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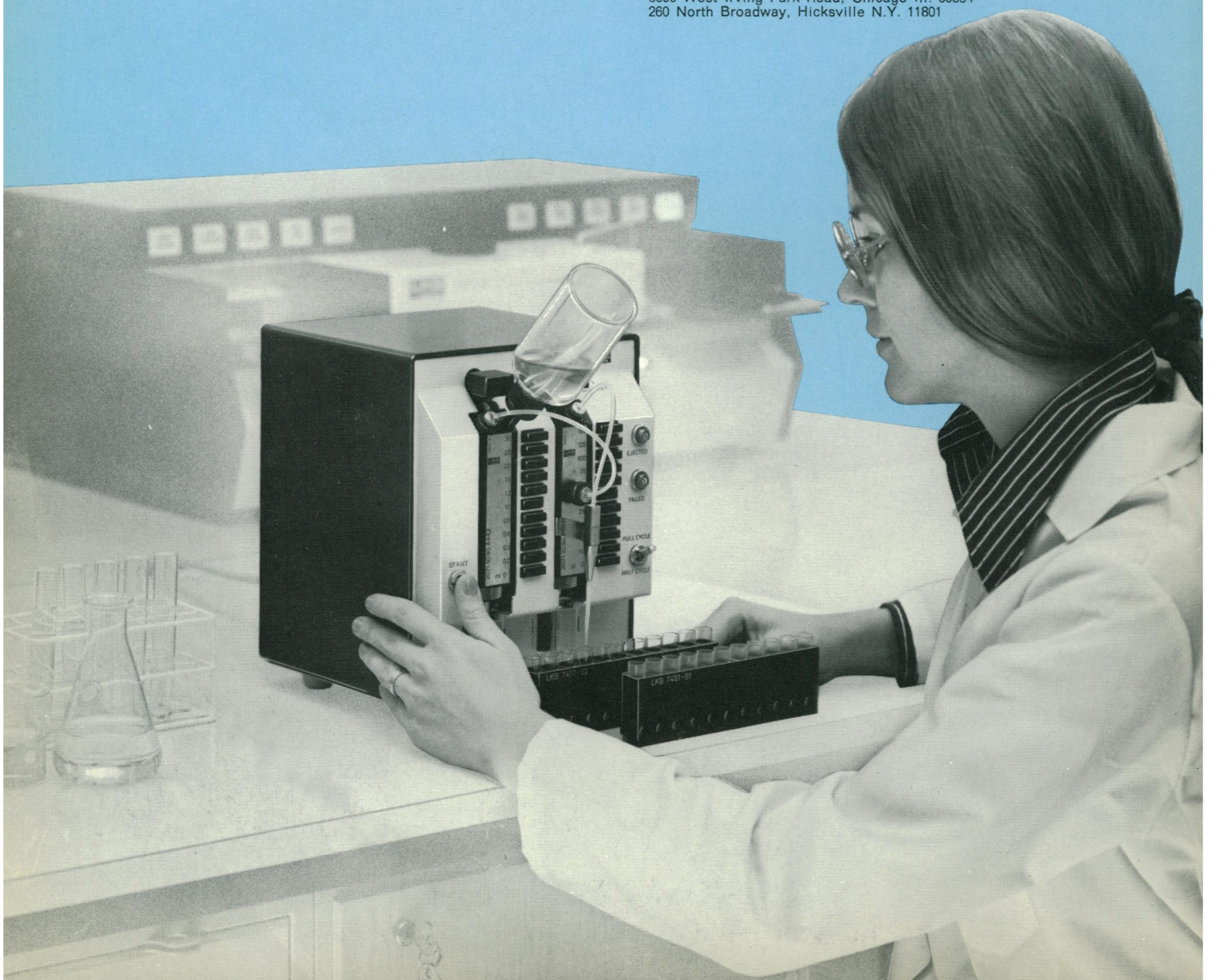
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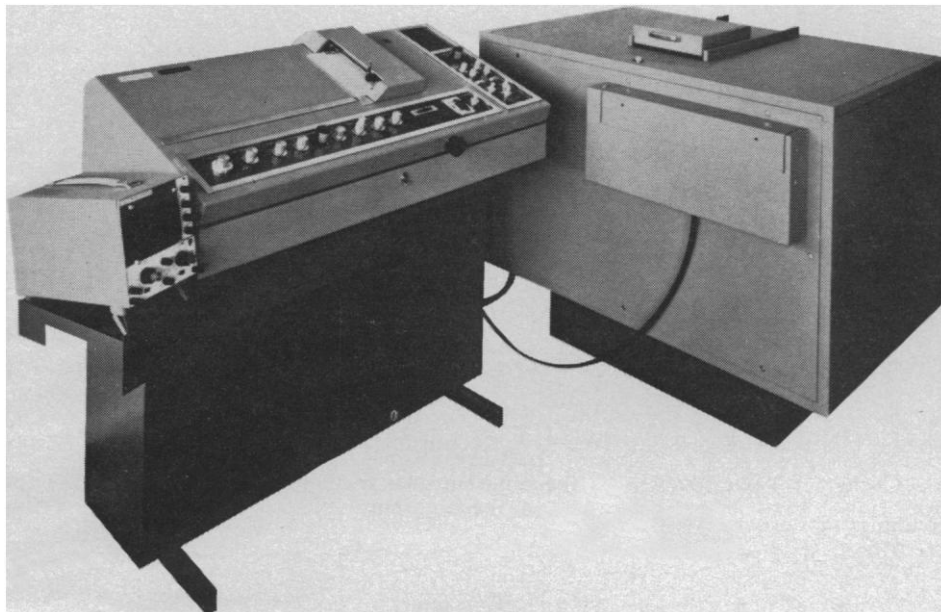
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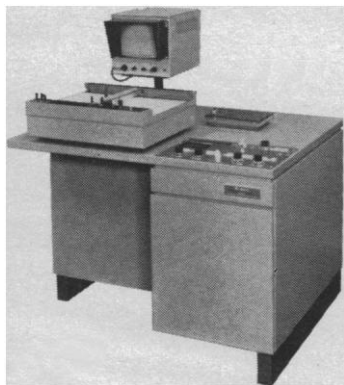


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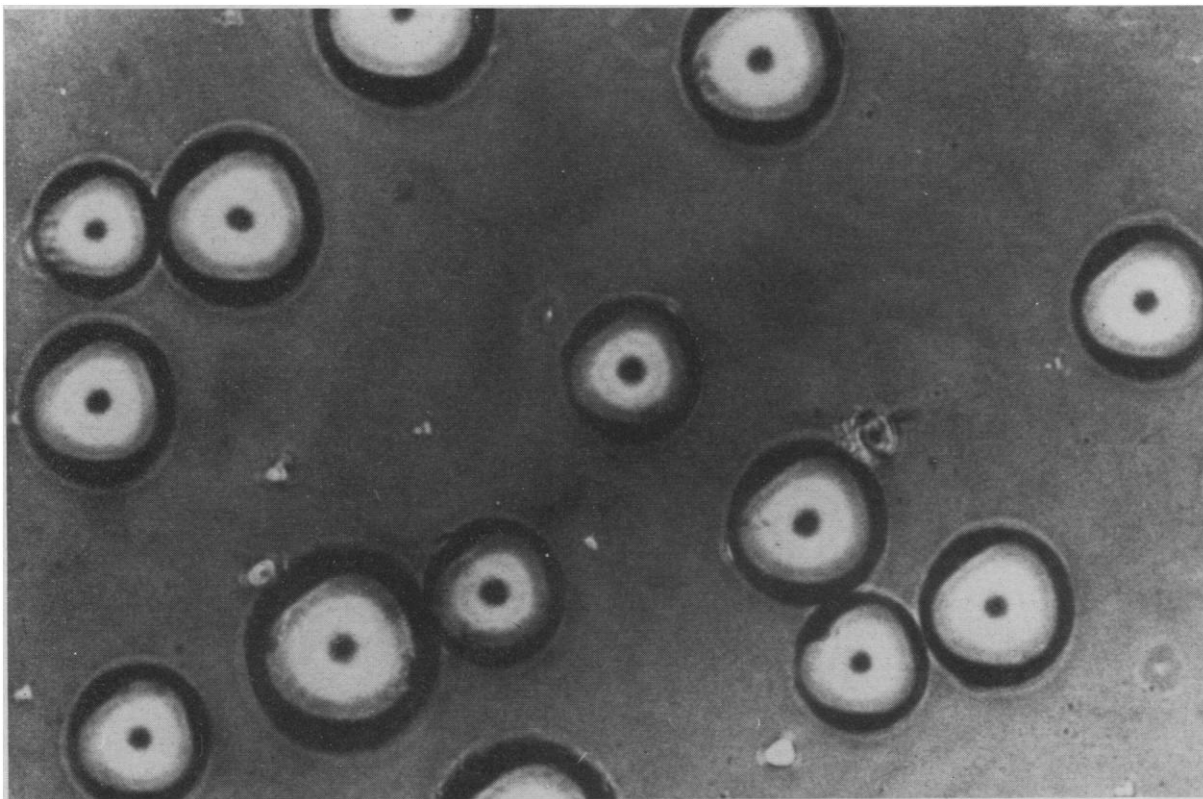
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Greenwich. **4** The Royal Observatory, founded in 1675.

5 The National Maritime Museum where you'll see John Harrison's chronometer.

6 The Oxford University Museum of the History of Science, which houses an unparalleled collection

of scientific instruments dating back to 250 A.D.

7 The chambers in which Roger Bacon spent the last 14 years of his life.

Cambridge. **8** The rooms of Isaac Newton at Trinity College.

9 The home of Francis Crick who, along with J.D. Watson, won the Nobel Prize for the discovery of the double helical structure of DNA.

10 The ante-chapel of Trinity College where you'll ponder the works of four of Trinity's illustrious sons: Sir Francis Bacon, Sir Isaac Newton, Isaac Barrow and William Whewell.

11 The Cavendish Laboratory Museum.

12 Sheffield, where you'll tour an 18th-century industrial village—complete with homes, factories, machinery and the like.

13 The Royal Scottish Museum in Edinburgh.

14 Glasgow University and a look at the work of William Thomson, Baron Kelvin.

Norway. **15** Kon-Tiki and a visit with Thor Heyerdahl.

Upsala, Sweden. **16** The Apothecary shop in which Carl W. Scheele discovered oxygen.

17 Linnaeus' house and garden.

Copenhagen. **18** The Post and Telegraph Museum for a reconstruction of Hans Christian Oersted's discovery of the magnetic properties of an electric current in wire.

19 The island of Ven where Tycho Brahe built the last naked-eye observatory.

Haarlem, the Netherlands, boasts **20** The Teyler Museum and an enviable collection of scientific apparatus from all over Europe.

Leyden. **21** The National Museum of the History of Science. **22** The telescope through which Christian Huygens discovered Saturn's rings. **23** Anton von Leeuwenhoek's microscopes. **24** Fahrenheit's thermometers.

Scheveningen. **25** The Gemeente Museum houses the world's very best collections of musical instruments and a history of acoustics.

26 Antwerp's Folklore Museum, where you'll study witchcraft, popular medicine and herb lore.

Bruges. **27** The Hospital of St. John with its 13th-century ward and 15th-century dispensary.

Brussels. **28** The Museum of Venerable Art.

Paris. **29** Laboratoire Curie.

30 The Institut Pasteur.

31 Le Conservatoire National des

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32 The College de France, the scene of work by Magendie (established experimental physiology), Laënnec (the stethoscope) and Claude Bernard (physiology).

33 The Museum of Natural History.

34 The École Polytechnique.

35 Basel, Switzerland, the home of Paracelsus.

Bern. **36** Einstein's rooms.

Como, Italy. **37** Museo Alessandro Volta.

Milan. **38** Museo Nazionale della Scienza e Technica Leonardo da Vinci.

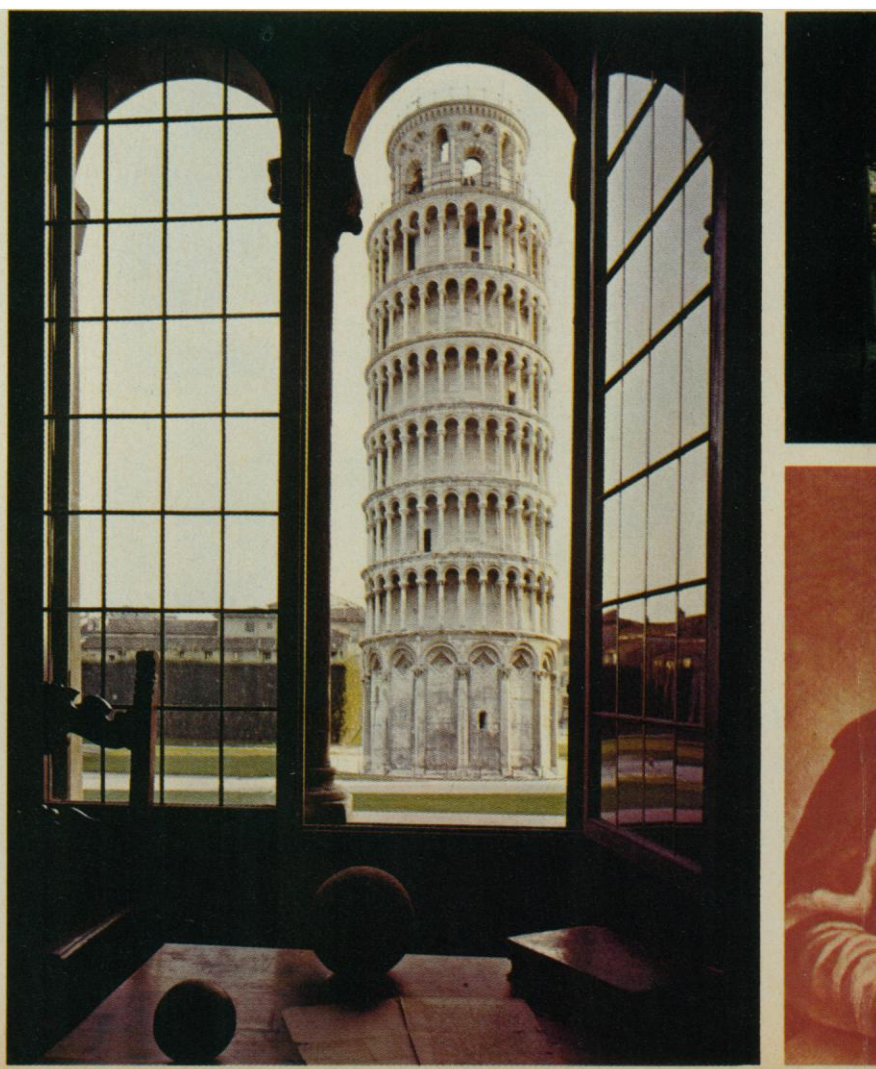
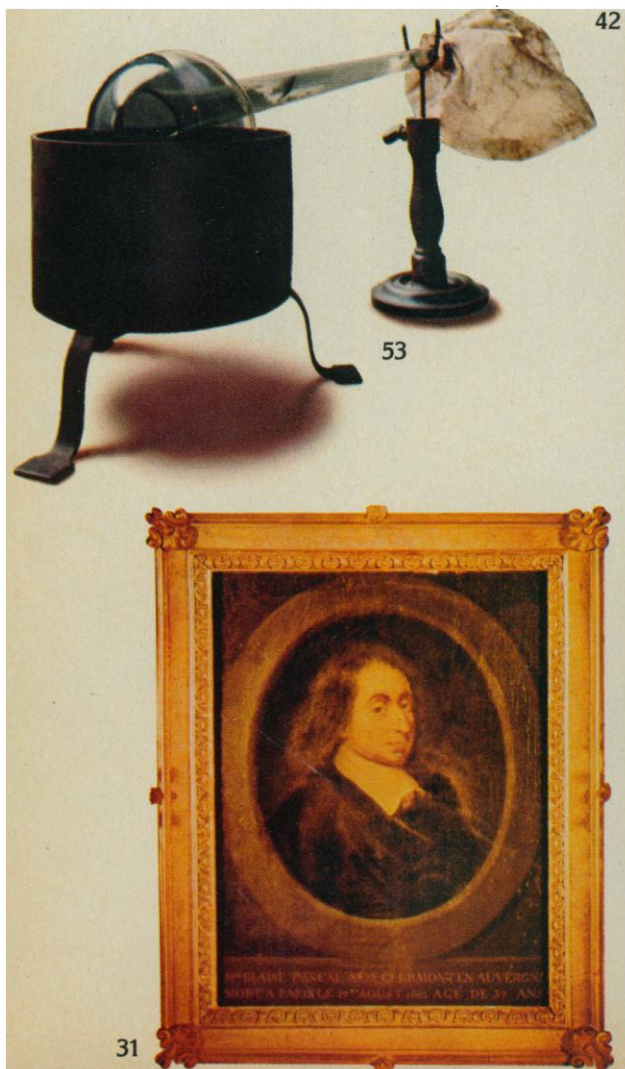
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Florence. **40** The Istituto Museo di Storia della Scienza. Galileo's telescopes. Next, a visit to **41** the house in which Galileo was imprisoned from 1633 to his death in 1642.

42 More Galileo in Pisa. The leaning tower was made to order for his earthshaking experiments on the nature of falling bodies.

43 Rome. The Accademia Nazionale de Lincei in the Palazzo Corsini.

44 The Academie Nationale de France.



45 The observatory of the Collegio Romano, where Jesuit astronomer Father Angelo Secchi (1818-1878) made the first spectroscopic survey of the heavens.

46 Museo Copernico ed Astronomico where Polish Astronomer Nicolas Copernicus did much of his early work.

47 Naples. The Zoological Station.

48 University of Padua. The anatomical theater was built in 1594 by Fabricius of Acquapendente, a pioneer of the comparative method of anatomical research and discoverer of valves in the veins.

Vienna. **49** The Pharmakognostisches Institute, which houses a museum of 10,000 items of scientific interest.

50 A reconstructed apothecary, laboratory and print shop in the Technisches Museum fur Industrie und Gewerbe.

Czechoslovakia. Gregor Mendel did his landmark work in genetics in a **51** monastery in Brno.

Still in Prague. **52** Charles University where you will visit the rooms in which Einstein, Ernst Mach and Philipp Frank taught and worked.

Germany. Munich. **53** The Deutsches Museum. Reconstruction of the laboratories of Lavoisier and Liebig.

54 The Werner von Siemens Institute, where electrical engineering and research are traced from 1850.

Heidelberg. **55** The Deutsches-Apotheken Museum, an ancient castle packed with apparatus and drugs, vessels and relics.

56 The Deutsches-Roentgen Museum in Remscheid preserves Roentgen's apparatus, including a 1905 X-ray lab.

57 The Deutsches Gesundheitsmuseum in Cologne.

Berlin. **58** Chemistry Institute, where Otto Hahn split the uranium atom in 1938.

East Berlin. **59** The Robert Koch Museum. Koch, co-father of modern bacteriology, used glass slides to grow cultures until his assistant, Julius Petri, invented the glassware that carries his name.

60 The home and garden of Alexander V. Humboldt.

61 The library of Max Planck.

62 Charité Hospital where Rudolph Virchow, founder of cellular pathology, first described leukemia.

Cracow, Poland. **63** Collegium Majus for a look at the telescopes of Copernicus.

A jet to Rumania and a drive to Cluj for a visit to **64** an 18th-century apothecary shop.

Greece. **65** The Lyceum, where Aristotle taught from 355 B.C. until just before his death. **66** Plato's Academy.

Istanbul. **67** Pergamon where Galen practiced medicine.

Bombay. **68** The Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, devoted to nuclear research, computer science, molecular biology, radioastronomy, and mathematics.

69 The Bhabha Atomic Research Center is India's national center of research for the peaceful use of atomic energy.

70 The Yoga Institute. Here you can learn Yoga culture, technique and scientific discipline.

Russia. **71** Academy of Sciences in Leningrad. Pavlov's lab.

72 The Anthropological and Ethnographical Museum.

73 The Mendeleyev Research Institute.

Moscow. **74** The National Economic Achievements Exhibition.

Tokyo. **75** The Kitasato Institute, founded by Baron Shibasaburo Kitasato who isolated the agents which cause bubonic plague and dysentery.

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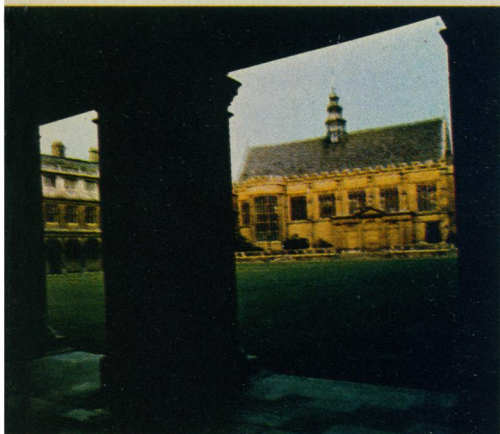
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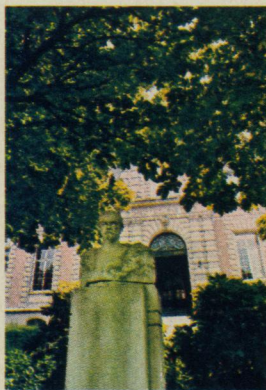
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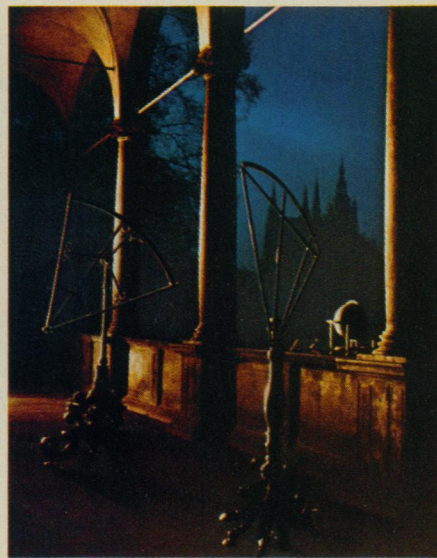
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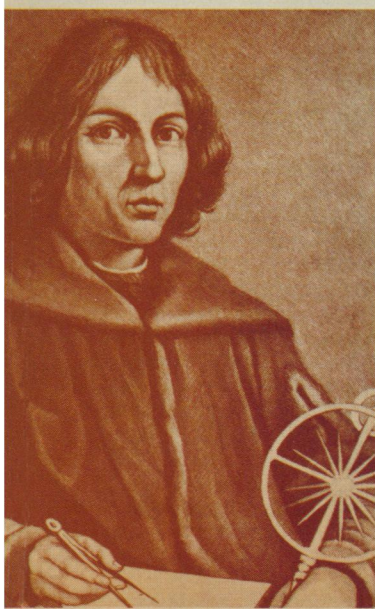
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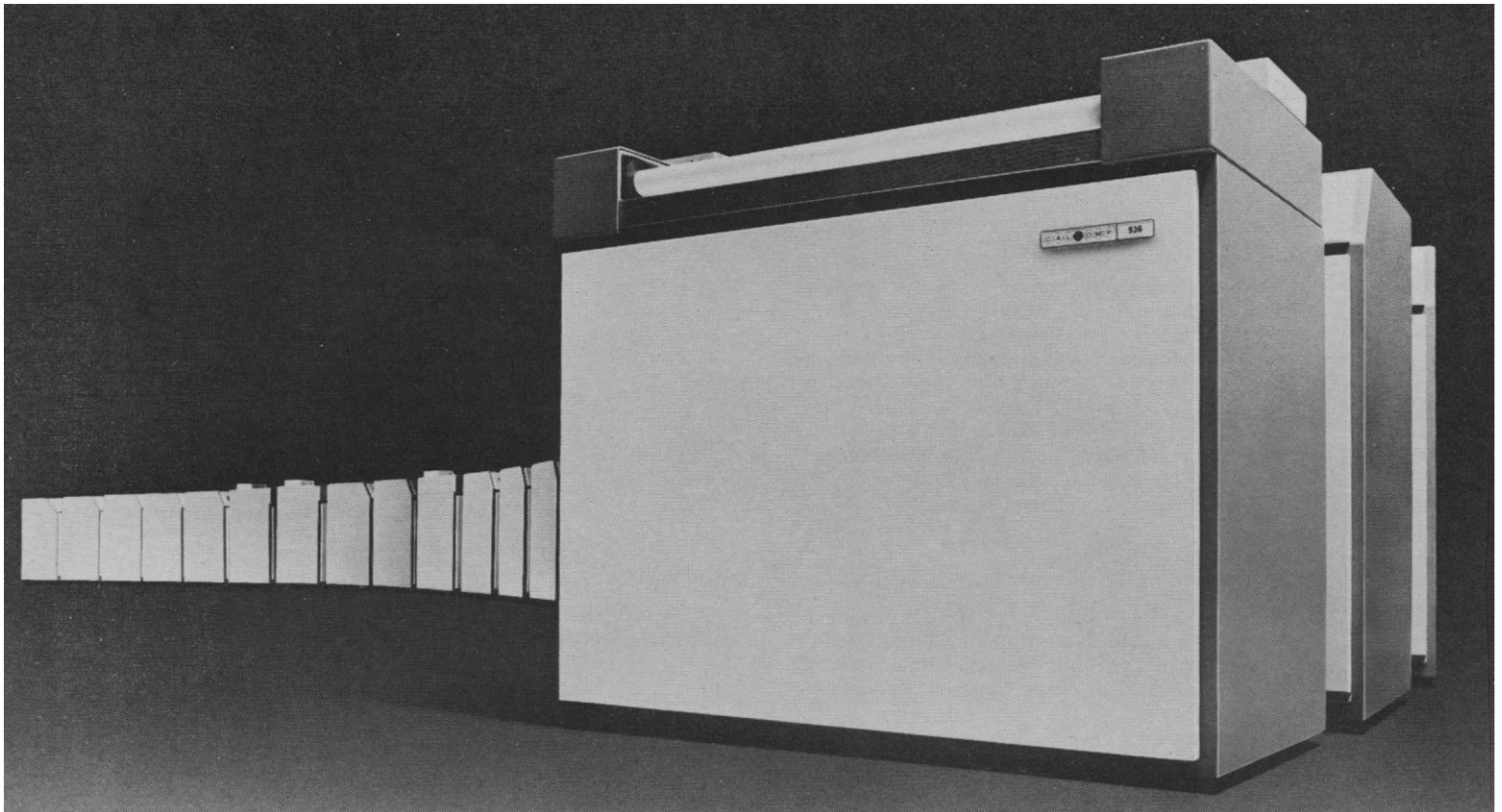
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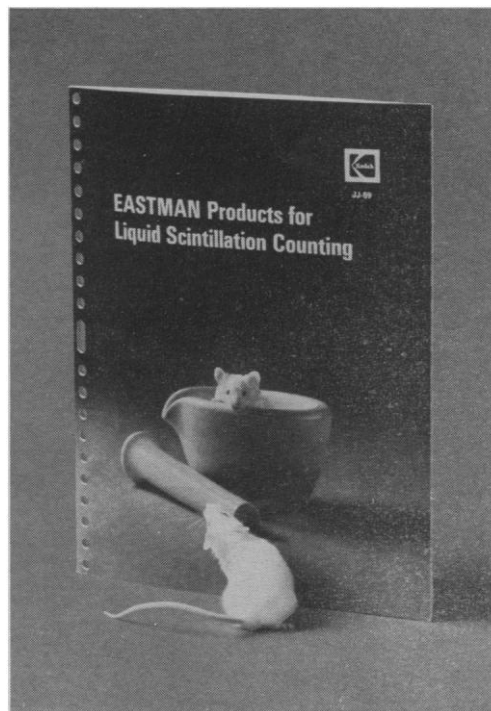
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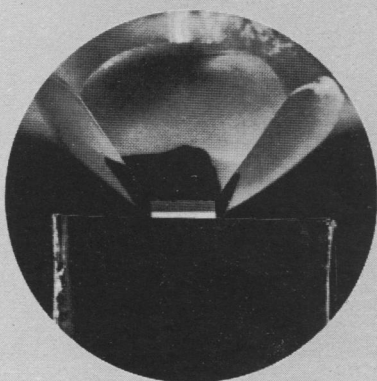
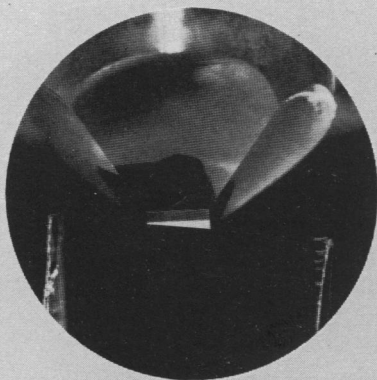
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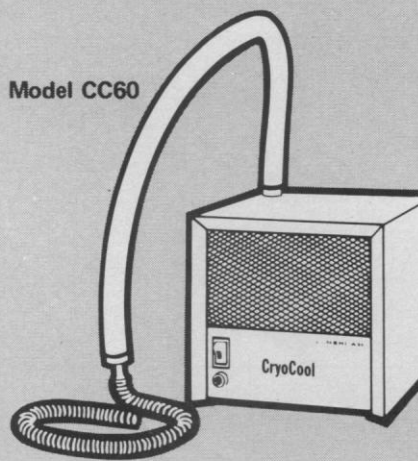
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calls of alarm which induced an expensive and ill-fated international eradication program. These and other examples strongly reflect upon the almost complete absence of knowledge concerning the behavior of large ecological systems. What may be quite devastating to a component of a system may in fact perpetuate the survival of the whole system over a longer time span.

The contemporary physical environment of the regional ecosystem of southwestern Florida is characterized by increased upland water drainage and concomitant changes in the hydroperiod and the salinity regime in the downstream estuaries and bays (for example, shorter periods of lower salinities and longer periods of higher salinities). The general reduction in the ratio of land surface to water surface caused by *Sphaeroma* in the Ten Thousand Islands region may eventually prove to be compensatory by reestablishing old salinity regimes and tidal-flushing patterns. Not to be discounted is the possible short-term importance of mangrove-derived allochthonous materials shunted into estuarine food webs by *Sphaeroma*.

To the extent that we continue to ignore ecosystem phenomena in a long-term context, we continue to perpetuate the vacuum of knowledge concerning macroscale biology and the self-adapting mechanisms of ecosystems. Man could do well to study how natural systems continually adapt to changing environments for long-term survival.

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The title and tone of the report by Rehm and Humm, "*Sphaeroma terebrans*: a threat to the mangroves of southwestern Florida," betray a botanical and terrestrial bias. As a longtime admirer of marine crustacea in general and isopods in particular, I applaud rather than deplore the destruction of the mangroves by *Sphaeroma*, so beautifully illustrated in the cover photograph, and propose an alternative title, such as, "Mangrove roots of southwestern Florida: a new resource for *Sphaeroma terebrans*, a new hope for the marine ecosystem." This hitherto rare (*I*) and underprivileged isopod seems to be making a comeback (or an initial breakthrough) to its rightful place as a conspicuous and important member of the intertidal fauna; in the process, it may well be contributing to

the abatement of terrestrial intrusion into the Gulf of Mexico occasioned by mangroves.

I am pleased, for the sake of isopods and the marine community, that the isopod-weakened mangroves may be undercut by wave action and that storms may cause groups of weakened trees to topple into the water. This will provide more food for the isopods and their marine compatriots, and return to the marine ecosystem stretches of habitat which rightly belong there. This extravagant use of resources by *Sphaeroma* may eventually lead the isopods to an energy crisis, but in that eventuality, we can hope that other marine crustacea, better adapted to a marine climax community, will complete the mopping-up operation.

There are, however, other grounds for alarm. The authors state that in the Florida Keys, where *Sphaeroma* is absent, "... expansion and land-building activities of red mangroves ... are continuing." I protest the authors' use of the term "normal" to describe a situation which, instead, represents "extensive" depredations of the marine habitat by mangroves. Their "infestations" of the coastline constitute an "extremely severe" terrestrial invasion which may well develop into a "ecocatastrophe of serious magnitude."

All biases aside, I am concerned about the possible consequences of this kind of reporting. What if the state of Florida should propose a massive effort to control by pesticides this fascinating and apparently completely natural ecological event taking place in an arena that is of no evident economic significance except to land developers? When enlightened self-interest does not dictate policy—as it may in the realm of agriculture—and when there is no clear evidence that man has already (perhaps unwittingly) intervened, so as to require further intervention to redress a prior wrong, I advocate ecological non-alignment. Those organisms that cannot survive the direct depredations of man may well belong to an endangered species list; but if the mangrove cannot survive the isopod in southwestern Florida, I see no a priori justification for helping one at the expense of the other.

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In 1950 Dr. Immanuel Velikovsky was pronounced a heretic and his unorthodox theories were banned from discussion at scientific gatherings.

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A REPORT ON THE VELIKOVSKY AFFAIR

In the Spring of 1972 the Student Academic Freedom Forum (*Pensee* magazine) initiated a special series of publications examining the work of Immanuel Velikovsky. In his bestseller, *Worlds in Collision*, Velikovsky questioned the fundamental assumptions of disciplines ranging from psychology to physics to ancient history, and he claimed that Earth suffered near-annihilating catastrophes several times during recorded history. That thesis, once scoffed at, has gained more respect with each passing year. The one-time heretic is now in strong demand at scholarly gatherings around the United States and elsewhere. Here is a summary of some of the more important events since the appearance of our first special publication in 1972:

NASA AMES RESEARCH CENTER. *August 14, 1972.* Following Velikovsky's invited lecture and consultations with Ames personnel, Dr. Richard Haines, a research scientist at the center, wrote in *Pensee*: "I believe that the time has come to leave the debating table and begin the enormous task of evaluating empirically those hypotheses of Dr. Velikovsky's that are amenable to scientific study."

"VELIKOVSKY SYMPOSIUM," LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE. *August 16-18, 1972.* For three successive days 50 "invited scholars" and 200 "observers" crowded into the Council Chambers at Lewis and Clark College (Portland). Coming from as far away as Europe, they comprised the first large-scale symposium on Velikovsky's work. The papers were subsequently published in *Pensee*.

MEDIA DOCUMENTARIES. *1972—.* Both the Canadian and British Broadcasting Corporations have produced major-length television documentaries on Velikovsky's work. Titled "Velikovsky: The Bonds of the Past" (CBC) and "Worlds in Collision" (BBC), the documentaries were each shown at least twice. A Dutch television network recently aired a whole series of programs on Velikovsky, and Voice of America is preparing a presentation of its own.

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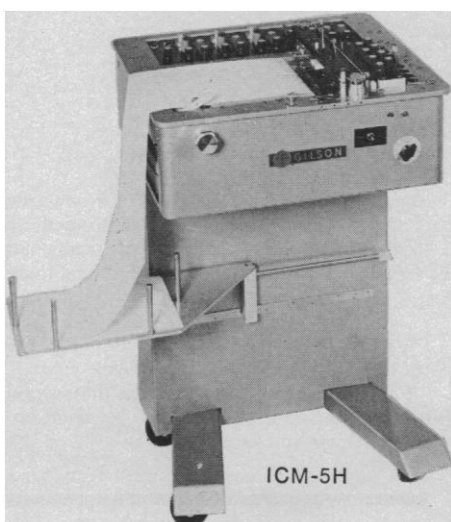
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The term "slippery slope" appears with increasing frequency in writings devoted to the ethical and social assessment of new scientific developments. It suggests that once we break the taboo against tampering with whatever things new scientific breakthroughs will affect, from motherhood to definition of death, there will be no place to stop until we end up at the bottom of the slope. For instance, advances in genetics, biology, and medicine such as amniocentesis, in vitro fertilization, and mass screening are expected by many to lead to eugenics, Aryan purification policies, and totalitarian mass production of 007's.

That we must actively concern ourselves with the social and moral consequences of science, I fully recognize. But to discharge this duty with full responsibility requires avoiding the two favorite pitfalls of facile humanists: basing one's entire assessment on a single value and assuming empirical facts rather than gathering and analyzing data relevant to the assessment at hand.

Take amniocentesis. The facile humanist argues that, if it is used to detect and abort mongoloid fetuses, it will next be employed to abort fetuses inflicted with less severe illnesses (say, Farby's); next, to eliminate illnesses whose debilitating symptoms can be controlled but are nonetheless expensive and inconvenient (for example, galactosemia); and after that fetuses who are not ill at all, but have an attribute the parents or state do not desire (for example, the "wrong" sex or XYY, the so-called "criminal genes"). Finally, it is argued, once we cease to accept these human frailties, we will doubtless end up practicing euthanasia on the "unproductive" aged, the mentally deficient, and the physically handicapped.

Unfortunately, there is such a danger—one thing may lead to another. However, this moral domino theory disregards the historical record, which clearly indicates that, while one thing *sometimes* leads to another, it often does not. Otherwise, our taboos would already have fallen, because we already have taken the first, and second, and third steps. We have already performed several thousand amniocenteses and aborted quite a few mongoloid fetuses so detected. What's more, we have permitted, at the discretion of the pregnant woman, quite a few healthy fetuses to be aborted. And yet, morality did not end with a thud. Moreover, the outcry, "If you open the door a wedge, you *will* open it all the way!" is itself a major source of pressure to erode taboos. We need instead a conscious effort to modify our taboos—to learn to negotiate part of the slope (to pick up the desired fruits), while avoiding the lower pitfalls, which are there.

The record shows that practicing professionals *and* citizens at large can redraw the line, and at a rather sensible point. To stay with the case at hand, most doctors and laymen favor amniocentesis for detection of severe illness and adamantly reject it for sex choice. And this line is backed up by social forces: Those few doctors who elect to proceed, in spite of professional and public disapproval, will find themselves both unprotected in the event of a malpractice suit and severely censored by their colleagues, two ways to reinforce new do's and don'ts.

Most important, the facile humanist disregards values other than the taboos he is so anxious to preserve, values that would be violated if we were immobilized by fear of innovation. Humaneness cannot be guaranteed by putting a stop to all scientific work in an anxiety-provoking area, but by carefully assessing the multiple applications of scientific discoveries—promoting some, discouraging others, and foregoing still others. We cannot be spared the choice.—AMITAI ETZIONI, *Professor of Sociology, Columbia University, and Director, Center for Policy Research, Inc., 475 Riverside Drive, New York 10027*

For additional discussion, see A. Etzioni, *Genetic Fix* (Macmillan, New York, 1973).

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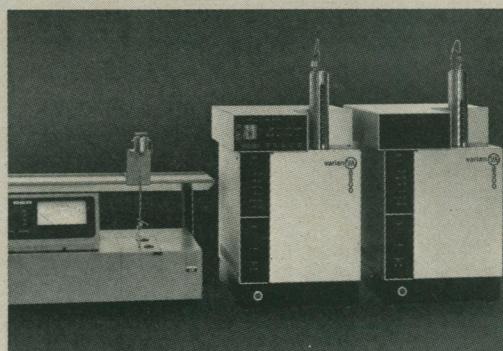
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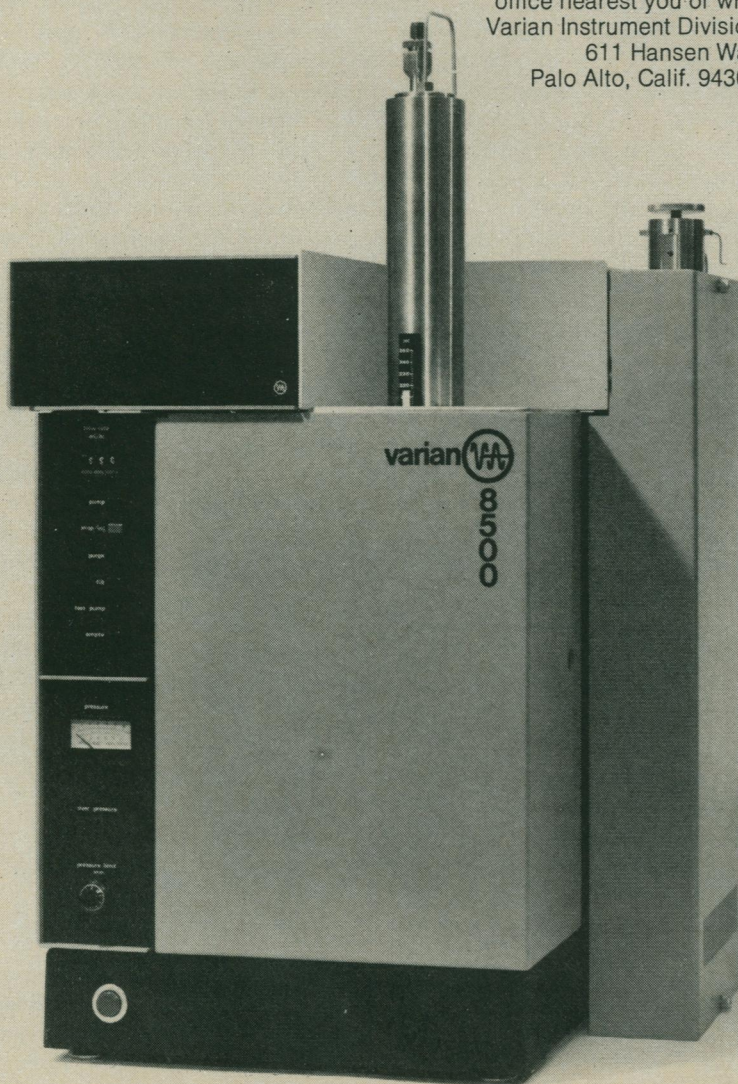
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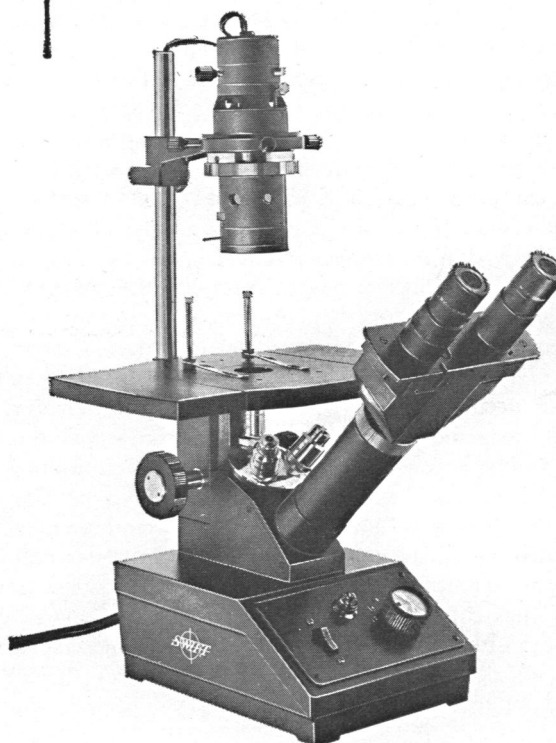
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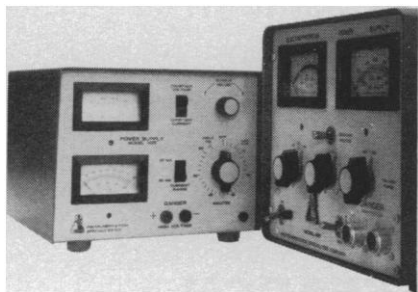
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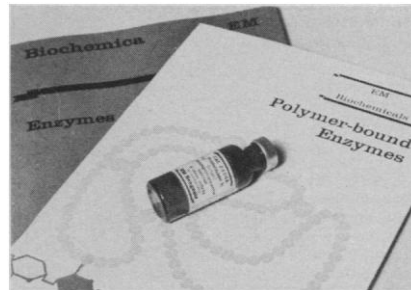
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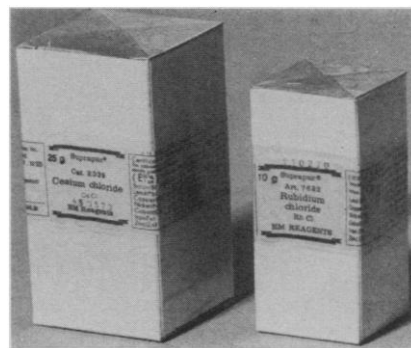
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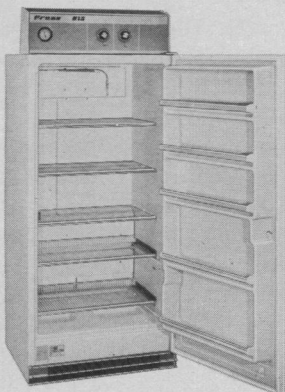
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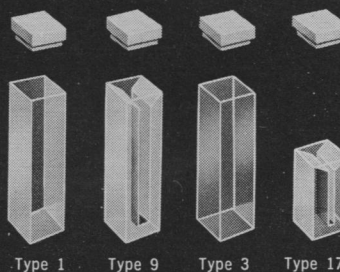


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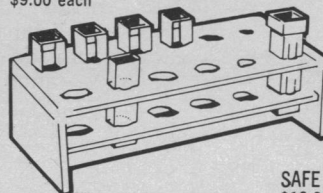
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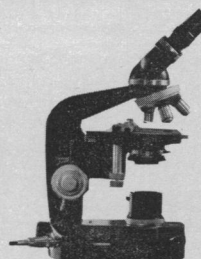
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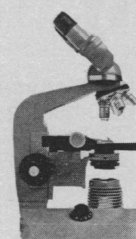
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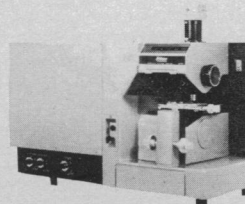
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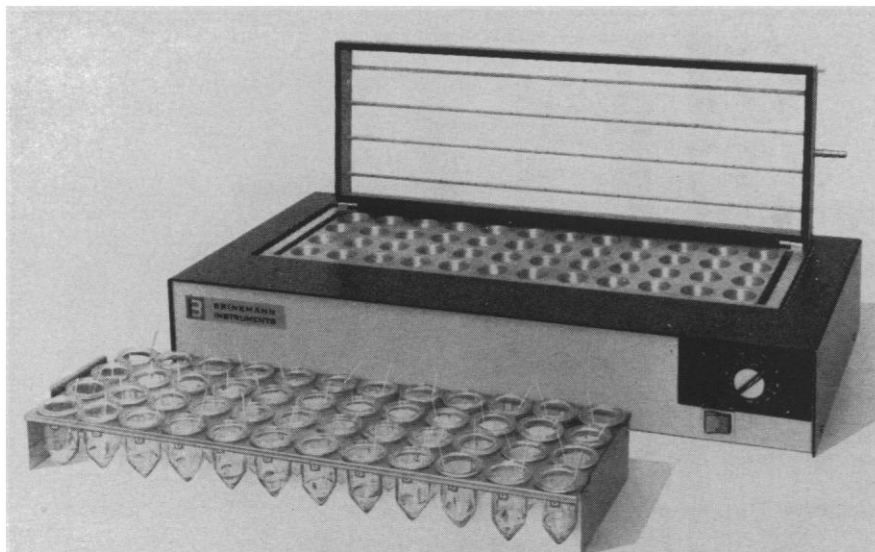
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Walter H. Dickerson, 59; professor of agricultural engineering, West Virginia University; 14 August.

John H. Dingle, 64; professor of preventive medicine, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine; 15 September.

John W. Dodd, 80; former professor of education, Long Island University; 29 September.

Arthur A. Esslinger, 69; director, School of Education, State University of New York at Buffalo; 15 September.

Eugene S. Farley, 74; president emeritus, Wilkes College; 17 September.

Frank H. J. Figge, 68; former chairman, anatomy department, School of Medicine, University of Maryland; 25 October.

Donald E. H. Frear, 67; former director, pesticide research laboratory, Pennsylvania State University; 11 October.

Harry J. Fuller, 65; former professor of botany, University of Illinois; 24 August.

Harry H. Garner, 63; chairman, psychiatry and behavioral sciences department, Chicago Medical School; 2 October.

Haim Ginott, 51; adjunct professor of psychology, New York University, and clinical professor of psychotherapy, Adelphi University; 4 November.

Thomas A. Gonser, 74; former vice president, Northwestern University; 19 September.

Francis B. Gordon, 68; director, microbiology department, Naval Medical Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center; 21 October.

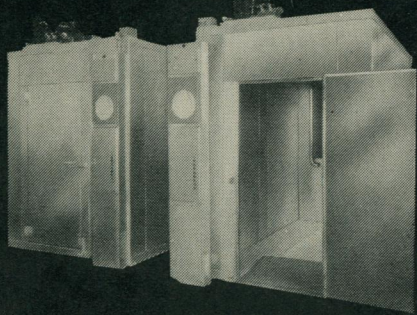
Lee N. Gulick, 80; professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, University of Pennsylvania; 9 October.

Claude W. Hibbard, 68; professor of geology, University of Michigan; 9 October.

Henry V. Howe, 77; professor emeritus of geology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; 27 September.

Holbrook M. MacNeille, 66; professor of mathematics and statistics, Case Western Reserve University; 30 September.

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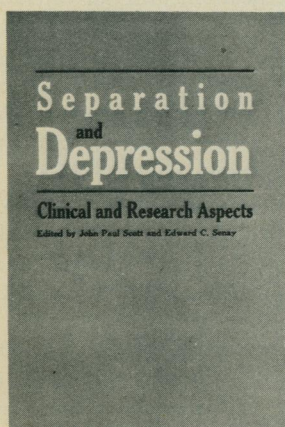
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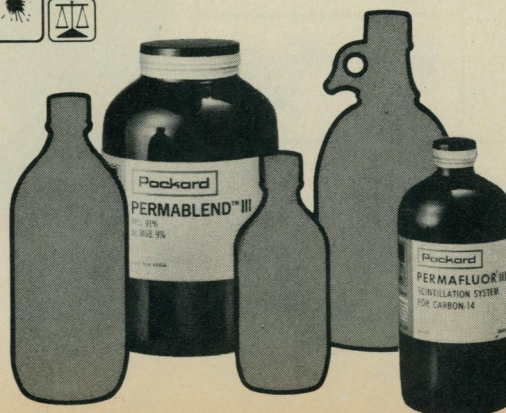
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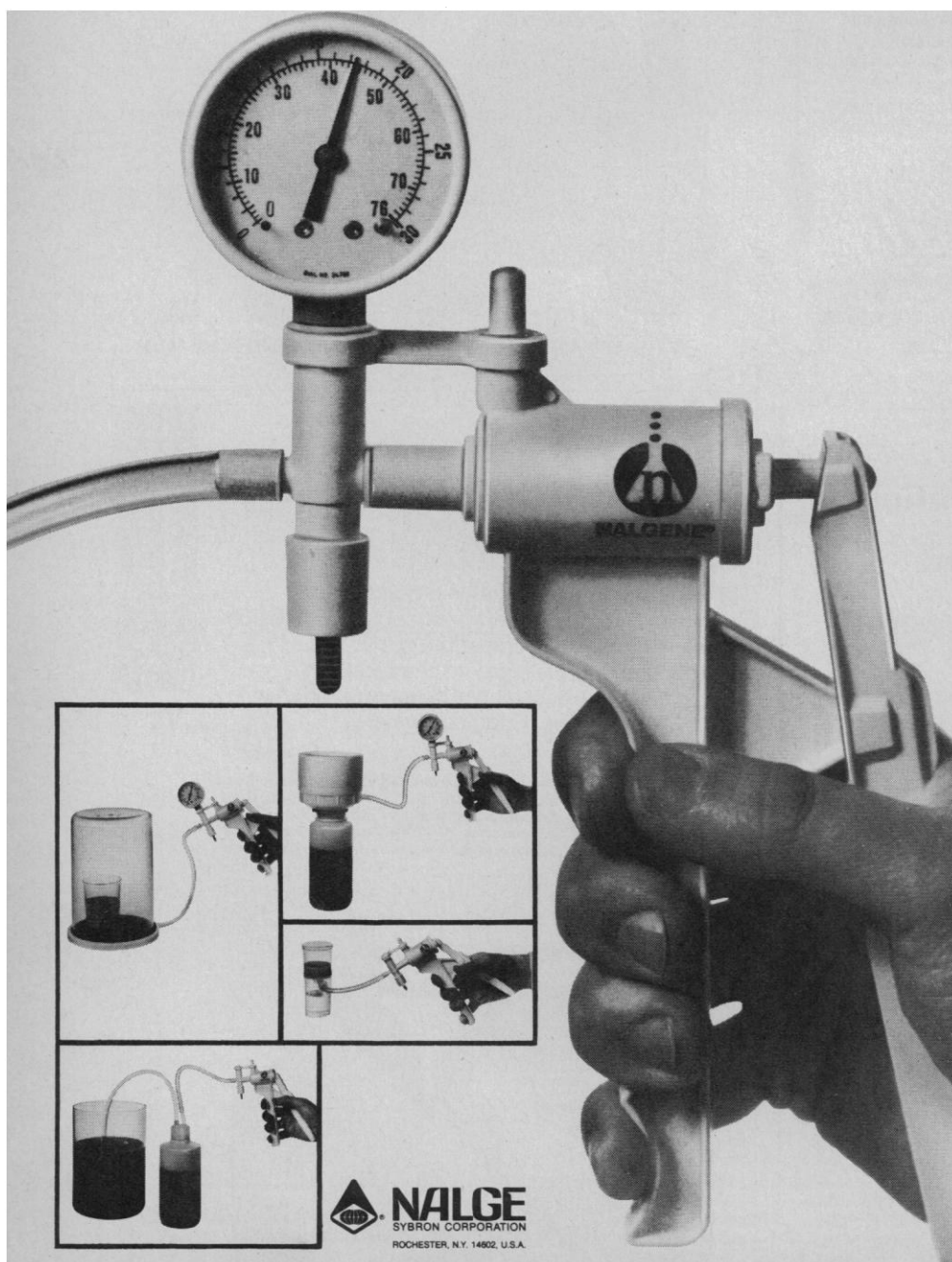
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use of the treatment should be suspended until its oncogenicity can be determined in animals.

A large percentage of the human population has been exposed to one or more of the herpesviruses, yet relatively few get cancer. Most investigators think that other factors—in addition to DNA viruses—must contribute to initiation of the disease. Of prime interest is the role of the immune system (which will be discussed more fully in a future article). The immune system is generally thought to prevent tumor development by detecting tumor cells—because of their tumor- or virus-associated antigens—and destroying them. A deficiency in the immune system, whether the result of a genetic defect, infection, or immunosuppression (as in transplant patients who suffer an increased cancer incidence), could therefore contribute to cancer development.

Another possibility is that two or more viruses may cooperate in initiating transformation. For example, Sol Spiegelman and his colleagues at Columbia University, New York, found particles resembling RNA tumor viruses in Burkitt's lymphoma cells. These findings raised the possibility of an interaction between EBV and an oncogenic RNA virus in Burkitt's tumors. Spiegelman and his colleagues used an animal model to test this hypothesis. From experiments on chickens, in which they studied the interaction of Marek's disease virus (an oncogenic herpesvirus of chicken) and an RNA tumor virus, Spiegelman concluded that both could contribute to tumor growth under their experimental conditions.

Although evidence implicating DNA viruses in the etiology of human cancer is accumulating, numerous questions remain unanswered: What viral genes are necessary for transformation? Where and how is the virus maintained in the human body during the long latent period before cancer develops? How is viral DNA incorporated into cellular DNA? What controls the expression of viral DNA and triggers transformation? What is the role in cancer initiation of other human cancer virus candidates? of chemicals? and of the immune system? The cancer problem sometimes seems to have as many questions as Hydra has heads—and when one is lopped off, two grow back.—JEAN L. MARX



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