

stances, scientists can be convicted (or harassed with threats) of fraud, few capable scientists will be willing to lend their expertise to the judicial process.

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On the three alleged points of bias, the facts are as follows:

1) Sheep deaths may not be unusual on the winter range, but, as the AEC's official 1954 report stated, they were unusually heavy in the spring of 1953, when fallout levels were particularly high.

2) As indicated in Leo Bustad's report, the Hanford studies were begun in anticipation of radiation leakage from onsite nuclear production efforts, not the nuclear testing program. Sheep happened to be the principal grazing animals nearby.

3) As for disclosure of the Hanford results, Paul Pearson and Bernard Trum—two former AEC employees—acknowledged in recent court documents that Bustad's public, written report was misleading because it omitted important facts. Bustad himself testified last year that it lacked crucial details.

4) Although the original trial transcript is missing, virtually everyone involved in the original AEC investigation was invited to testify at the recent hearing and given ample opportunity to recollect the facts. It was after hearing such recollections that Judge Christensen decided that a fraud had been "practiced upon the court" in 1956.

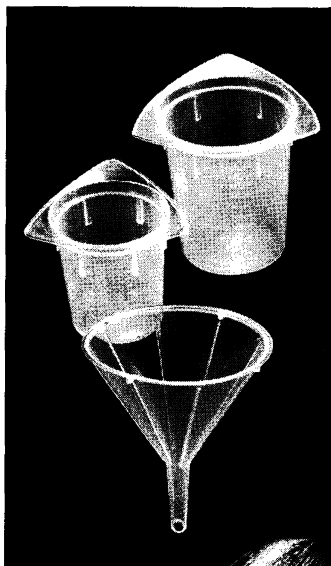
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Erratum: In the article "Wyngaarden sets policy agenda for NIH" by Barbara J. Culliton (News and Comment, 4 Feb., p. 470), two sentences were garbled. On page 470, the last sentence in the first full paragraph of column 3 should have been "Howard M. Temin, of the McArdle Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, on the other hand, commented that, inasmuch as research grants are the 'engine' that drives the whole enterprise, it makes sense to treat them so favorably." On page 471, the last sentence in column 2 should have been "Given the research community's general opposition to creating institutes disease-by-disease, it would not come as a complete surprise if the IOM were to take a position that matched Wyngaarden's own."

Erratum: In the report by A. E. E. Rogers *et al.* in the 7 January issue (p. 51), the ordinate of figure 1 was incorrectly labeled; it should have read: "Baseline length -3,928.881.60 (m)." In table 1, the source pairs were difficult to decipher because of lack of space around dashes; they should have been, for example, "0355+508 -0851+202." Finally, in table 2 the number of individual experiments (16) in which Haystack participated was omitted; in addition, the last sentence of the footnote to the table should have read: "We believe, but are not certain, that these differences are due to the uncorrected effects of the ionosphere on the Mk I observations which involved X-band frequencies only."

Erratum: In Arthur L. Robinson's article "CERN reports first vector boson evidence" (Research News, 4 Feb., p. 480), the fifth sentence in the fifth paragraph should have read, "The annihilation of a quark with charge +2/3 and an antiquark with charge +1/3 produces a W⁺, for example."

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