

position and included what we believed to be its most important part as a footnote in our article. This approach permits the reader to draw his own conclusions concerning the validity of our arguments based on the full record. We do not agree, however, that Spicer's shift from saying "absolutely no connection can be made" between his work and night vision to his statement that, "I think it is very doubtful that our work will contribute to night vision," affects the point we were making by quoting him.

These two letters provide good evidence of the success of DOD's policy of not encouraging university workers to think about the military implications of their work.

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Notes

1. This contract typifies those in which the DOD was interested in a different aspect of the work than were the principal investigators. The latter were building a high energy physics laboratory to engage in high energy physics research; the Navy sponsored the work to obtain the cryogenic technology. Once laboratory construction was complete, the Navy had no further interest, and support for the high energy physics research shifted to the National Science Foundation.

Cabbage Cigarettes?

Isn't it hypocritical to expound piously on the world food shortage and impending mass starvation while agricultural agencies the world over are aiding and promoting the growing of tobacco, "the most widely grown commercial non-food plant in the world" (1)? To be sure, tobacco does contribute to population erosion through emphysema and cancer, but this hardly seems a humane means of population control, and these diseases cause a great drain on medical resources and finances.

Since 44.8 percent of the world's vast tobacco acreage lies in "starving" Asia (1), would it not be humanitarian to offer economic inducements to farmers to switch from tobacco to food crops?

If people must smoke, let their cigarettes be made of a less toxic plant material—not a monopolizer of arable land, but a vegetable by-product of food crops, say, cabbage, lettuce, or papaya leaves.

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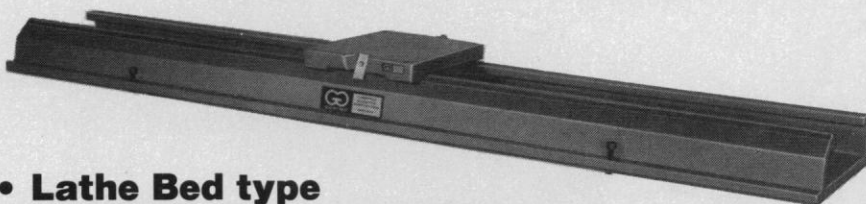
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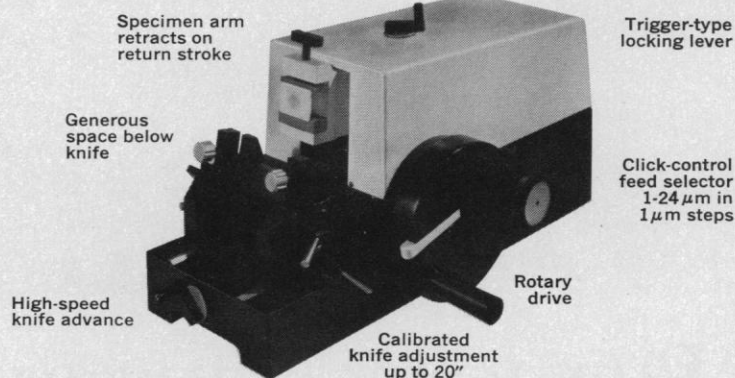
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