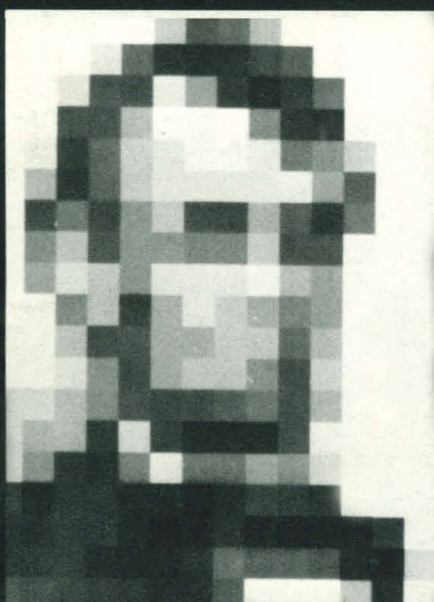
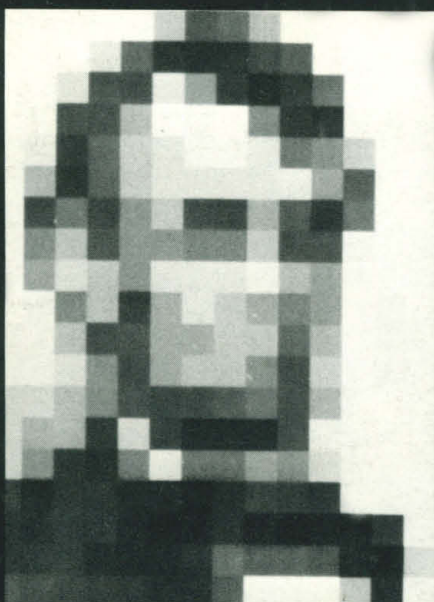


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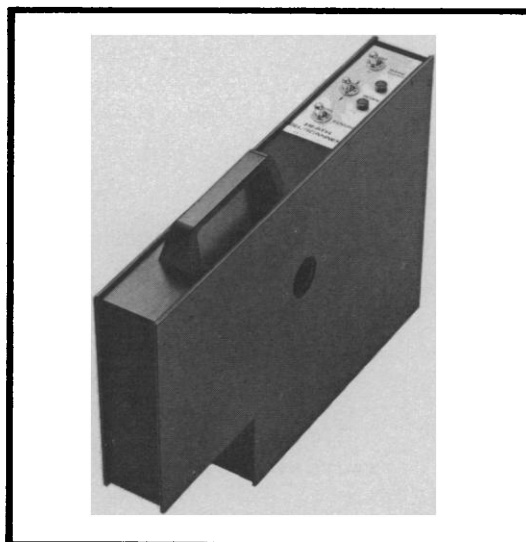
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NEW CITY, ROCKLAND COUNTY, N.Y.

THE NEW CARWORTH CATALOGS MYTH OR REALITY?

In the course of this newspaper's investigations into the new Carworth guinea pigs, our reporters have also uncovered the fact that Carworth is about to release two new catalogs.

The first of these catalogs presumably deals with Carworth rats and mice and, we suspect, the "secret" guinea pigs, too.

The second catalog seems to cover Carworth's extensive line of laboratory animal care equipment including: animal housing systems, contamination control products like laminar flow devices, bedding, cleaning materials and other accessories and supplies.

We queried the Carworth advertising agency about the existence of these new catalogs and were told by a representative that they know nothing (Editor's Note: an unusual agency admission!), but that if Carworth were to issue new catalogs soon, "they would be likely to be beauties," they stated with characteristic immodesty.

The New City Times can't help but wonder what other surprises these Carworth people have in store for us. In any event, for now we suggest that you write Carworth, New City, (Rockland County), N.Y. 10956 (or call 914/634-8931) and say: "if these new catalogs are not a myth, please send!"

CARWORTH INTO GUINEA PIGS RESEARCH COMMUNITY PLEASED

Surprisingly, Company Says "No Comment"



The guinea pig, believed to be a tame form of the cavy, *Cavia cutleri*. The capybara, the largest rodent alive (or even dead, for that matter), is also a well-known cavy.

The New City Times today learned from an unidentified but usually reliable source, that Carworth, a leading supplier of high quality rats and mice since 1935, has expanded its service to the research community by adding guinea pigs to its line.

Calls by this newspaper to a random selection of research people indicate that the guinea pig, always a popular animal for bacteriologic and vitamin C work, is now also being widely used in immunologic, pharmacologic, virologic, and endocrinologic studies of all types.

Thus, it seems obvious to this paper that the entry into this field of a quality house like Carworth provides researchers with a valuable new source for this important laboratory animal.

Our investigative reporters have also uncovered the fact that the Carworth guinea pigs are actually Dunkin/Hartley animals from a closed colony meticulously maintained for over 15 years.

Carworth personnel have routinely responded to our inquiries about this development with enigmatic smiles and "no comment" and will neither affirm nor deny any of the above allegations.

Despite this uncharacteristic reticence, our reporters are firm in their conviction that all researchers interested in Carworth-quality guinea pigs are entitled to know more. The New City Times suggests, therefore, that interested parties demand more data. Write CIA (Carworth Information Agency), c/o Carworth, New City, (Rockland County), New York, 10956 (or call 914/634-8931). They'll get the message.

Rats and Mice by the Thousands

THOSE OTHER CARWORTH ANIMALS

Surreptitious investigation of the multiple Carworth facilities indicates that the company's apparent entry into guinea pigs has in no way diminished their activity in—or apparent enthusiasm for—supplying researchers with quality rats and mice.

Carworth mice include the well-known CF 1, CFW, and BALB/c CF inbred strain. The Carworth rats are the widely-used CFN and CFE strains.

Rumor also has it that Carworth supplies researchers with surgically-modified mice and rats at prices far below that which can be achieved by the purchaser in his own institution. (Can that be?)

The New City Times has learned that if you write to Carworth, New City, (Rockland County), New York 10956 (or call 914/634-8931) and ask for further information on their rats and mice, you'll get it.

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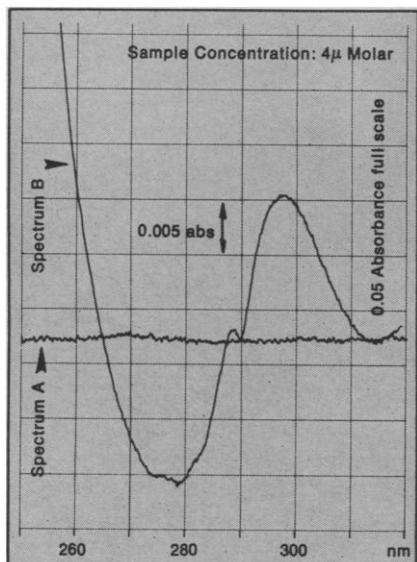
With difference spectroscopy the life scientist has a valuable probe for investigating the structure of protein macromolecules. It is a very sensitive method for detecting small, discrete changes in a sample which could not be observed with standard absorption procedures, where strong overlapping bands obscure many weaker peaks.

To measure these small absorbance changes, the scientist must have a good spectrophotometer.

Because of its unmatched photometric accuracy, the Cary 118 Spectrophotometer is the ideal instrument for difference measurements (at 0.1 abs the accuracy is 0.00035 abs). Such performance is necessary, since even very small errors can sometimes lead to incorrect interpretation of the spectrum.



In practical terms the 118's exceptional performance frees the scientist from concern about the quality of the data. He knows that any peaks recorded on the spectrum result from sample absorption, and not from an instrument artifact.



These spectra of oxidized cytochrome C, recorded on the Cary 118, illustrate one effect of pH on this protein. Spectrum A was recorded with identical sample and reference solutions (both pH 7). For Spectrum B the sample was increased to pH 11, while the reference was unchanged. Perturbation of the tyrosine residues becomes readily apparent.

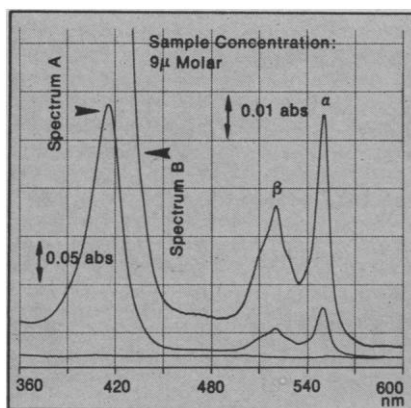
To obtain further information about the Cary 118's capabilities for difference spectroscopy, kinetics, determining concentration in small-volume samples, quantitative analyses, or even recording derivative spectra, circle Reader Service No.17.



With the Cary 17 changing absorbance ranges makes a mountain out of a mole hill

Often when recording a UV-Vis spectrum, a particular wavelength region of interest may produce only a small hump on the spectrum, because the sample's absorption is not very great in that area. In such a situation, changing the absorbance range expands the chart scale and makes it possible to see more spectral detail.

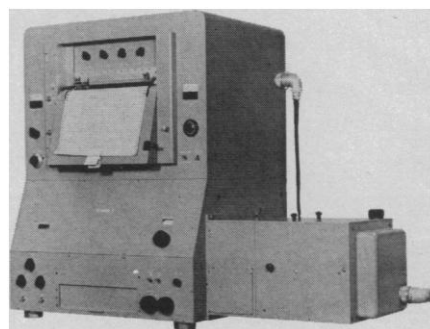
With the Cary 17 Spectrophotometer, switching absorbance ranges is convenient and rapid. The instrument is equipped with a universal absorbance/%T slidewire so that any of eight absorbance ranges or a 0-100 %T range may be selected. This feature, along with the coupled wavelength, scan and chart drive, makes it easy to back up the chart and rescan a particular area using expanded scale to increase the sensitivity of the



To demonstrate the advantages of changing absorbance ranges, these spectra of cytochrome C reduced with ascorbic acid were recorded on the Cary 17. Spectrum A (0-0.5 abs range) fully resolves the Soret band at 415 nm, but shows little detail on the peaks at the longer wavelengths. The expanded presentation in Spectrum B (0-0.1 abs range) gives better detail of the α and β bands at 550 and 520 nm.

recording. A small, smooth hump becomes a detailed peak.

A second advantage of the range change capability is that absorbance bands with widely divergent molar absorptivities can be recorded on the same chart, a more convenient presentation for most purposes. Too, it requires less sample preparation because no sample dilution is necessary to bring absorbance values on scale.



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Let's start with easy operation.

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Now, don't get the idea that just because the CFT-20 is easy to operate and not very expensive, that it's a stripped-down system. Quite to the contrary. It features the most up-to-date innovations in NMR technology.

For instance.

The CFT-20 comes with a built-in 8K 620L-100 central processing unit. While you can't see it, you'll know it's there because it's loaded with the most straightforward, easy-to-use software you've ever encountered.

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alent keyboard and an alpha-numeric oscilloscope display. Simply type out a command, and away you go. Oh, and the oscilloscope will also show you the free induction decay, Fourier transformed spectra, and your pulsed lock signal, as well.

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And those are only a few examples of the CFT-20's many innovative standard features.

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Two well proven instruments are combined in this LC-UV system. The liquid chromatograph may be one of Varian's high performance models such as the 4200, 4100, or 4000. The spectrophotometer portion of the system is a Varian Techtron 635 fitted with special thermostatted flow cells for HPLC. These cells are actually a matched pair, one

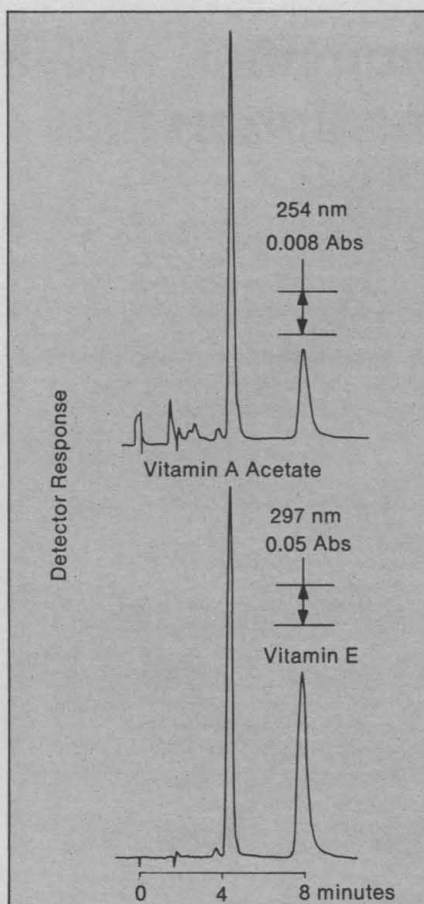
containing the sample solution, the other the reference solution.

The Techtron 635 has a carefully matched optical path with a common plane focal point in both sample and reference beams. In addition to helping minimize noise and drift, this also allows wavelength scanning. Precise thermostating with the water-jacketed cell is also important in decreasing noise and drift. Overall system noise is less than $\pm 5 \times 10^{-4}$ absorbance unit from 210 to 780 nm. Drift is lower than 10^{-2} absorbance unit/hour, highly respectable performance for any LC detector!

Wavelength scanning. An additional capability of the LC-UV system is the wavelength scanning provided by the Techtron 635. A chromatographic analysis can be stopped at a peak by placing the pump in idle without shutting off the system. The Techtron 635 can then be used as a scanning spectrophotometer to obtain an absorption spectrum which is adequate for positive qualitative analysis. When the scan is completed, the separation can be instantaneously started up as if there had been no interruption.

Systems synergism. This new LC-UV system is analogous to GC-MS (gas chromatography-mass spectrometry) where the sample separating ability of chromatography is supplemented by the higher sensitivity, flexibility and qualitative ability of the spectrometer.

Details, including chromatograms and instrument specifications, are yours for the asking. Just circle Reader Service No. 21.



Analysis of Vitamin A Acetate and Vitamin E: Sample, vitamin A 1.5×10^{-6} gm; vitamin E 17.3×10^{-6} gm; MicroPak® column 0.24 x 50 cm; eluent, hexanes (98.8), CH_2Cl_2 (1.1), isopropanol (0.1); upper record detector, Varian 254 nm, 0.08 Abs; lower record detector, Techtron 635 at 297 nm, 0.5 Abs.



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- ... mount two samplers on many GCs

Actually, we call this a second generation automatic sampler because the first generation died before it reached our drawing boards. Euthanasia. We knew scientists didn't need another "me-to" product, so we leap-frogged into the future.

Now, with this new automatic sampler, you can run your gas chromatograph overnight, unattended, and have chromatograms from 60 samples (contained in four 15-vial quadrant holders which fit into a carousel unit) by morning. Or, if you'd like to run it continuously for longer periods, each 15-vial holder can be easily removed after its samples are analyzed and replaced with new samples—all while the unit is operating!

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Choice of sample sizes. You can inject either of two adjustable sample sizes.

Repetitive injections. Make 1, 2, or 3 injections from each sample vial.

The latest in electronics. Using second generation electronics for autosampling gives total automation capability, including external commands from computers or other sources.

And this new Autosampler fits the standard injector inlet of virtually all Aerograph gas chromatographs and many others also.

For details on this versatile new automatic sampler, circle Reader Service No. 22.

New, easiest-to-use digital integrator... Aerograph Model 485



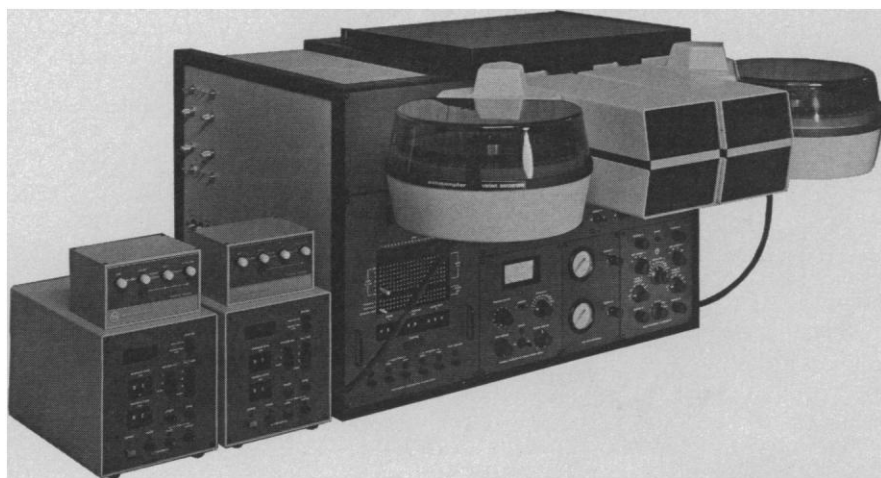
With only four controls to adjust, the new Model 485 Integrator is the easiest one yet to use. It produces accurate and reliable peak area and retention time measurements with minimum set-up time and is designed for liquid as well as gas chromatography and for unattended automated analyses.

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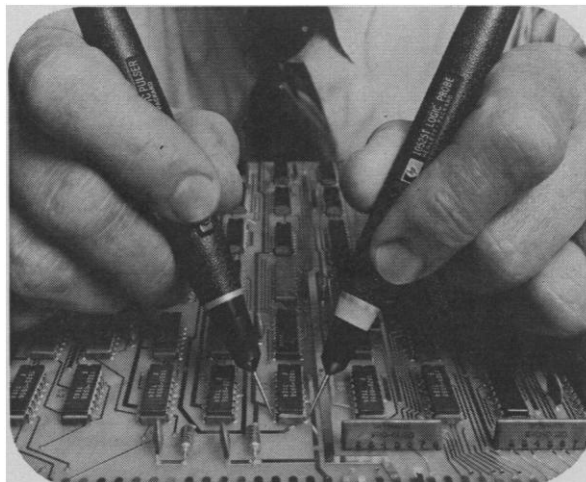
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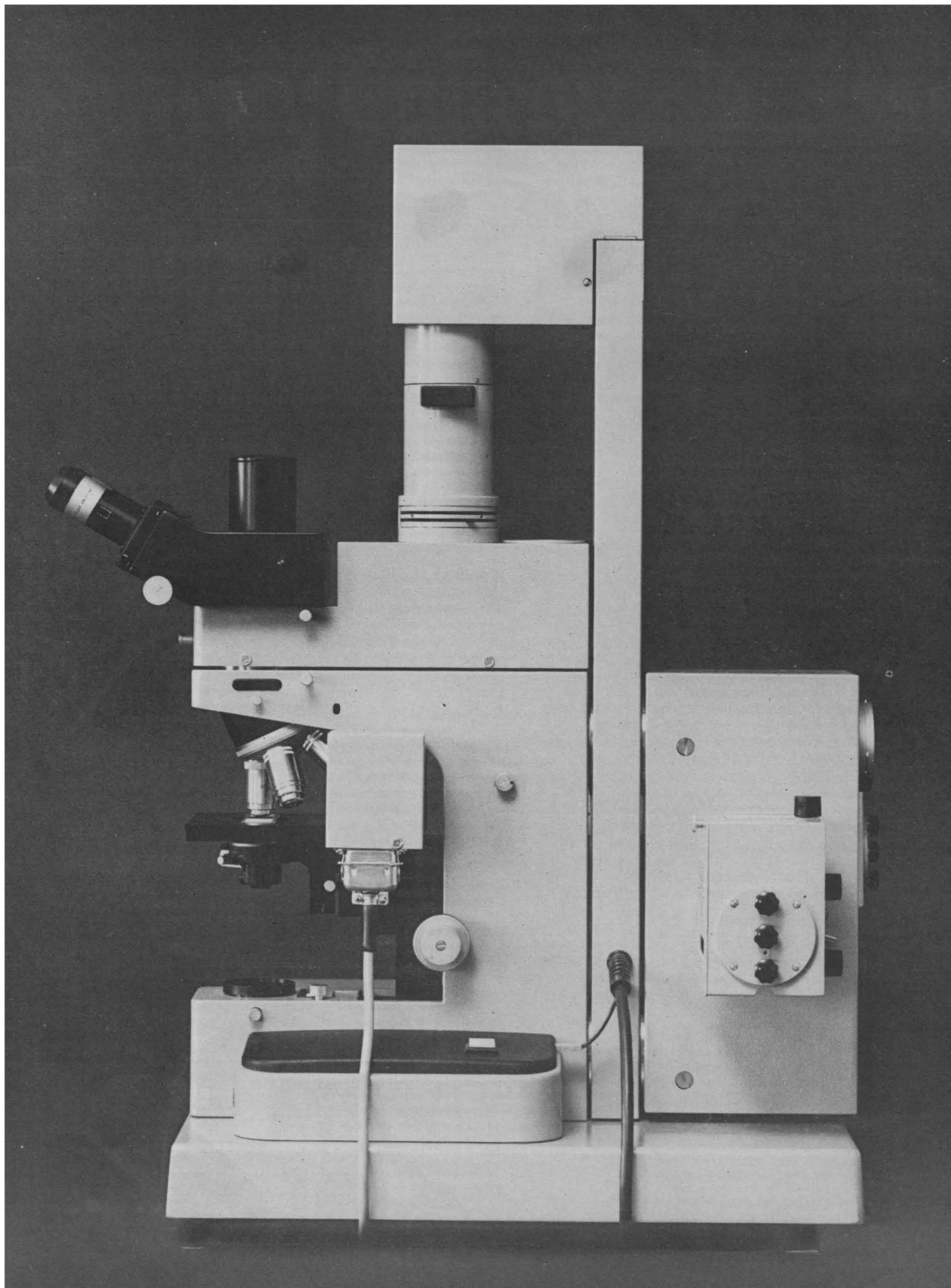
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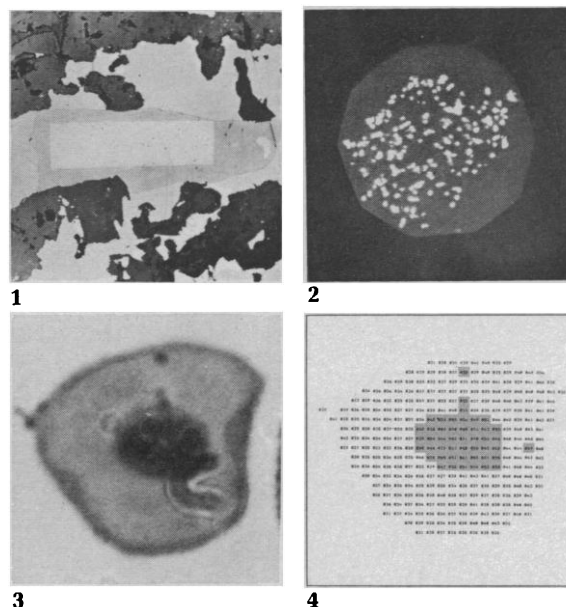
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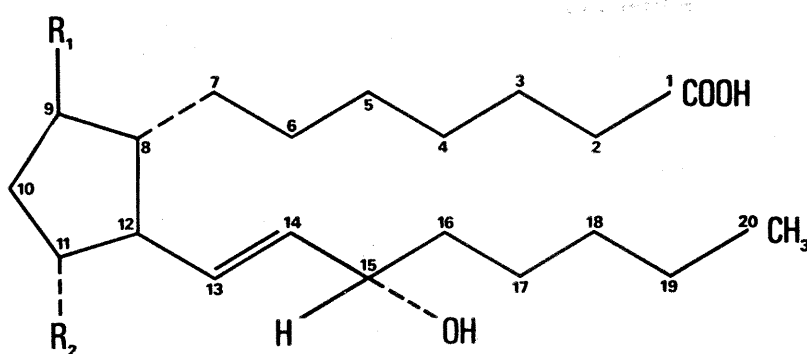
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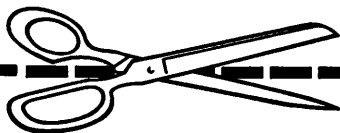
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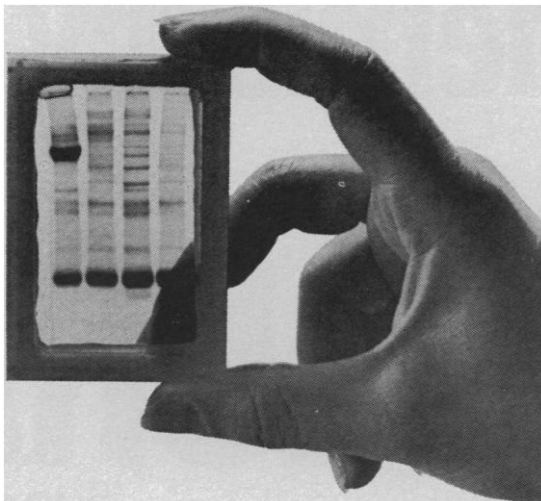
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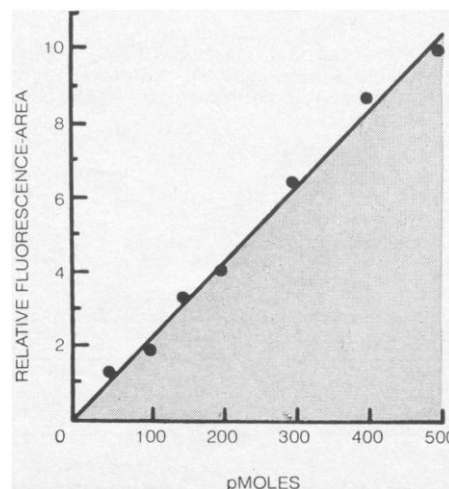
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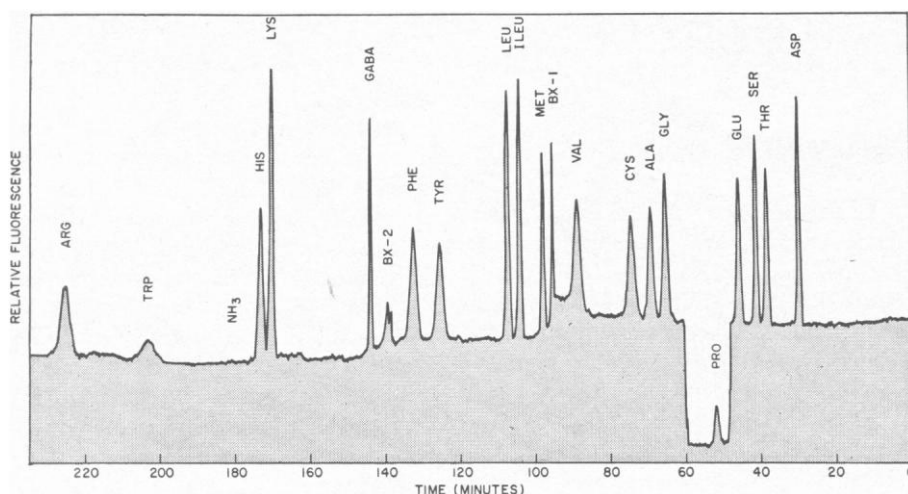
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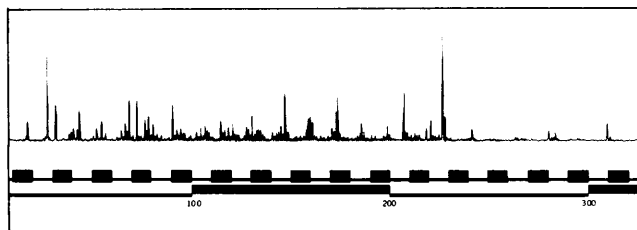
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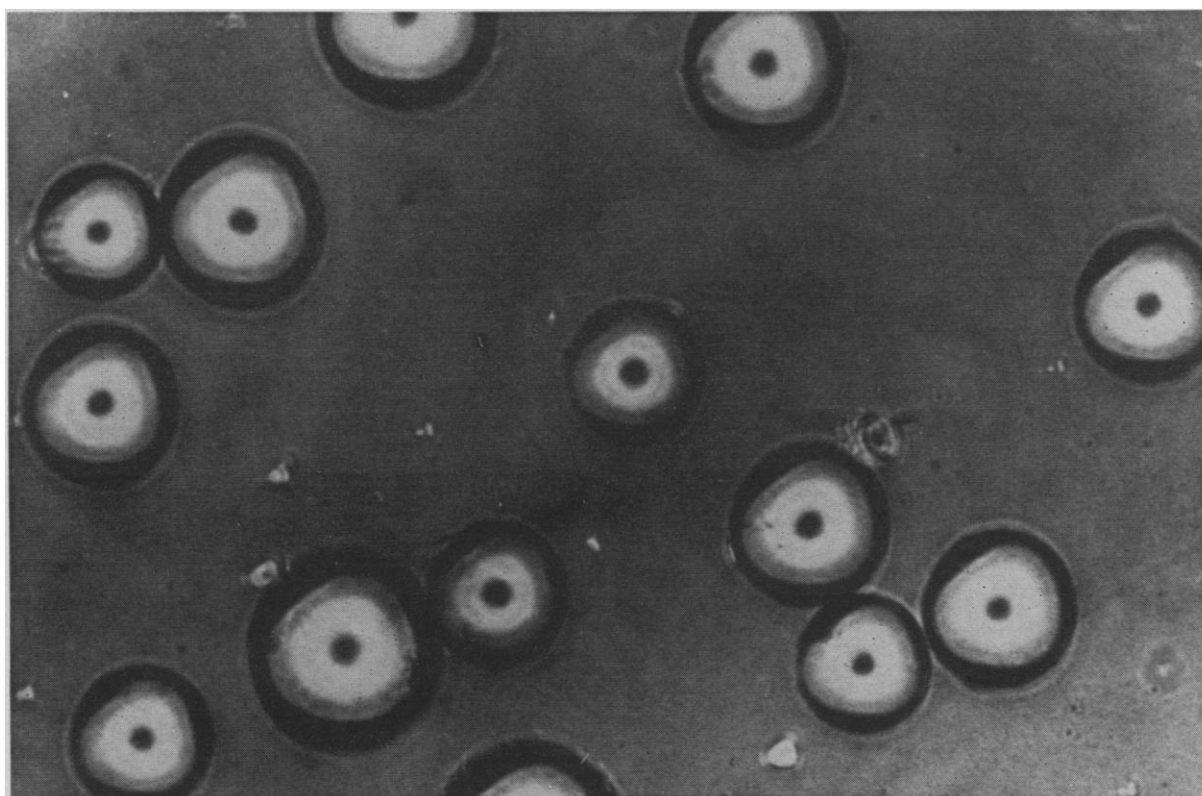
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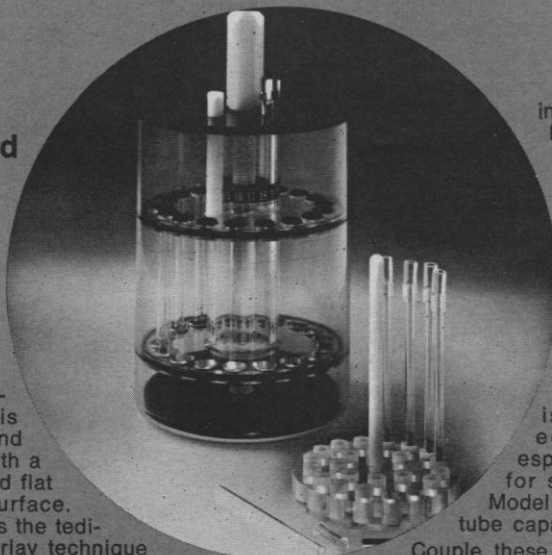


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discussion, Newton apparently postulated some physical effects in air which might account for the inadequacy of his calculations of the velocity of sound. Such hypotheses were not in themselves unjustified. Scientific progress often takes its beginning from inspired guesses. The burden of disproof rests upon the experimenter. Wrong is only done if the calculator pretends to assign quantitative exactitude to each of several hypothetical effects which together are invoked to account for a total discrepancy. Newton's analysis merely suggests that the individual effects may have magnitudes of the order he assigned, and it should not be read in any other light. Considering the primitive state of the knowledge of thermodynamics in the late 17th century, his speculations about the velocity of waves in damp air were probably the best that could be done.

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Readers who found Westfall's article "Newton and the fudge factor," of great interest, as I did, might like to look at what one man, at least, took to be some fudging in Newton's development of calculus—or "fluxions," as he called it. I am referring, of course, to George Berkeley's *The Analyst* (1734) and the additional writing to which it led. This can be found in any collection of Berkeley's works. Not only is it of historical interest, but there are points raised which even now a teacher of introductory calculus, in particular, might do well to ponder.

Incidentally, is there not a moral to be found in all of this? Is it not likely that a time will come when some of the work of which we are now most proud will be seen to contain outrageous fudges? Nor is it too hard to see some places in which this might come about. Our "renormalizations," for instance, may some time be called by a much less charitable name. It seems now to be agreed that some of the early papers on relativity contained actual mistakes, which had the same effect as fudges.

In one sense, we need not make too much of all this. It would appear that

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"to fudge is human." But because of that very fact, we should be ready to admit the possibility that we may, perhaps almost unconsciously, have committed a fudge, or overlooked one by someone else. Recently, when Dingle (1) and others suggested that there is something wrong—call it a mistake or call it a fudge—with the theory of relativity, what they encountered could scarcely be described by any term other than "persecution." Earlier, O'Rahilly, who had rather similar experiences, said that the heretic is treated worse in physics than in theology. We should remember that a theory which is to a great extent true may still be fudged here and there; those who point this out are in the same position as physicians who tell us that, while we are mainly healthy, we have such and such an illness, which fortunately can be cured.

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While reading Westfall's article I was reminded of an anecdote told by the late J. C. McLennan during a lecture at the University of Toronto about 40 years ago.

McLennan said, as I remember, "One time I remarked enthusiastically to Nils Bohr, how wonderful it was that his equations yielded such an accurate value of Rydberg's constant. Nils said to me 'Of course, McLennan, I made it come out that way.'"

McLennan then said to us, "Perhaps that is the difference between Nils Bohr and me."

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In reply to McHugh, I am unable to find in Newton's language any grounds for the assertion that he offered the two corrections to the velocity of sound as hypotheses to account for the discrepancy. He did not present them in such a manner. Moreover, he assigned "quantitative exactitude" to them, and did so without any evidence external to the calculation that such "side effects" even exist.

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Effects of Marijuana Use

John Kaplan's review (12 Jan., p. 167) of the recent American and Canadian government-sponsored reports (1, 2) on cannabis does justice to neither.

Like the British Wootton Report of 1968 (3), these North American studies did, indeed, recommend a more humanitarian approach to the legal issues. What Kaplan fails to mention is that the reports contain much cautionary clinical material which led both the American commission (1, p. 134) and the Canadian commission (2, p. 301) to conclude, as had the British committee (3, Section 71), that the use of marijuana was to be discouraged for various individual and public reasons.

These reasons are perhaps best stated by the Canadian commission (2, p. 274):

To sum up, then, it seems to us that there are at least four major grounds for social concern: the probably harmful effect of cannabis on the maturing process in adolescents; the implications for safe driving arising from impairment of cognitive functions and psychomotor abilities, from the additive interaction of cannabis and alcohol, and from the difficulties of recognising or detecting cannabis intoxication; the possibility suggested by reports in other countries and clinical observations on this continent, that the long-term heavy use of cannabis may result in a significant amount of mental deterioration and disorder; and the role played by cannabis in the development and spread of multi-drug use by stimulating a desire for drug experiences and lowering inhibitions about drug experimentation.

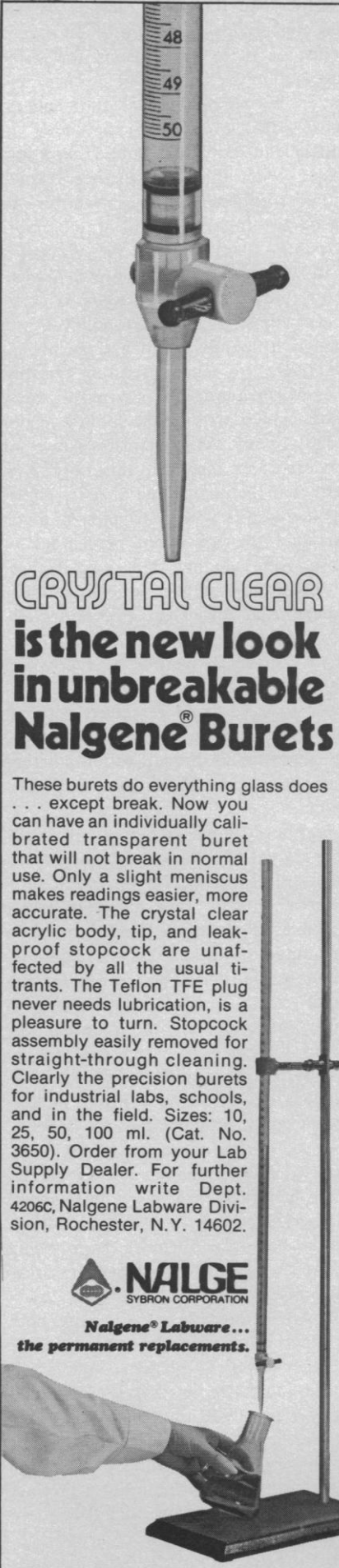
A number of people have discontinued the use of cannabis because of these and other problems, and even continuing users are becoming more willing to admit that—as Gabriel Nahas demonstrates in his excellent coverage of the subject (4)—marijuana is a "deceptive weed."

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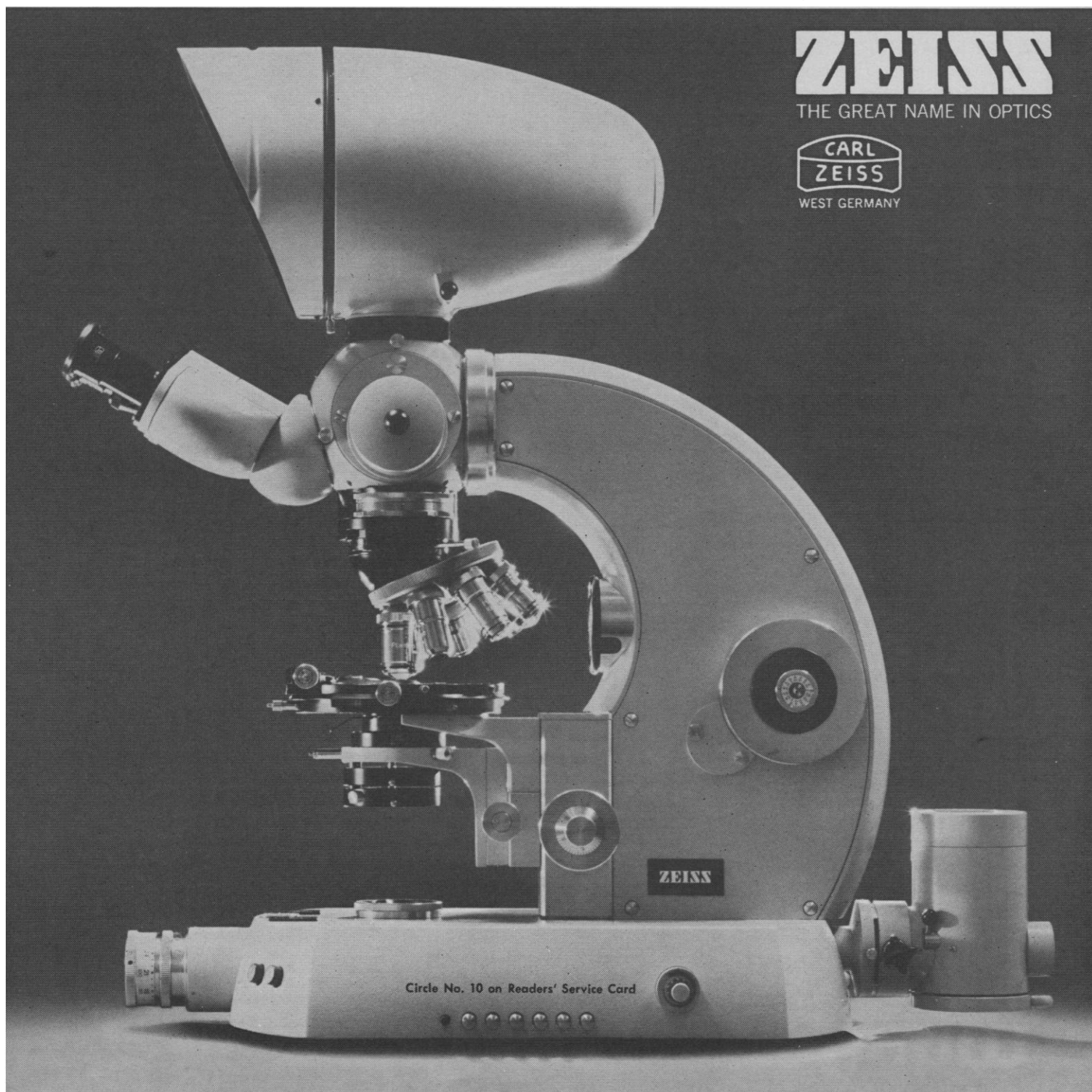
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reflects a very narrow view of "science" and is wrong on two counts. First, it has been shown in a recent paper (1) that there are subgroups in the human population that are highly susceptible to low levels of radiation—levels which have no demonstrable effect on the vast majority of persons. It is doubtful whether it is "scientific" to study radiation effects in human populations that are not inbred by doing experiments on inbred mice. Second, it is possible to do studies of human beings which are every bit as scientific as in vivo or in vitro laboratory studies (2) and which are directly relevant to the protection of the public against environmental hazards.

The real issue is whether scientists are willing to face up to their responsibilities as scientists, or whether they will play language games to escape these responsibilities. Are we going to debate whether an issue is "trans-scientific" or not, or are we going to go out and get hard data which will settle the issue? The need is not for "trans-scientific debate," but for effective measures to protect the public against low level radiation.

An immediate need is an adequate surveillance system (1). This system

would be expensive, and entail inconvenience. For instance, a card might have to be filled out to report every diagnostic x-ray, every SST flight, every visit to installations of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), and so forth. Annual surveys of all persons living near nuclear power plants might be needed. Leukemia and other diseases might have to be made "reportable" throughout the United States and monitored as infectious diseases currently are throughout the United States.

This "commitment in perpetuity" to protecting the public is part of the cost of nuclear and other technology. The sooner we recognize this and get down to the scientific task of setting up protective systems, the better.

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I am prepared to concede that an issue which appears to be trans-scientific at one stage of scientific development may, at a later stage, be susceptible to resolution by a more sophisticated sci-

ence. I doubt whether most experts in either radiobiology or epidemiology would agree at this time that the effects of radiation doses of about 10 millirads per year (the present AEC standard for reactor emissions), or even the 170 millirads per year previously accepted, can be shown to have an unequivocal effect on humans. On the other hand, if the sample is large enough and if the studies can be successfully carried out over a long enough time, then I agree there is no reason *in principle* why the issue cannot be resolved. The disagreement then is mainly one of deciding whether the enormous effort required for such studies is an appropriate allocation of resources. The evidence Bross presents in his paper in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (1) on incidence of leukemia in children exposed to intrauterine diagnostic radiation of around 1000 millirads hardly seems relevant to the issue of chronic exposure at a rate of 10 millirads per year.

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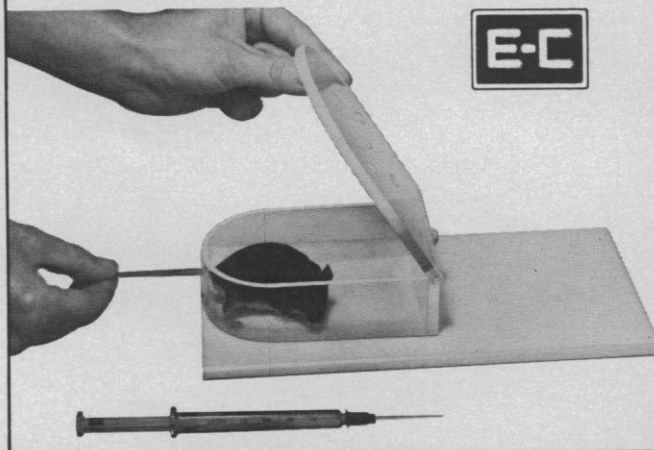


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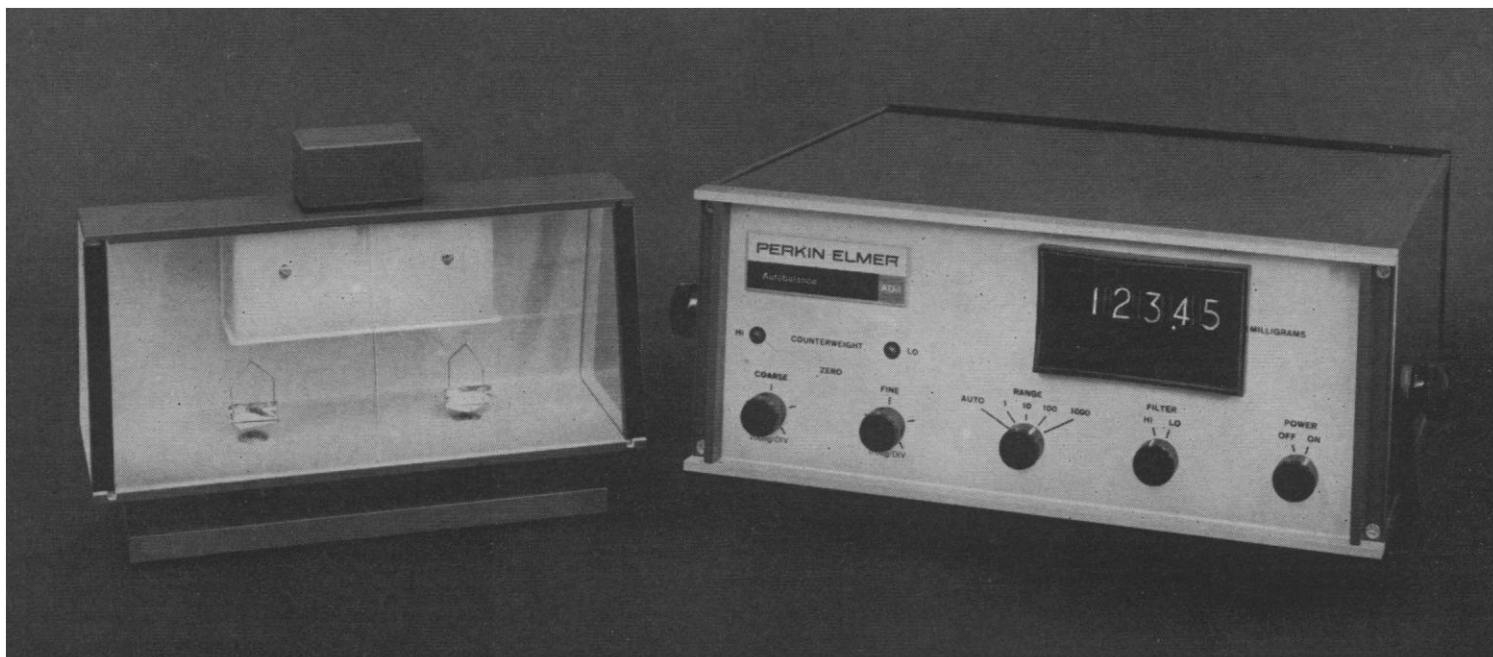
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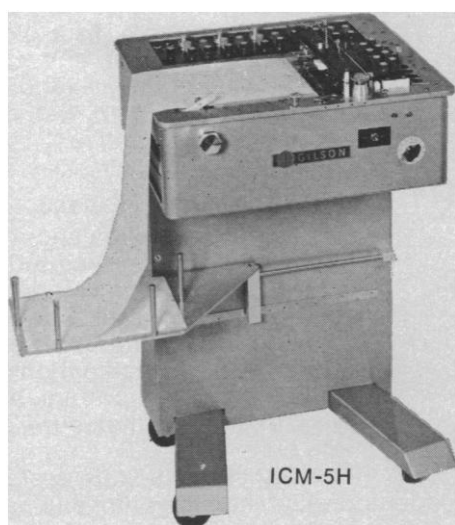
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This year, imports of oil and oil products will exceed those of 1972 by about 35 percent. They will cost about \$9 billion. A minor part of this sum will flow back into the United States in the form of profits of the international oil companies, but the imbalance of payments adds a heavy burden to an unstable dollar, with the situation exacerbated as imports continue to climb.

Elsewhere peoples are striving to enjoy some of the things that are commonplace to us. Governments everywhere are under pressure to provide more things and comforts for their peoples; this, in turn, translates into a demand for energy—largely in the form of hydrocarbons. In Western Europe, one encounters tremendous numbers of automobiles, seemingly darting in all directions. In Japan, with a population about half of ours, there are now 20 million cars. In many of the cities of Latin America, the automobile seems almost as ubiquitous as it is here.

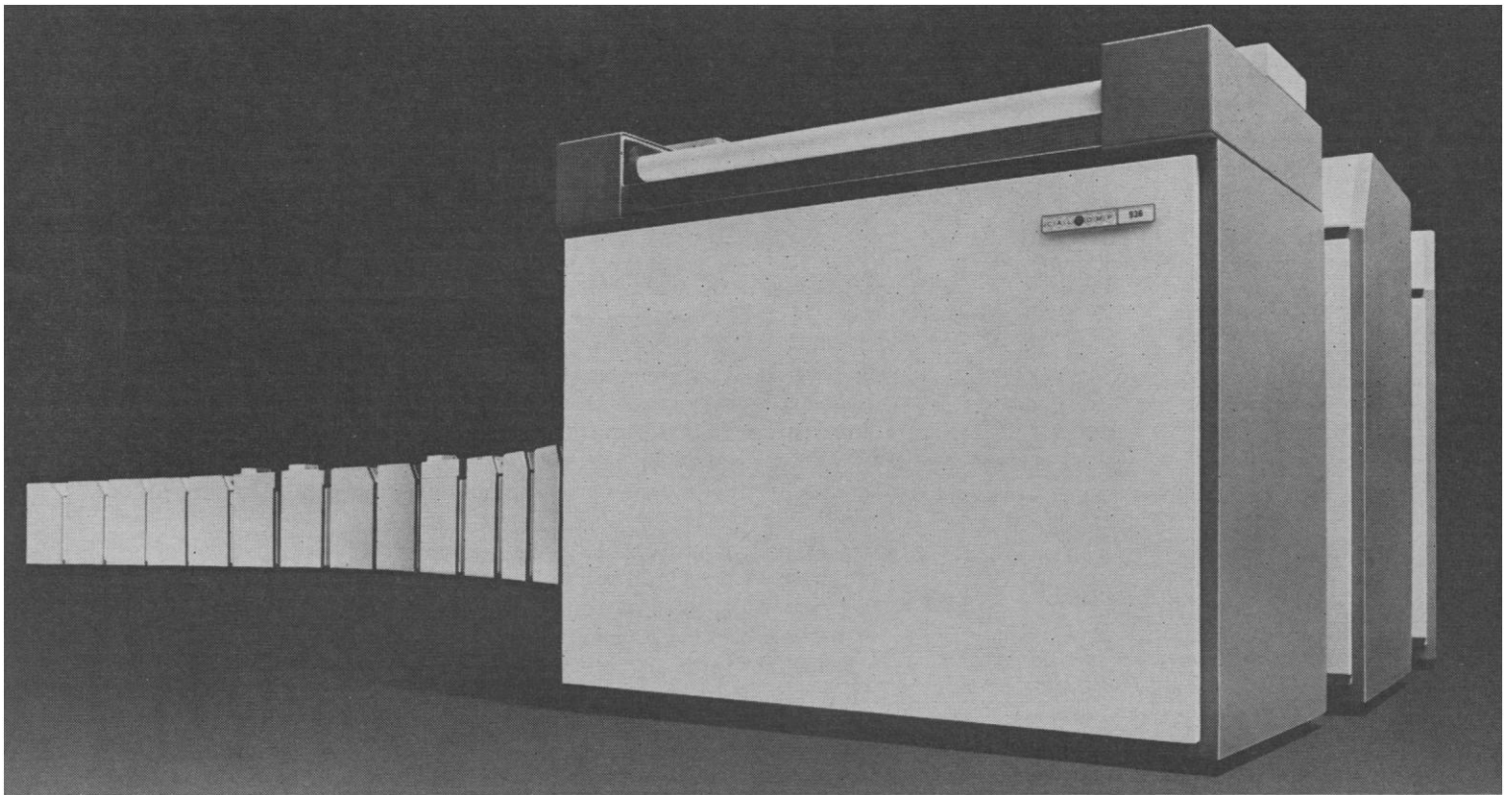
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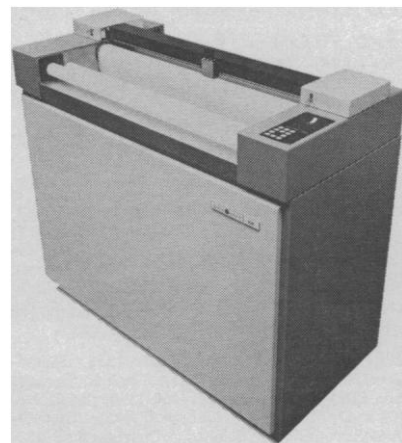
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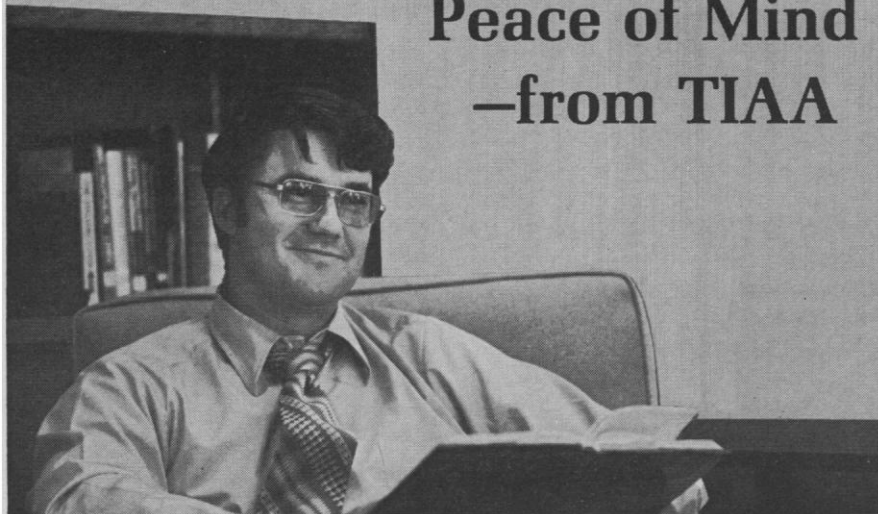
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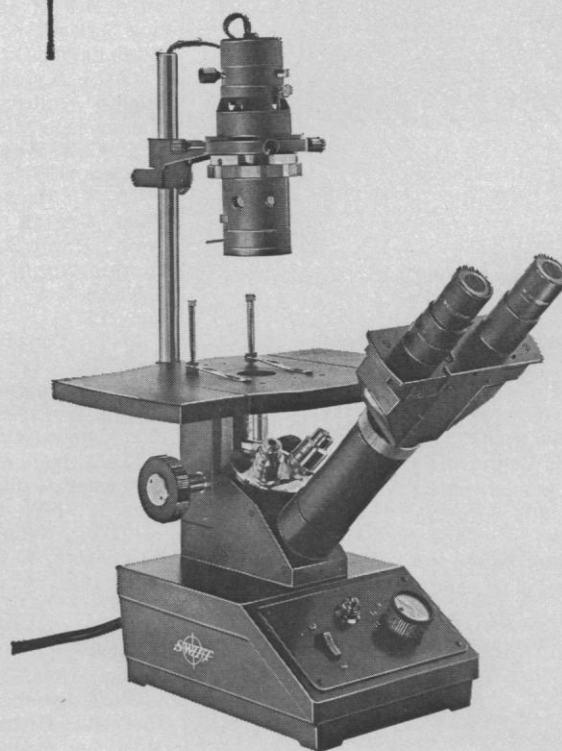
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19-24. International Symp. on Microchemical Techniques, sponsored by American Microchemical Soc., Intern. Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Commission on Microchemical Techniques, and Div. of Analytical Chemistry, University Park, Pa. (H. J. Francis, Jr., Pennwalt Corp., 900 First Ave., King of Prussia, Pa. 19406)

19-29. International Assoc. of Agricultural Economists, 15th intern. congr., São Paulo, Brazil. (V. J. Pellegrini, Rua Xavier Silveria H 57, Apr 102, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

20-21. Spectroscopy, 15th, Soc. for Applied Spectroscopy, Denver, Colo. (R. H. Heidel, U.S. Geological Survey, Bldg. 25, Denver Federal Center, Denver 80225)

20-24. Texturization Theory, Determination and Control of Physical Properties of Food Materials, Amherst, Mass. (C. Rha, Agricultural Engineering Bldg., Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst 01002)

20-25. American Physiological Soc., Rochester, N.Y. (Mrs. G. Hamilton, APS, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md. 20014)

20-26. Leprosy Congr., 10th intern., Bergen, Norway. (S. G. Browne, 16 Bridgefield Rd., Sutton, Surrey, England)

20-29. Genetics, 13th intern. congr., Berkeley, Calif. (S. W. Brown, Dept. of Genetics, 345 Mulford Hall, Univ. of California, Berkeley 94720)

21-22. Society of Logistics Engineers, Hunt Valley, Md. (R. R. Harvey, SOLE, P.O. Box 164, Hunt Valley)

21-24. International Chemistry Teachers Conf., Chemical Education Divs. of the Chemical Inst. of Canada and the American Chemical Soc., Waterloo, Ont. (L. H. Sibley, St. Catharines Collegiate Inst. and Vocational School, 34 Catherine St., St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada)

21-24. Symposium on Zirconium in Nuclear Applications, American Soc. for Testing and Materials and American Inst. of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, Portland, Ore. (Meetings Officer, ASTM, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103)

22-24. Applications of X-ray Analysis, 22nd annual conf., Denver, Colo. (C. O. Rudd, Metallurgy and Materials Science Div., Denver Research Inst., Univ. of Denver, Denver 80210)

22-25. National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Fort Worth, Texas. (NCTM, 1201 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

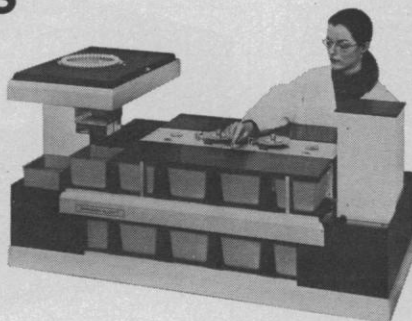
25-26. Mathematical Psychologists, 6th annual, Montreal, Canada. (A. A. J. Marley, Dept. of Psychology, P.O. Box 6070, Montreal 101, P.Q.)

25-28. American Astronomical Soc.,

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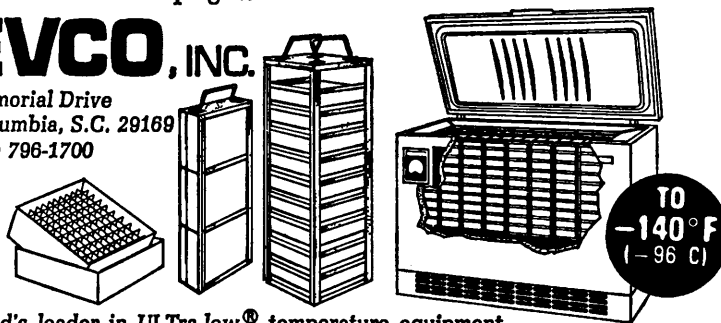
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26-31. International Soc. of Neurochemistry, 4th intern., Tokyo, Japan. (Y. Tsukada, Dept. of Psychology, School of Medicine, Keio Univ., Shinjuku, Tokyo)

27-29. Comparative Virology, 2nd intern. conf., Mont Gabriel, P.Q., Canada. (E. Kurstak, Univ. of Montreal, P.O. Box 6128, Montreal 101, P.Q., Canada)

27-30. American Sociological Assoc., New York, N.Y. (N. J. Demerath, ASA, 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

27-31. NATO Conf. on Cybernetic Modeling of Adaptive Organizations, Porto, Portugal. (D. Howland, College of Administrative Science, Ohio State Univ., 1775 S. College Rd., Columbus 43210)

27-1. Leucocyte Culture Conf., 8th, Uppsala, Sweden. (K. Lindahl-Kiessling, Inst. for Medical Genetics, Univ. of Uppsala, V. Agatan 24, S-752-20 Uppsala)

28-30. Association for Computing Machinery, Atlanta, Ga. (G. Smith, ACM, 1133 Ave. of the Americas, New York 10036)

28-31. International Assoc. of Human Biologists and Soc. for the Study of Human Biology, Detroit, Mich. (E. B. Watts, Dept. of Anthropology, Tulane Univ., New Orleans, La. 70018)

29-31. Conference and Workshop on Primate Karyology, Wayne State Univ., Detroit, Mich. (A. L. Koen, Mott Center, 275 E. Hancock, Detroit 48201)

September

1-7. Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology, 8th intern. congr., Marseille, France. (G.-C. Lairy, Laboratoire d'EEG, Hôpital Henri Rousselle, 1, rue Cabanis, Paris 14° France)

2-6. Victimology, intern. symp., World Psychiatric Assoc., Jerusalem, Israel. (I. Drapkin, Organizing Committee of Criminology, Faculty of Law, Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem, P.O. Box 4051, Jerusalem)

2-7. Bacteriology, intern. congr., American Soc. for Microbiology, Jerusalem, Israel. (A. F. Langlykke, ASM, 1913 I St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006)

2-7. International Congr. on Mercury, sponsored by the Inst. Tecnologico Metalurgico Emilio Jimeno-Univ. of Barcelona, and the Consejo de Administracion de las Minas de Almaden y Arrayanes, Barcelona, Spain. [Secretaria del Congreso, Facultad de Ciencias (Pedralbes), Univ. of Barcelona, Barcelona-14]

2-8. Birth Defects, 4th intern. conf., National Foundation-March of Dimes, Vienna, Austria. (Intern. Medical Congr., Ltd., c/o National Foundation, 1275 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N.Y. 10605)

2-10. Society of Protozoologists, Clermont-Ferrand, France. (D. M. Hammond, Dept. of Zoology, Utah State Univ., Logan 84321)

2-14. Tropical Medicine and Malaria, 9th intern. congr., Athens, Greece. (E. M. H. Mofidi, School of Public Health, Univ. of Tehran, Tehran, Iran)

3-6. Chemical Thermodynamics, 3rd intern. conf., Intern. Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Baden, Vienna, Austria. (F. Kohler, Inst. of Physical Chemistry,

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Univ. of Vienna, Währingerstr. 42, A-1090 Vienna)

3-6. **Stress Analysis Group**, annual conf., Inst. of Physics, Bath, England. (Meetings Officer, IP, 47 Belgrave Sq., London, SW1X 8QX, England)

3-7. Symposium on **Isotopes and Radiation Techniques in Studies of Soil Physics, Irrigation and Drainage in Relation to Crop Production**, Intern. Atomic Energy Agency, Nicosia, Cyprus. (J. H. Kane, Office of Information Services, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. 20545)

3-7. **Molecular Sieves**, 3rd intern. conf., Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule and the Swiss Chemical Soc., Zurich, Switzerland. (W. M. Meier, Inst. für Kristallographie der ETH, Sonneggstr. 5, 8006 Zurich)

3-7. **Pharmaceutical Sciences**, 33rd intern. congr., Stockholm, Sweden. (FIP-Congr. 1973, Box 1142, S-111 81 Stockholm)

3-7. International Union of **Pure and Applied Chemistry**, 24th intern. congr., Hamburg, Germany. (Secretariat, 7 Via Cornelio Celso, 00161 Rome, Italy)

3-9. Symposium on **Photoelastic Effects and Its Applications**, Intern. Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Brussels, Belgium. (J. Kestens, Laboratoire d'Analyse des Contraintes, Université Libre de Bruxelles 87, Avenue Ad. Buyl, Brussels 5)

4-8. American **Political Science Assoc.**, New Orleans, La. (E. M. Kirkpatrick, APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

4-12. International Assoc. for the **Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency**, 3rd congr., The Hague, Netherlands. (M. I. I. Goldberg, Box 83, Teachers College, Columbia Univ., New York 10027)

4-14. International **Radiation Protection Assoc.**, 3rd intern. congr., Washington, D.C. (R. J. Catlin, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. 20545)

5-7. **Marine Technology Soc.**, Washington, D.C. (R. W. Niblock, MTS, 1730 M St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

5-7. **Nuclear Structure: Heavy Ions Conf.**, Inst. of Physics, Manchester, England. (Meetings Officer, IP, 47 Belgrave Sq., London, SW1X 8QX, England)

5-8. Society of **General Physiologists**, Woods Hole, Mass. (C. Edwards, Dept. of Biological Sciences, State Univ. of New York, Albany 12222)

5-8. International Conf. on **Magnetic Structures in Superconductors**, American Physical Soc., Argonne Natl. Lab., Intern. Inst. of Refrigeration, Intern. Union of Pure and Applied Physics, and Natl. Science Foundation, Argonne, Ill. (R. P. Huebener, Solid State Science Div., Argonne Natl. Lab., Argonne 60439)

5-12. American **Phytopathological Soc.**, 65th mtg., Minneapolis, Minn. (R. J. Green, Jr., Dept. of Botany and Plant Pathology, Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind. 47907)

5-12. **Plant Pathology**, 2nd intern. congr., Intern. Soc. for Plant Pathology, Minneapolis, Minn. (J. E. Mitchell, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison 53706)

6-8. **Parapsychological Assoc.**, 16th mtg., Charlottesville, Va. (R. L. Morris, Psychical Research Foundation, Duke Station, Durham, N.C. 27706)

6-10. **Plasma Chemistry Symp.**, Intern. Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Kiel, Germany. (J. R. Hollahan, NASA-Ames Research Center, M/S 239-4 Moffett Field, Calif. 94035)

7-9. **More Learning: Less Teaching Conf.**, Inst. of Physics, Guildford, England. (Meetings Officer, IP, 47 Belgrave Sq., London, SW1X 8QX, England)

8-11. American **Fisheries Soc.**, Orlando, Fla. (R. A. Wade, AFS, 1319 18th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

8-15. **Chemotherapy**, 8th intern. congr., Athens, Greece. (P. Kontomichalou, P.O. Box 1554, Athens)

8-15. **Neurology**, 10th intern. congr., Barcelona, Spain. (J. M. Espadaler, Consejo de Ciento, 318, Barcelona-7)

9-12. American **Ceramic Soc.** (Electronics Div.), Atlanta, Ga. (F. P. Reid, ACS, 4055 North High St., Columbus, Ohio 43214)

9-13. **Marine Plankton and Sediments**, 3rd planktonic conf., Intern. Council of Scientific Unions, Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research, Working Group 37, Kiel, Germany. (E. Seibold, Geologisches Institut der Universität, Olshausenstr. 40/60, 23 Kiel)

9-13. International Assoc. on **Water Pollution Research**, 7th, Paris, France. (B. B. Berger, Room 211, Graduate Research Center, Water Resources Research Center, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst 01002)

9-14. American **Chemical Soc.**, 166th natl. mtg., Chicago, Ill. (Meetings Manager, ACS, 1155 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

9-14. International **Radiation Protection Assoc.**, 3rd congr., Washington, D.C. (R. J. Vatlin, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. 20545)

9-21. International Assoc. of **Geomagnetism and Aeronomy**, Kyoto, Japan. (Prof. Rikitake, Earthquake Research Inst., Univ. of Tokyo, 2-11-16, Yayoi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan)

10-11. **Turbulence in Liquids**, 3rd symp., Univ. of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla. (J. L. Zakin, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, Univ. of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla 65401)

10-12. **Exploration of the Planetary System**, Copernicus conf., Intern. Astronomical Union, Torun, Poland. (P. Swings, Inst. of Astrophysics, Univ. of Liège, Leon Souguenet Ave., 23, B-4050, Esneux, Belgium)

10-12. **Irradiation Experimentation in Fast Reactors**, American Nuclear Soc., Jackson Hole, Wyo. (J. G. Crocker, 2309 Arctic Ave., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401)

10-12. **Marine Technology Soc.**, 9th annual conf., Washington, D.C. (R. A. Frosch, MTS, 1730 M St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

10-13. European Conf. on **Pediatric Nephrology**, Strbske Pleso, Czechoslovakia. (F. Demant, Clinic of Pediatrics of the Faculty Hospital, Kosice, Czechoslovakia)

10-14. International Symp. on **Macromolecules**, Intern. Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Aberdeen, England. (J. R. Keene, Chemical Soc., Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, England)

10-14. **Mass Spectrometry Conf.**, 6th intern. conf., Intern. Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Edinburgh, Scotland. (C. H. Maynard, Inst. of Petroleum, 61 New Cavendish St., London, W1M 8AR, England)

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10-15. International Assoc. for Cybernetics, 7th, Namur, Belgium. (J. Lemaire, Place Andre Ryckmans, Palais des Expositions, B-5000, Namur)

12-14. American Ceramic Soc. (Electronics Div.), Atlanta, Ga. (F. P. Reid, ACS, 4055 North High St., Columbus, Ohio 43214)

12-14. Physics of Semimetals and Nar-

row-Gap Semiconductors, Univ. of Wales and Inst. of Science and Technology, Cardiff, Wales. (J. E. Aubrey, Dept. of Applied Physics, UW and IST, King Edward VII Ave., Cardiff CF1 3NU)

12-17. American Medical Writers Assoc., Bethesda, Md. (E. Stahl, Ayerst Labs., Montreal, P.Q., Canada)

13-14. Society for Management Information Systems, 5th annual conf., Chicago, Ill. (A. Suter, SMIS, 221 North La Salle St., Chicago 60601)

13-15. International Congr. on the Knee Joint, 75th, Dutch Orthopaedic Assoc., Rotterdam, Netherlands. (Secre-

tariat, Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, Netherlands)

16-20. American Oil Chemists Soc., Chicago, Ill. (J. Lyon, AOCS, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, Ill. 61820)

16-20. American Acad. of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, Dallas, Texas. (C. M. Kos, 15 Second St., SW, Rochester, Minn. 55901)

24-28. Noble Gases Symp., jointly by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Natl. Environmental Research Center, and Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas. (D. S. Barth, NERC, P.O. Box 15027, Las Vegas 89114)

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1-3. Hanford Biology Symp., 13th, sponsored by U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and Battelle Memorial Inst., Richland, Wash. (J. A. Harrison, Biology Dept., Battelle Pacific Northwest Labs., Richland 99352)

1-3. International Conf. on Land for Waste Management, Canadian Soc. of Soil Science, Ottawa, Ont. (M. K. Ward, Natl. Research Council, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0R6)

1-4. American Acad. of Family Physicians, Denver, Colo. (R. Tusken, AAFP, Volker Blvd. at Brookside, Kansas City, Mo. 64112)

1-4. American Soc. for Metals, Chicago, Ill. (A. R. Putnam, ASM, Metals Park, Ohio 44073)

1-5. American Assoc. for Laboratory Animal Science, 24th annual, Miami Beach, Fla. (Joseph J. Garvey, AALAS, 2317 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, Ill. 60435)

1-5. Symposium on Remote Sensing in Oceanography, American Soc. of Photogrammetry, Orlando (Disney World), Fla. (J. S. Beazley, 330 Ponce St., Tallahassee 32303)

1-6. International Congr. of Rheumatology, 13th, Kyoto, Japan. (S. Sasaki, Japan Rheumatism Assoc., Shimbunkaikan 63, 3-8-4 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan)

3-5. Clinical Orthopedic Soc., Cleveland, Ohio. (M. L. Clayton, COS, 2045 Franklin St., Denver 80205)

4-6. Refractories Div., American Ceramic Soc., Bedford, Pa. (F. P. Reid, ACS, 4055 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43214)

4-10. Chemistry of Sea/Air Particulate Exchange Processes, intern. symp., Intern. Assoc. for the Physical Sciences of the Ocean, Intern. Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, Nice, France. (R. A. Duce, Dept. of Oceanography, Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston 02881)

5-6. Psychopharmacology Symp., World Psychiatric Assoc., Wroclaw, Poland. (A. Bukowczyk, Kraszewskiego 25, Wroclaw)

5-9. Sigma XI, Fontana, Wis. (T. T. Holme, SX, 345 Whitney Ave., New Haven, Conn. 06510)

6-12. American Concrete Inst., Ottawa, Ont., Canada. (ACI, Box 4754, Redford Stat., 22400 W. Seven Mile Rd., Detroit, Mich. 48219)

6-13. World Federation for Mental Health, 25th congr., Sydney, Australia. (A. Stoller, Mental Health Authority, 300 Queen St., Melbourne C1, Australia)

7-11. Clay Minerals Soc. (10th mtg.) and Clay Minerals Conf. (22nd), Banff, Alta., Canada. (J. E. Gillott, Dept. of



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7-11. Life Assurance Medicine, 11th intern. congr., Mexico City, Mexico. (J. Rendon, Edificio Bancomer, Aptdo Postal M-7817, Mexico, D.F.)

7-12. Electrochemical Soc., 144th natl., Boston, Mass. (E. G. Enck, ES, P.O. Box 2071, Princeton, N.J. 08540)

7-13. Neurological Surgery, 8th intern. congr., Tokyo, Japan. (S. Ishii, Dept. of Neurosurgery, Juntendo Univ. Hospital, Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo)

7-20. Institute on Terrestrial and Extraterrestrial Volcanology, Italian Natl. Research, Regional Sicilian Government, and the Italian Ministry of Public Education, Erice, Trapani, Sicily. (F. Cuttitta, U.S. Geological Survey, Geologic Div., Washington, D.C. 20244), or (M. Carapezza, Istituto di Mineralogia, Via Archirafi 36, 90123 Palermo, Italy)

8-10. National Electronics Conf. and Exhibition, 29th, Chicago, Ill. (NEC, Inc., Oakbrook Executive Pl. No. 2, 1211 W. 22 St., Oak Brook, Ill. 60521)

8-10. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Iowa City, Iowa. (J. K. Cullum, IBM-T. J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598)

8-12. International Drivers' Behaviour Research Assoc., Zurich, Switzerland. (T. E. A. Benjamin, Room 9C27, 10, quai Paul Doumer, F-92 Courbevoie, France)

8-12. Symposium on Experience from Operating and Fueling of Nuclear Power Plants, Intern. Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria. (J. H. Kane, Office of Information Services, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. 20545)

9-12. Association of Official Analytical Chemists, 87th, Washington, D.C. (L. G. Ensminger, AOAC, Box 540, Benjamin Franklin Sta., Washington, D.C. 20044)

9-12. Optical Soc. of America, 58th annual, Rochester, N.Y. (J. W. Quinn, OSA, 2100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20037)

9-12. American Vacuum Soc., 20th natl. symp., New York, N.Y. (R. B. Marcus, Bell Telephone Labs., Murray Hill, N.J. 07974)

10-12. Glass Div., American Ceramic Soc., Bedford, Pa. (F. P. Reid, ACS, 4055 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43214)

10-16. American Speech and Hearing Assoc., Detroit, Mich. (K. O. Johnson, 9030 Old Georgetown Rd., Washington, D.C. 20014)

11-12. Chemical and Physical Processes in Combustion, 7th technical mtg., Eastern Section, Combustion Inst., Montreal, P.Q., Canada. (F. J. Wright, Corporate Research Labs., Esso Research and Engineering Co., P.O. Box 45, Linden, N.J. 07036)

11-13. American Soc. for Colposcopy and Colpomicroscopy, 6th clinical, Key Biscayne, Fla. (A. C. Corzo, Symposia Intern., P.O. Box 580, Tujunga, Calif. 91042)

11-13. American Assoc. for the Surgery of Trauma, Chicago, Ill. (J. A. Boswick, AAST, 4200 E. Ninth Ave., Denver, Colo. 80220)

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14-17. American Chemical Soc., 5th Northeast regional, Rochester, N.Y. (P. Tingue, Bldg. 81, Room 254, Research Labs., Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester 14650)

14-17. Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors, New York, N.Y. (A. E. Brown, ALIMD, 501 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02117)

14-18. American Inst. of Ultrasound in Medicine, Ann Arbor, Mich. (M. A. Wainstock, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Univ. of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor)

14-19. Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, New York, N.Y. (D. A. Courtney, SMPTE, 9 E. 41 St., New York 10017)

14-20. Allergology, 8th intern. congr., Tokyo, Japan. (Japanese Soc. of Allergology, c/o Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, Nippon Medical School, 1-1 Sendagi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo)

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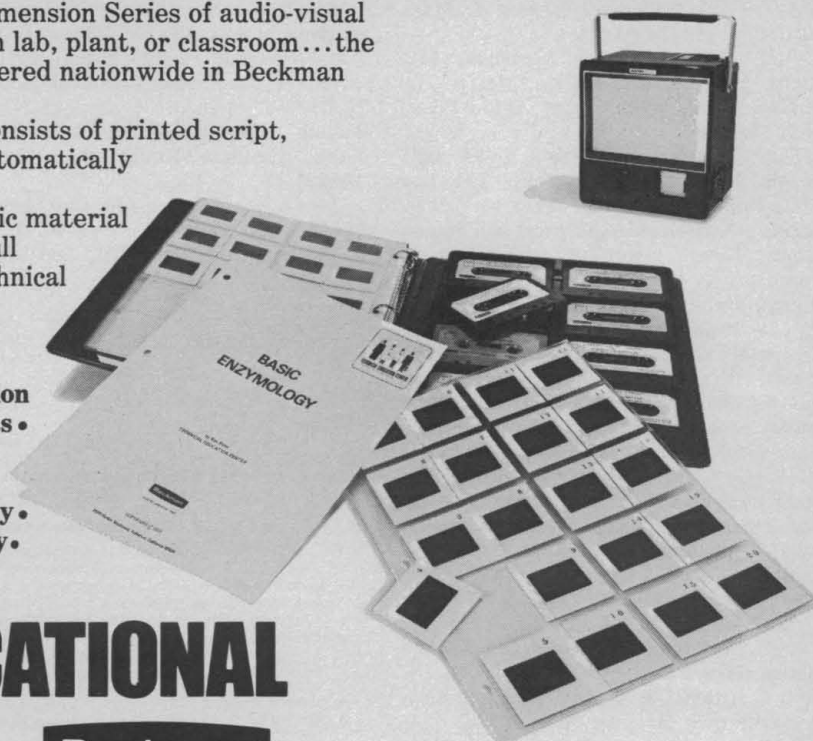
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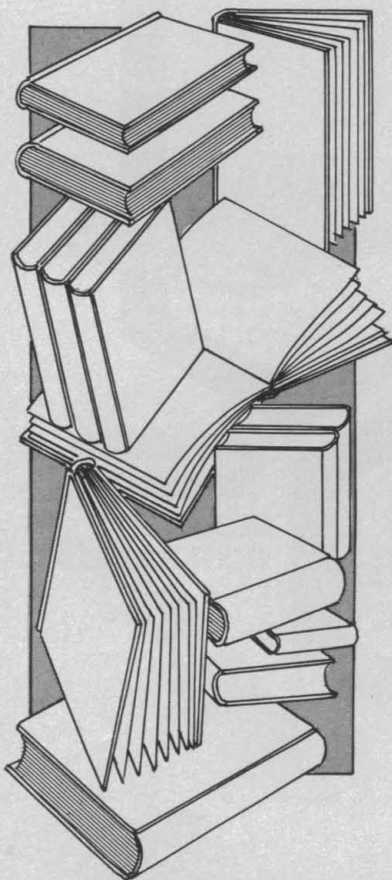


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produced a variant with increased resistance to the antibodies. This new variant was isolated and grown in the presence of antibodies specific for it.

After several such cycles of growth and mutation, Hannoun isolated a variant that no longer mutated under the experimental conditions. This variant, he postulates, represents the end point of evolution within the A₃ subtype, and is thus a virus that would be expected to appear in the late 1970's. Support for this postulate was provided by the discovery that the London influenza variant first isolated in 1972 was antigenically quite like the first mutant Hannoun had produced in his laboratory a year earlier.

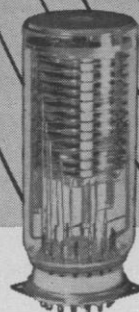
As a result of an only partially understood aspect of the mutation process, the Pasteur group believes, antibodies specific for any one influenza mutant also provide protection against all antecedent mutants within that subtype. Vaccines produced from Hannoun's final variant should thus provide protection against all A₃ variants that might appear within this decade—although the emergence of the next major variant will necessitate beginning all over again. Limited studies have already shown that a killed virus vaccine produced from the Pasteur variant is effective against current strains of influenza, and the French government has licensed it for use as soon as possible. It is unlikely that the vaccine will be licensed for use in the United States for at least another year, however, because of the need for more data on its efficacy.

Because the Pasteur vaccine is made with inactivated viruses, it is expected to be no more effective than current killed virus vaccines. If Hannoun's methodology is proved correct, then, the best approach might involve a combination of techniques. That is, the final variant isolated by Hannoun could be used to produce attenuated virus vaccines by the method of Chanock, Davenport, or Kilbourne. In that fashion, almost complete protection could be provided from shortly after the appearance of a major new subtype until the appearance of the next subtype. Given adequate funding for the development and application of these techniques, some investigators argue, there need never be another influenza pandemic.

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