tect unwilling fathers, whose situation has been generally disregarded, and so prevent the birth of any child who is not really wanted by both parents at the time he is born. Such a system on a national scale would introduce no class or ethnic discrimination. The problems involved are not technical, but educational, administrative, and political. My conjecture is that the young generation would accept this solution once they understood that vasectomy does not interfere with normal intercourse.

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Shortage of Caviar

Before we condemn the polluted Caspian Sea for the lack of caviar (Editorial, 10 Apr., p. 199), let us take a lesson from our Columbia River or British Columbia's Fraser River. Both formerly bore good runs of the white and the green sturgeon. Indeed, in 1897, the press described a sturgeon having been landed at Mission which weighed 1800 pounds. There were no oil spills, no industrial waste on the Fraser then. Nor were these hateful things on the Columbia. A sturgeon has been described as a "very slow growing fish" (1) and these are unusually vulnerable to overfishing. Perhaps the heady price of caviar has had as much to do with the disappearing Caspian sturgeon as have man's wastes.

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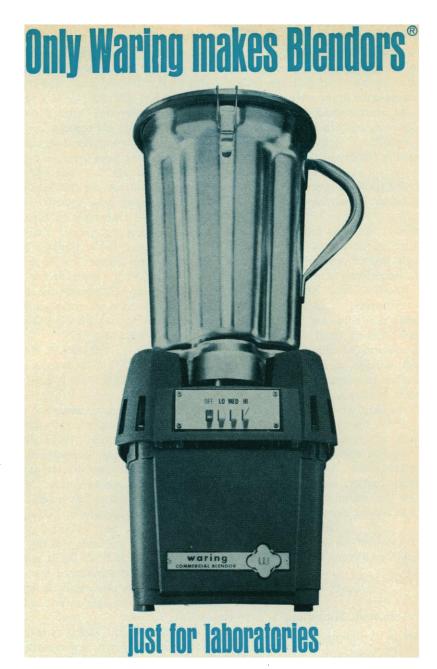
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Which Products Contain Arsenic?

In "Arsenic in detergents: Possible danger and pollution hazard" (17 Apr., p. 389) Angino et al. call attention to the problem posed by the possible contamination of water supplies from arsenic contained in detergent products. Tables 1 and 2 indicate that there is considerable variation from one product to the next. Enzyme presoak F, for example, contains only 7 parts per million arsenic compared to 59 parts per



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