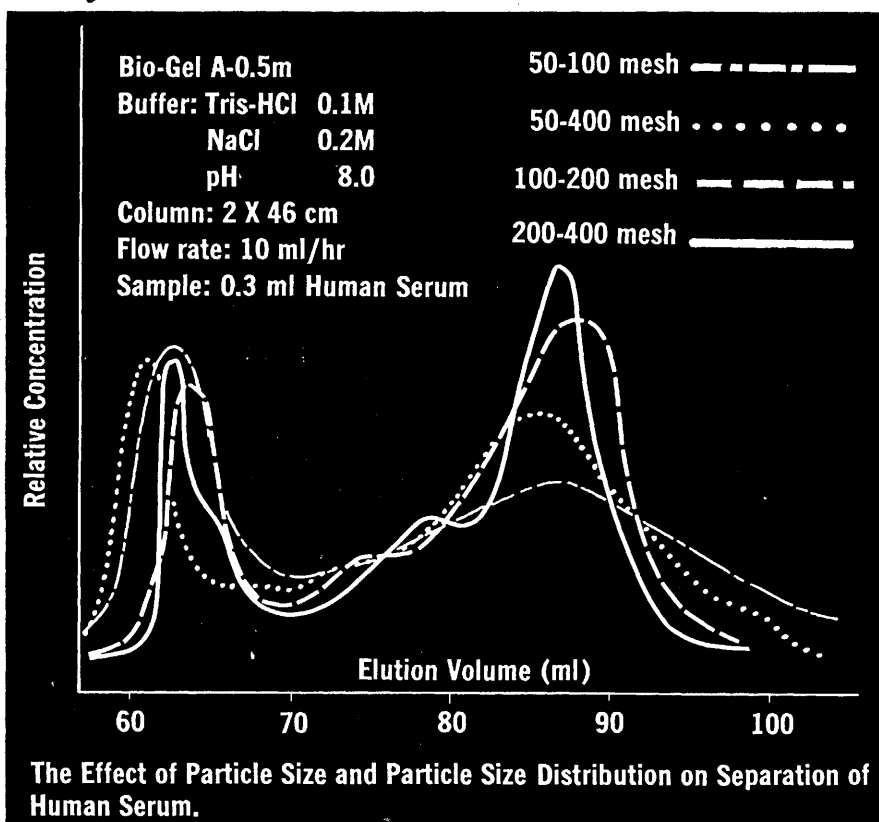
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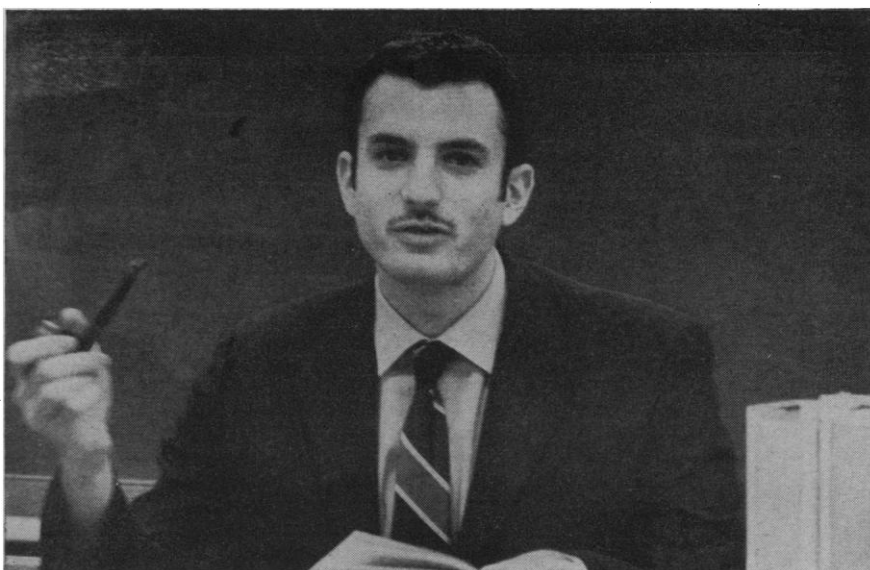
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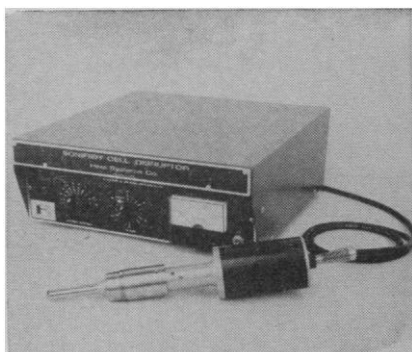
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