

quired." Our refinement of the ferredoxin model amply justifies this statement (3).

The point is not to quibble over techniques, but to judge which ones are useful at what stage of the game, and to be aware of the power and limitations of each. The techniques of Sayre and Collins are a welcome addition to the repertoire of possible approaches to obtaining reliable protein structures. The new methods contribute to improving the interpretability of the electron density maps while classical refinement results both in improved interpretability and in a set of atomic coordinates.

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Ethiopian Revolution

The article "Ethiopia: Did aid speed an inevitable upheaval?" by Constance Holden (News and Comment, 27 Dec. 1974, p. 1192) contains some absurdities and contradictions.

It is contradictory to call Ethiopia an "American client state," while at the same time pointing to Haile Selassie's "posture of nonalignment" which "welcomed aid from any and all foreigners" but "sought to prevent them from becoming too influential."

It is proposed in Holden's article that the United States may have helped shape the foundation for the events now being played out. Unfortunately, military dictatorships are frequent occurrences in many "less developed" countries, regardless of which country has been assisting with foreign aid. As for the Ethiopians themselves, the shock of the massacre of 23 November 1974, ordered by junior officers, will surely remind them of their own proverb:

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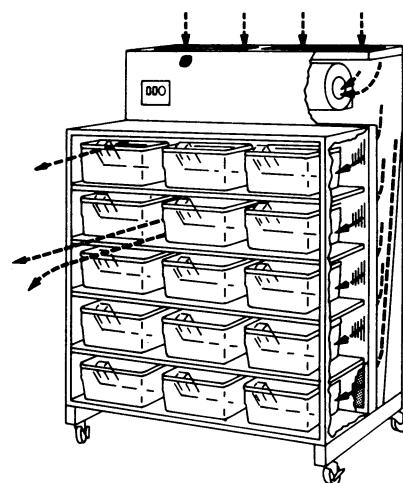


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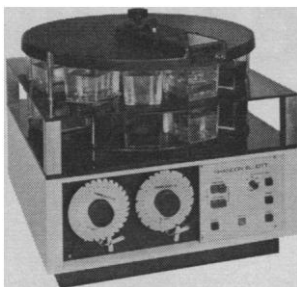
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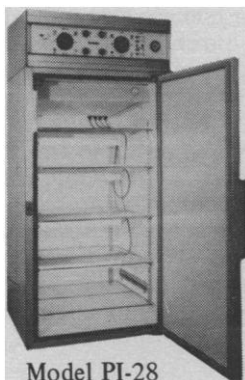


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the farms they have worked for so many centuries, not preachments by urban students now being sent to them in order to persuade them to exchange their old masters for new ones.

It is absurd to claim that the "unique identity of the ruling Amhara elite . . . has helped prevent the formation of culturally or ethnically based foreign alliances." Since when has an ethnic identity prevented alliances between societies holding very different values?

During the French Revolution, when Robespierre was led to his own execution, he predicted that the revolution would die after having killed its own participants. On 23 November 1974, the first victim in Ethiopia was rebel chief General Aman Michael Andom. It is likely that the outcome of the Ethiopian revolution will be another Napoleon, up from the ranks of the armed forces, or perhaps a more traditional Ethiopian-style emperor with sufficient security to practice more benign methods of government. Such a potential emperor already exists in the person of Prince Mengesha Seyyum of the rival, but linked, dynasty of the Province of Tigre. By personality and education he is the most qualified to retain Eritrea, prevent civil war, and promote the material development of Ethiopia.

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