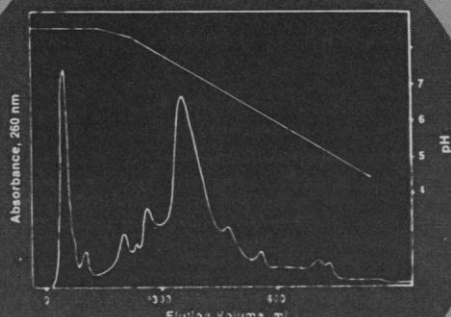


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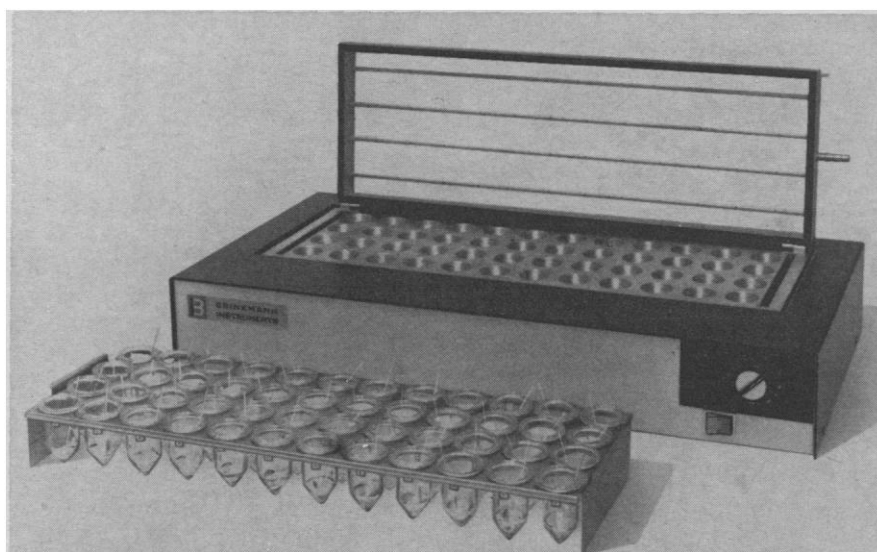
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veloped in one strain of mice after administration of dieldrin. They did not develop in other strains of mice, nor in dogs, rats, or primates. The susceptible mouse strain was one in which an unusually high incidence of tumors had already been found. The committee did not feel that the balance of data indicated a carcinogenicity hazard.

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A Visit to Bulgaria

In 1971, D. E. Hathaway (Letters, 17 Dec., p. 1182) reported bureaucratic foul-ups and other unfavorable experiences that led to a forced cancellation of an exchange trip to eastern Europe. I should like to report the opposite experience in Bulgaria in late 1972, which may be of interest to those planning to apply for NAS (National Academy of Sciences) exchange visits to the Soviet Union and eastern European countries.

As an earth scientist, I visited Bulgaria for 1 month in October and November 1972. Officials at NAS were efficient and helpful. I was not impressed with American Embassy staffers in Sofia, but Bulgarians were the salt of the earth. Few kinder or more generous people can be found anywhere. They have bureaucratic difficulties but make a vigorous effort to minimize them for their guests. I was even allowed to return alone at night to an office in the Geological Institute of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Sofia), something which I am given to understand would not be likely in the Soviet Union.

Bulgarian earth science is poorly known in the United States, but R. M. Foose (a coparticipant in the U.S.-Bulgarian exchange program) and I were impressed by its quality and scope. Unexpectedly, we found that Bulgarian articles and books tend to be succinct, unlike many Soviet and Western counterparts. If this is due in part to a serious paper shortage, as Bulgarian academy officials indicated (publications must be "defended" before appointed publication committees), then some benefit has come from adversity.

Those interested in exchange visits and wishing more detail may write to me for a copy of my report to NAS.

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