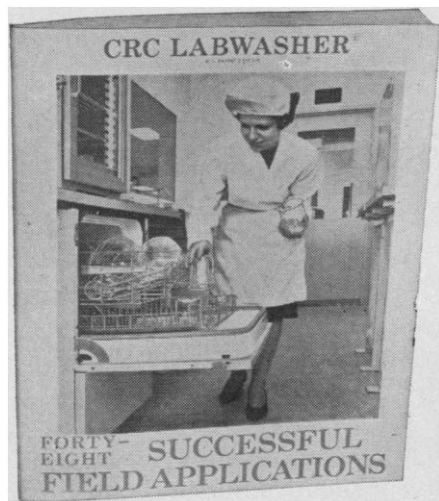


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our knowledge of the Purkyne fibers lying on the inner surfaces of the ventricles of hearts. Action potentials can now be recorded from tiny segments of Purkyne fibers and these may be correlated with ionic shifts by means of the voltage clamp technique.

A feature of the symposium was an extensive exhibit of pictorial and documentary material relating to Purkyne. This was well arranged by Kruta. In the State Museum there was an exhibit of Purkyne's work in anthropology. In honor of the centennial of Purkyne's death, the Czechoslovakian Mint issued a 25 kronen silver coin carrying Purkyne's face in profile. The symposium closed with a dinner at Libochovice, where Purkyne was born. The proceedings of the symposium are to be edited by Kruta, and will be published by the Czechoslovak Academy of Science. For the symposium the Prague State Opera gave a delightful performance to a crowded and enthusiastic audience of Anton Dvorak's *Jakobin*, in which young liberalism finally triumphs over stale and pompous conservatism.

The symposium was sponsored by the Czech universities, the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, the Czechoslovak Medical Society, the International Union of Physiological Sciences, the International Brain Research Organization, the International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science, and UNESCO.

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Courses

Immunology. This course was announced on page 657 of the 31 October issue. However, there are two changes in content: (i) the course will be held at the University of California at San Diego, in La Jolla, Calif.; and (ii) the deadline for applications is 1 March 1970.

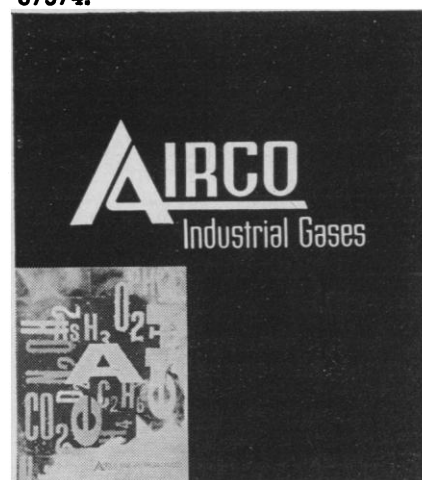
Electron Microscopy in the Biological Sciences, Boston, Mass., 15-27 June; 11th session. A 3-week intensive program in the preparation of biological materials as electron-microscope specimens, electron microscopy, and interpretation of results. Designed for predoctoral students and laboratory assistants who wish to use the electron microscope in research, but who have little or no experience in the field. Doctoral-level investigators will be considered. Limited to 12 students. (Professor Clifford Youse, Center for Continuing Education, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115)

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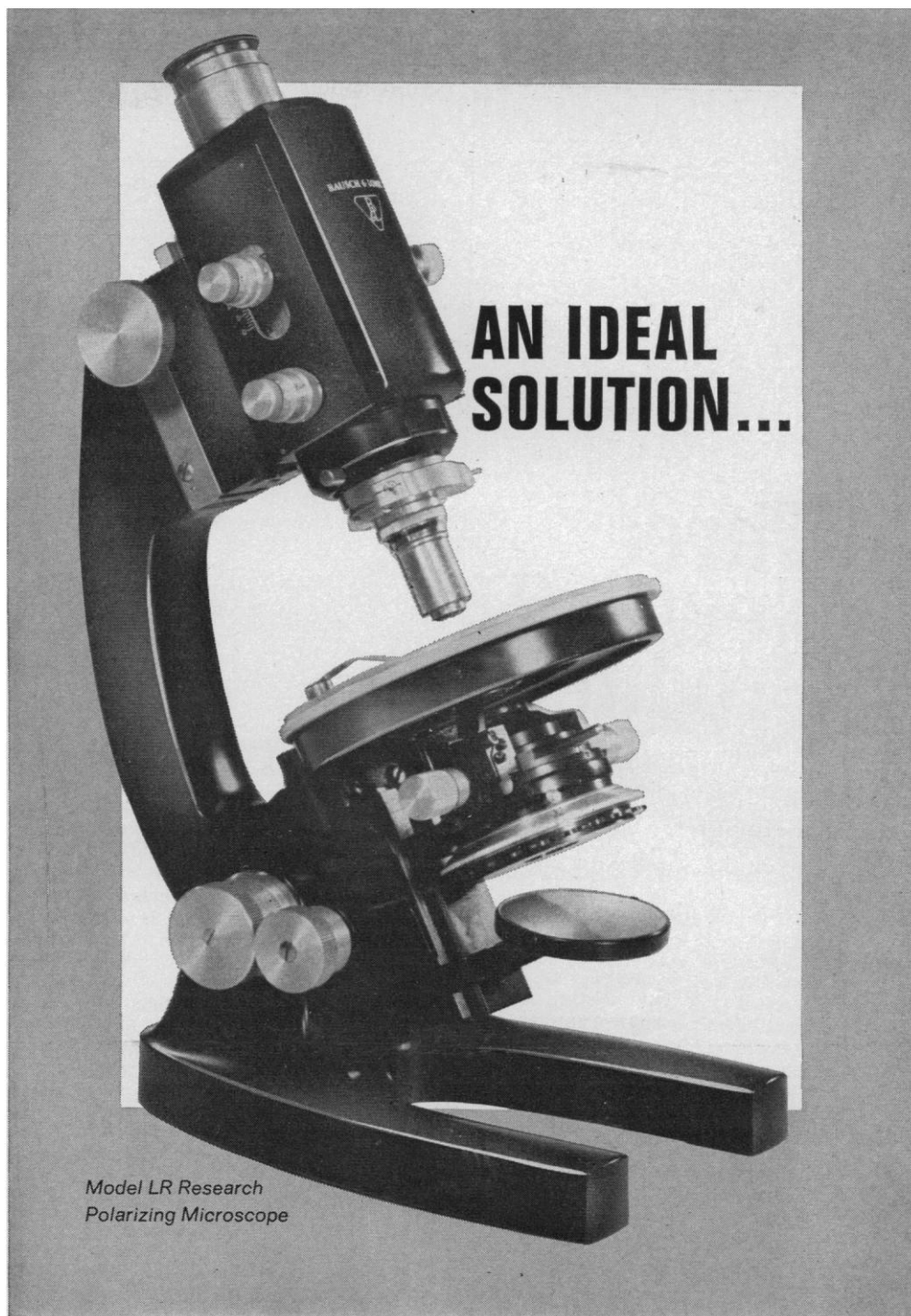
Woods Hole, Mass., 12 June–23 August. Emphasis will be on immunological, cytological, biochemical, and physiological research on marine organisms, both plant and animal, available at Woods Hole. The course is open to pre- and postdoctoral candidates. The senior training staff is international in character. *Deadline for applications:* 1 March. (Dr. Charles B. Metz, Institute of Molecular Evolution, University of Miami, 521 Anastasia, Coral Gables, Fla. 33134)

Biology of Aging, Stanford, Calif., 6–17 July. The purpose of this course is to interest young scientists in research on the biology of aging. The participants will be senior predoctoral and early postdoctoral students. Approximately 20 students who have been recommended by chairmen of departments of physiology, biochemistry, biophysics, molecular biology, and related disciplines will participate. Applications are now being accepted from department chairmen. The course content will include the aging process (overview), cellular aging, and subcellular and molecular aging. The costs of the course will be paid for by the Adult Development and Aging Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. *Deadline for applications:* 1 February. (Dr. Gabe Maletta, Adult Development and Aging Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. 20014)

Summer Seminars in Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado. The subjects covered will include mountain geology (22–27 June, 20 students), mountain ecology (29 June–4 July, 25 students), bird ecology (6–11 July, 20 students), plant identification (6–11 July, 20 students), animal ecology (13–18 July, 25 students), alpine ecology (13–18 July, 20 students), mountain geology (second session, 20–25 July, 20 students), advanced plant identification (20–25 July, 15 students), and conservation ecology workshop (27 July–8 August, 25 students). The seminars are held in Rocky Mountain National Park, and consist primarily of field trips in the Park—an area “designed” for study of ecology. Laboratory work and lectures will also be included. Fees for the seminars are \$35 for 1 week, \$65 for 2 weeks, \$95 for 3 weeks, \$125 for 4 weeks, \$155 for 5 weeks, \$65 for the conservation workshop, \$215 for six seminars. *Deadline for applications:* 1 June. (Tom D. Thomas, Executive Secretary, Rocky Mountain Nature Association, Estes Park 80517)

Alcohol Studies, New Brunswick, N.J., 28 June–17 July. This is a program of interdisciplinary lectures and 18 specialized courses of interest to physicians, clinical psychologists, social scientists, educators, public health workers, and others employed in some alcohol problems area. Students are expected to register for two courses—a basic course in the student's special area of interest and a second or audit course. Among the courses offered are medical aspects of alcoholism, function and structure of alcoholism services, and organizing and developing alcoholism programs in a public health setting. *Fee:* \$350. (Milon A. Maxwell, Executive Director, Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick 08903)

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