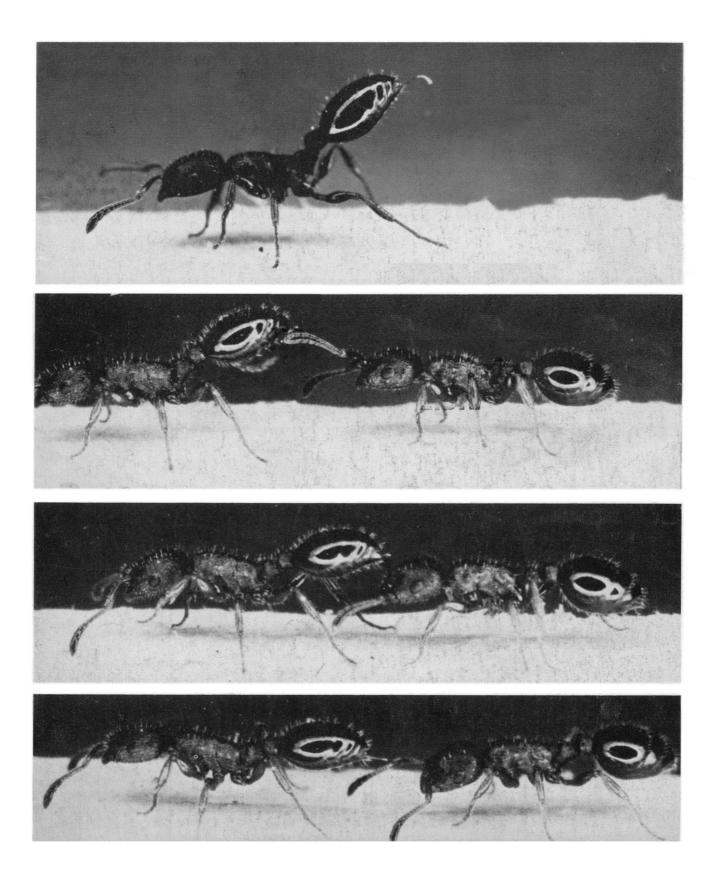
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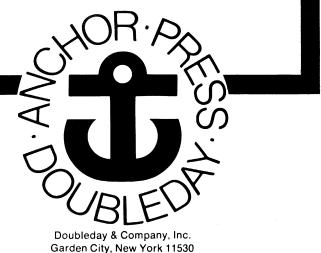
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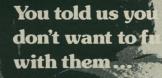
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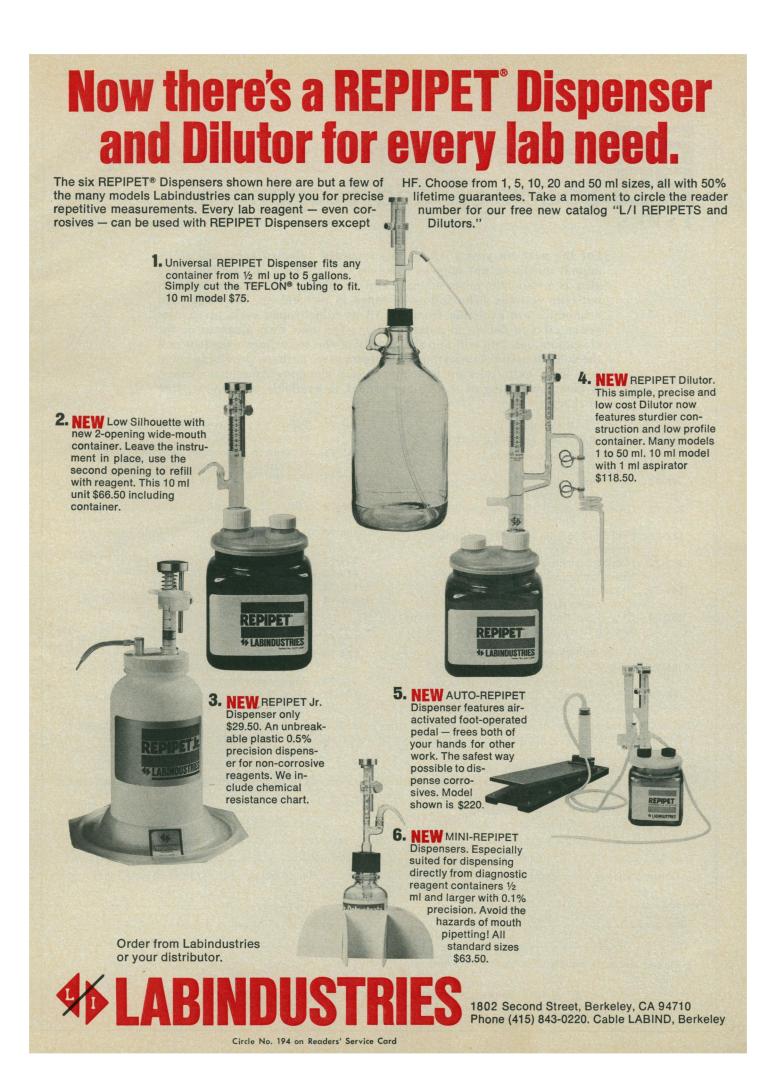
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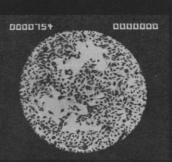
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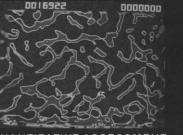


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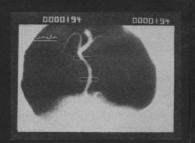
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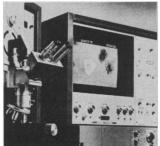


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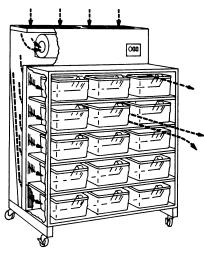


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Roszak and Rationality

Paraphrasing Clemenceau, it appears that "science is too important to leave to scientists." I have followed with amazement the sad chronicle of Theodore Roszak's challenge to science and the ineffectual response of the scientific community to it (see N. Wade, News and Comment, 12 Sept., p. 925).

I am not a scientist, but I have the same stake in science that every literate human being has—whether he knows it or not. Science, aside from technology, is one of the crucial modes of knowledge in our milieu.

It should be pointed out that Roszak's "challenge" is bogus, and only the general ignorance of scientists concerning matters outside their areas of expertise allows it to stand. "Gnosis" is not only a discarded and discredited piece of antiquity, it is also at the root of the modern mass movements which have rent our society asunder. In certain cases, gnosticism has even invaded science—or, more accurately, pseudoscience—with disastrous results.

I wonder how many of those who wish to answer Roszak are familiar with Voegelin's The New Science of Politics (1), or his Science; Politics, and Gnosticism (2). How many have read Jonas' The Gnostic Religion (3), Cohn's The Pursuit of the Millennium (4), and de Lubac's The Drama of Atheist Humanism (5)? Further, a definitive answer to Roszak's contentions can be found in Charon's brilliant work, Man in Search of Himself (6). Charon, a noted physicist and member of the French Atomic Energy Commission, has used the insights of general relativity to open new vistas for those who seek knowledge, rather than "gnosis."

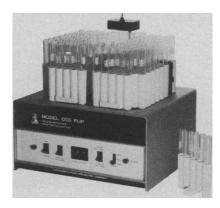
If attacks on science such as Roszak's should begin to corrode the morale of those scientists who read him, then the search for truth may end, and we will all be doomed to another dark age such as that predicted by Brown (7).

In his response to Roszak, Steven Weinberg says:

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If one were to substitute "God" for "nature," the same words could have been spoken by St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul, or Isaiah. The search for truth carries us where it will, not where we will. Roszak's assault on science seems to me to be no less than an assault upon the traditional Judeo-Christian search for a truth beyond human perception, be it theological or scientific.

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It is simply not true that rational Western science has severed its ties with the spiritual and mystical side of human nature. If Roszak and his colleagues feel that a scientific view deprives the world of mystery and wonder, they are mistaking technology, the manipulative offspring of science, for science itself. Scientific research begins with a wondering mind and concludes (insofar as the study of nature ever concludes) with even greater wonder. Thus, few practicing scientists feel the same bloodless certainty of knowledge that the layman often attributes to them.

Biochemist R. G. H. Siu (1) has pointed out that Taoist "no-knowledge" may actually provide a very useful mental set within which to approach scientific problems; I have enumerated some of the remarkable parallels between the vigorous modern science of ecology and the ancient Eastern teachings of Zen Buddhism (2).

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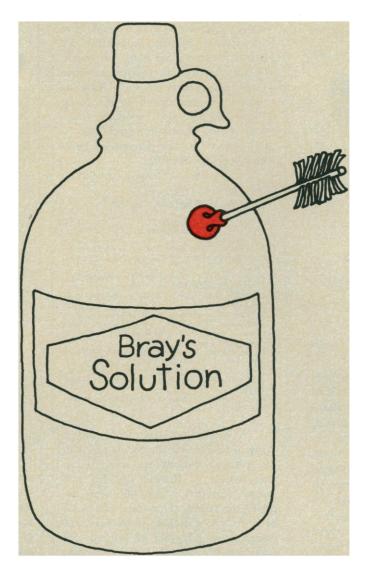
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One of the hazards of maturity is a failure to recognize changes that accompany the aging process. When the first big snow falls, hundreds of older males charge out with their shovels and attack the white stuff. They behave as if they were youths of twenty. Heart attacks follow.

The analogy is imperfect with respect to the United States and its approach to energy problems. Nobody but nobody is charging around. However, there has been a failure to recognize the limitations accompanying the maturing process.

We remember ourselves as a nation of great technological competence that was able to place men on the moon. The present reality is that we cannot do well such a simple thing as burn coal. In addition, this nation is rapidly losing its ability to take hydrocarbons out of the ground, and there is no prospect that the ability will ever be fully restored. Yet the country acts as if it were in its youth when it could afford to squander its resources.

Perhaps, one day, there will be abundant supplies of energy derived from the sun, the wind, the oceans, fusion, or geothermal sources. But these sources will not make substantial contributions for a decade or two or three. Before we reach those promised lands of abundant energy, some of which may turn out to be mirages, we must endure the crippling realities of the next decade, and especially the next 3 years. Unless very substantial new areas are opened to exploration for oil and production is developed quickly, the energy content of domestically produced hydrocarbons could drop by as much as 30 percent during the next decade.

In any event, during the next 3 years before Alaskan oil flows, this nation's ability to produce energy from domestic hydrocarbons (oil and natural gas) will decline to 15 to 20 percent below what it was in October 1973 when the oil embargo began. Only a small part of this drop will be made up by energy from additional nuclear plants coming on line or by coal from underground mines.

Throughout this century, except for several years during the Depression, the United States has experienced steady growth in the use of energy. Unless we can obtain and pay for much larger imports of oil, the drop in energy consumption will be similar to that of the early 1930's. If the widely quoted relation between energy consumption and gross national product is valid, we face a long period of recession. In addition we face greatly heightened vulnerability to a new embargo.

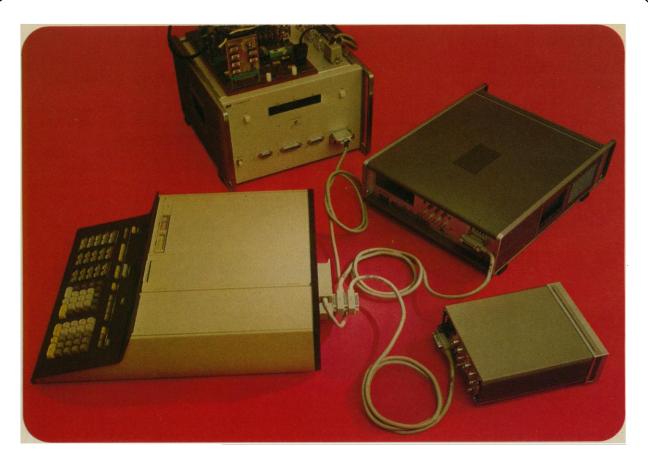
Merely to maintain current total energy consumption would require increasing imports of oil by 2 to 3 million barrels a day over present levels. Recently, Canada announced that it was cutting back oil shipments to the United States, and Venezuela has curtailed production. Additional imports must come mainly from the Eastern Hemisphere.

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Perhaps Dr. Kissinger can talk the oil producing and exporting countries out of indulging in the pleasures and profits of a new adventure. But maybe history will show that the Arabs merely used Dr. Kissinger.

We cannot afford to continue to procrastinate. Now, and for the next decade, time is against us. We should stop sitting on our behinds content with visions of a glorious past. If this country is to have a good future it must awake to the new scene and begin to move with programs of conservation, substitution for hydrocarbons, and development of additional sources of energy.—PHILIP H. ABELSON

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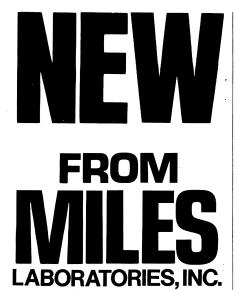


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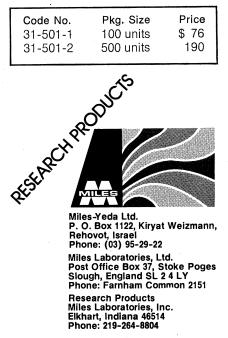


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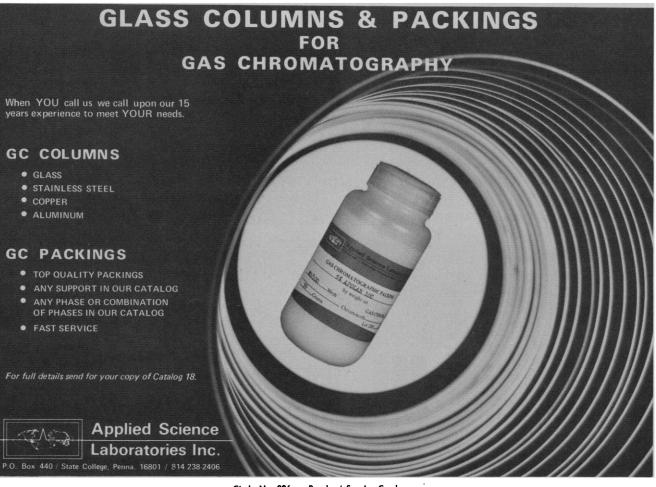
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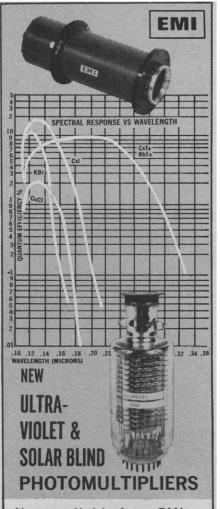
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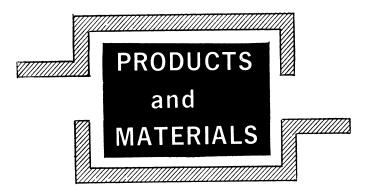
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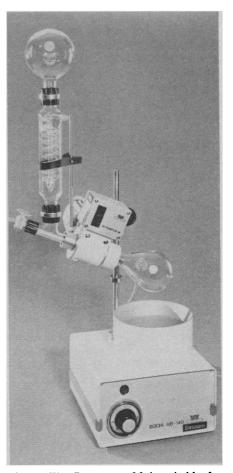


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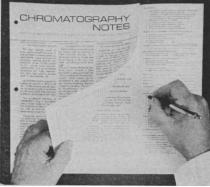
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NEWS AND COMMENT

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RECENT DEATHS

Vigfus S. Asmundson, 78; professor emeritus of avian sciences, University of California, Davis; 10 September.

John T. Baldwin, Jr., 63; professor of biology, William and Mary College; 3 September.

Florence Black, 84; former associate professor of mathematics, University of Kansas; 13 September.

Jacob Bronowski, 66; senior fellow, Salk Institute for Biological Studies; 21 August.

Dan H. Campbell, 67; professor of immunochemistry, California Institute of Technology; 16 September.

James Colbert, Jr., 53; vice president for academic affairs, Medical University of South Carolina; 11 September.

Howard W. Dunne, 61; professor of veterinary science, Pennsylvania State University; 10 September.

Alfonso Elder, 76; former president, North Carolina Central University; 7 August.

Harold Friedlander, 61; microbiologist, Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health; 22 June.

Mary L. Gambrell, 76; former president, Hunter College, City College of New York; 19 August.

Antoine M. Gaudin, 74; professor emeritus of mineral engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; 23 August.

Elliot Gillerman, 60; director, North College, University of Kansas; 10 July.

John W. Graham, Jr., 59; chancellor, Clarkson College of Technology; 21 September.

Henry R. Henze, 78; professor emeritus of chemistry, University of Texas; 21 September.

Walter N. Hess, 84; retired head, biology department, Hamilton College; 21 August.

Leslie A. Holmes, 71; former president, Northern Illinois University; 21 August.

Clyde H. Jones, 72; former professor of botany, Ohio State University; 8 August.

Daniel Kaufman, 63; associate professor of urology, New York Medical College; 27 August.

William F. Kean, 61; director of education, Canisius College; 18 September.

Robert H. Knapp, 59; professor of

psychology, Wesleyan University; 8 September.

Dorothea McCarthy, 68; former professor of psychology, Fordham University; 22 September.

Clarence Mills, 81; former professor of experimental medicine, University of Cincinnati; 17 September.

I. Arthur Mirsky, 67; professor of clinical sciences, University of Pittsburgh; 16 September.

Jeremy Musher, 38; professor of chemistry, Graduate School of Science, Yeshiva University; 6 September.

Harry K. Newman, 68; former president, University of Oregon, University of Montana, and Cleveland State University; 25 August.

Charles Norman, 58; professor of biology, West Virginia University; 30 August.

Lawrence Ordin, 47; professor of biochemistry, University of California, Riverside; 9 August.

Gertrude E. Perlmann, 62; professor of protein chemistry, Rockefeller University; 9 September.

Hubert E. Risser, 60; professor of mineral economics, University of Illinois; 6 September.

Frank L. Robeson, 90; professor emeritus of physics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; 2 September.

Benjamin B. Ross, 50; professor of physiology, University of Oregon Medical School; 18 September.

Henry W. Scherp, 66; retired microbiologist, National Institute of Dental Research, National Institutes of Health; 16 August.

Edward R. Schlesinger, 63; head, maternal and child health program, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh; 21 August.

George I. Schwartz, 66; visiting professor of biology, New York University; 15 September.

Rene A. Spitz, 87; visiting professor emeritus of psychiatry, University of Colorado School of Medicine; 14 September.

Harold L. Yochum, 71; president emeritus, Capital University; 1 September.

Hans H. Zinsser, 57; associate professor of clinical urology, Columbia University; 14 August.

Erratum: In the report by D. H. Ross, M. A. Medina, and H. L. Cardenas [*Science* 186, 63 (1974)] the concentration of ethanol given on line 6 of Table 1 should be 1.5 g/kg.

Erratum: In the cover legend of 22 November 1974 the Morgantown Generating Station was rated at 1.1 milliwatts; it should have read 1100 megawatts.