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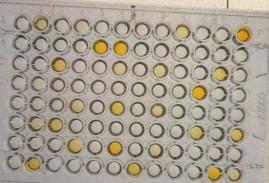
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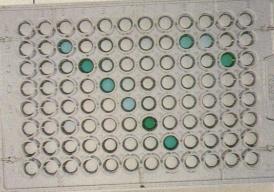
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The gene for the colony-stimulating factor CSF-1 has been cloned, opening the way for analysis of the structure and activities of this growth-promoting substance as well as for production of large amounts for possible therapeutic uses (for example, treatment of macrophage deficiency) (page 291). The glycoprotein CSF-1 is essential for normal maturation of macrophages and monocytic cells. Kawasaki et al. describe the steps in the isolation and cloning of the CSF-1 gene and in the production in culture of its protein product which, in structure and biological activity, was similar to authentic human and mouse CSF-1 protein. No significant sequence homology was found between CSF-1 and any other proteins. An extremely hydrophobic region of the molecule may be a membrane insertion region which. upon cleavage, might release a secretory form of the molecule. CSF-1 may contribute to regulation of neoplastic cell growth as well as normal cell growth; recently a close resemblance of the receptor for CSF-1 on macrophages and an oncogene product was found, suggesting that CSF-1 activity might contribute to cellular deregulation during oncogenesis.

Energy dissipation at the equator

The dissipation of energy within the ocean at the equator is more closely related to local wind patterns than had been expected (page 315). The existence in both the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans of the equatorial undercurrent-a permanent subsurface current and energy generator-and occasional measurements of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation in ocean waters near the equator led oceanographers to suspect that dissipation at the equator might be greater than elsewhere. Moum and Caldwell describe a 12-day study during which pressure, temperature, electrical conductivity, and small-scale shear of the water, wind speed and direction, solar radiation, and other environmental parameters were measured. In the upper 110 meters of the ocean, energy dissipation showed a strong diurnal pattern reminiscent of patterns noted at ocean sites distant from the equator and at sites in lakes. When the diurnal effects were eliminated and daily averages calculated, the rate of energy dissipation in the ocean and the rate of energy input by local winds were linearly related. This unexpected, highly localized effect should have a major impact on models developed for understanding ocean currents and ocean-atmosphere interactions.

Prolonged nuclear winter

A nuclear winter might persist longer than has been forecast, according to results obtained in a computer simulation (page 317). Malone *et al.* added to their model the effects that solar heating would produce on 18 OCTOBER 1985

the structure of the atmosphere and on the transport and removal of clouds of smoke from massive fires that might result from a nuclear exchange. Solar heat absorbed by smoke would induce upward currents, driving smoke-filled air into the stratosphere. There, precipitation could not remove the smoke, whereas it could remove smoke remaining in the troposphere. The tropopause, the atmospheric boundary between the troposphere (where temperature increases downward) and the stratosphere (where temperature increases upward). would be disrupted from its usual altitude, later reforming below the smoke layer. This downward displacement would decrease the atmospheric volume in which precipitation could effectively wash smoke away. The extent to which solar heating would extend the lifetime of smoke and prolong the nuclear winter is unclear; it would depend on in which season of the year smoke was produced and the (highly uncertain) mass of smoke generated.

Thyroiditis and dietary iodine

There may be a direct link between the rising incidence of autoimmune thyroiditis in Americans and their consumption of large amounts (2 to 5 times the recommended daily allowance) of iodine (page 325). Bagchi et al. found that, in two genetically susceptible strains of chickens, development of autoimmune thyroiditis---inflammation of the thyroid brought on by antibodies directed against the gland-varied with changes in dietary iodine. In the strain with low incidence of mild disease, addition of iodine to the diet promoted disease; in the strain with severe disease culminating in complete destruction of the thyroid gland, blockage of uptake of iodine diminished thyroid-directed antibody responses. When iodine concentrates in the thyroid, it is incorporated into thyroglobulin molecules, altering their shape and probably increasing their immunogenicity. This may account for the enhanced production of antibody and the initiation of autoimmune disease.

Leukotrienes and tissue injury

Leukotrienes, derivatives of fatty acids, may mediate both the local and the systemic effects that follow tissue injuries (page 330). Denzlinger *et al.* found that diverse tissue traumas—burns, bone fractures, and abdominal surgery—all produced a transient rise in endogenous leukotrienes or their metabolic breakdown products in blood and in bile. Similar elevations have been observed in other kinds of tissue injuries; injections of leukotrienes into animals have produced circulatory and respiratory dysfunctions and local inflammatory reactions that are like the trauma-induced effects. Therapeutic intervention with leukotriene antagonists may help modulate the damaging physiologic effects attributed to this common mediator.

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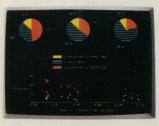
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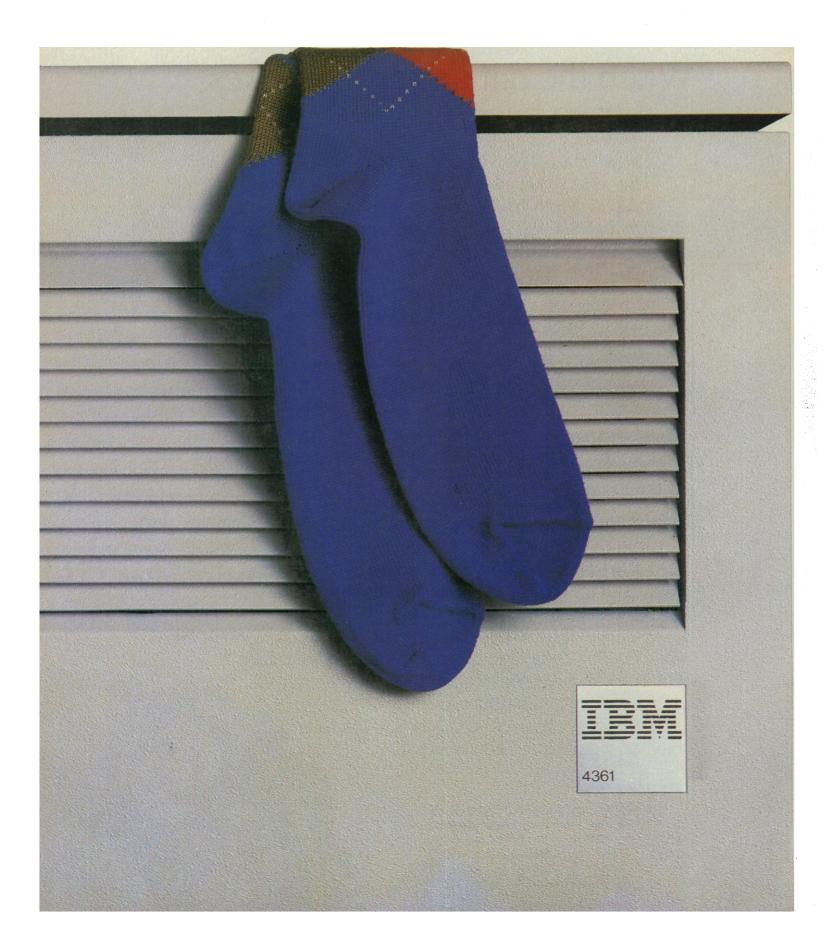
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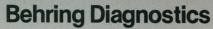
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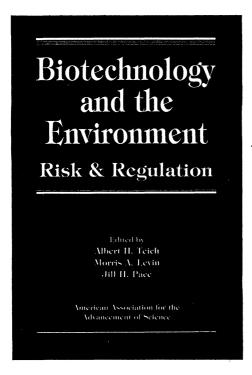


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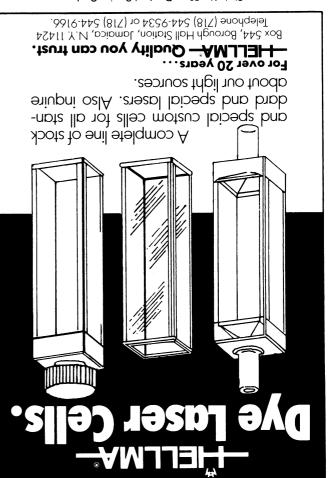
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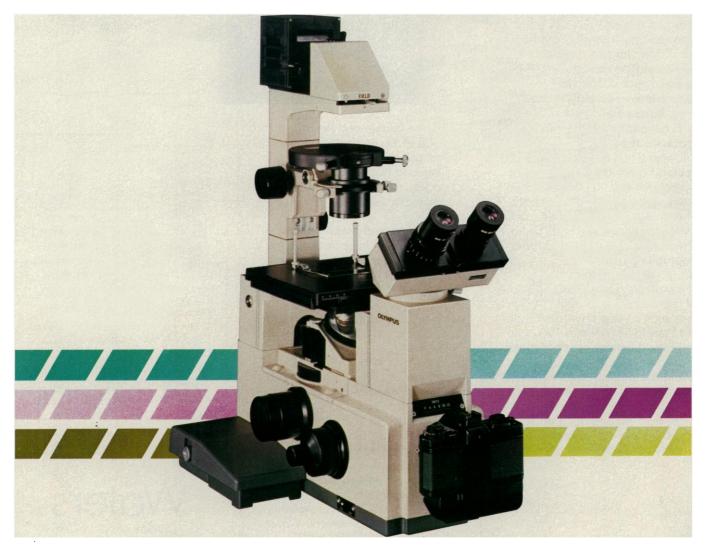
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If one were to accept at face value the premises and the statements made in this letter, then the only rational response would be to call for a moratorium on the introduction of organisms with new combinations of DNA. Since every human baby contains a unique combination of DNA never before seen on the planet, we clearly could not permit the introduction of these ecological time bombs into polite society until the experimental community ecologists have given us a risk assessment in quantitative terms to ensure that no new Hitlers are in the offing. Immigration must be stopped immediately (the deliberate introduction of new combinations of DNA cannot be permitted). The nefarious activities of plant and animal breeders must come to a halt (that new variety of carrot might take over the planet). Regulations must be written to prevent mutation, unnatural exchanges of DNA in nature, and indeed evolution itself (enforcement admittedly will be a problem).

Does anyone else detect the musty aroma of the Luddites?

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Restricting Immigrant Labor

In their article "The agricultural mechanization controversy" (8 Feb., p. 601), Philip L. Martin and Alan L. Olmstead state that a "rational strategy might be to phase out dependence on foreign workers" by taxing their employers and using the proceeds to fund mechanization research. However, they do not explain the normative assumptions of their proposal, which disregards the interests of those foreign workers whose unemployment they are promoting.

In general, schemes to restrict immigrant labor are subject to economic as well as moral objections (1). By inhibiting the free flow of labor, they encourage

inefficient allocation of capital and impede the efficient use and development of labor resources. From the moral standpoint, the problems are apparent as soon as one casts aside the blinders of chauvinism and considers the welfare of workers worldwide. Martin and Olmstead's allusion to "harvest-of-shame" wages is inadequate, given that the millions of illegal aliens who have eagerly sought work in this country would clearly be worse off if they lost their jobs. The logic of Martin and Olmstead's proposal might aptly be compared to that of taxing the employment of ghetto youths or other minorities hired at less than the minimum wage by an amount equal to the wage differential, and then using the proceeds to fund automation research to eliminate their jobs.

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In a world without economic or political imperfections, Gieringer's criticism of our proposal to tax the wages earned by temporary alien farm workers in order to accelerate laborsaving mechanization might be appropriate. However, his criticism is misdirected in the real world for economic and political reasons.

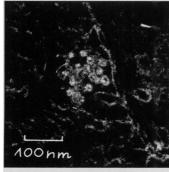
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Nation-states are exclusionary—one of their purposes is to establish borders and separate "us" from "them." Nation-states have a universally recognized right to limit the access of temporary foreign workers to their labor markets. We recognize that one can build an argument showing that economic efficiency is maximized with no international barriers to the movement of capital or labor, but we also seriously doubt that an open border is a realistic policy option in the United States today.

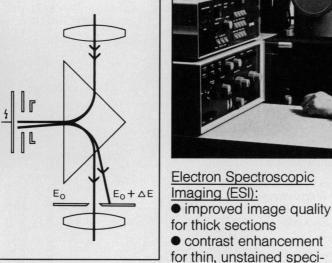
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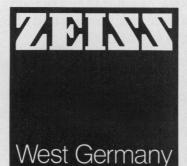


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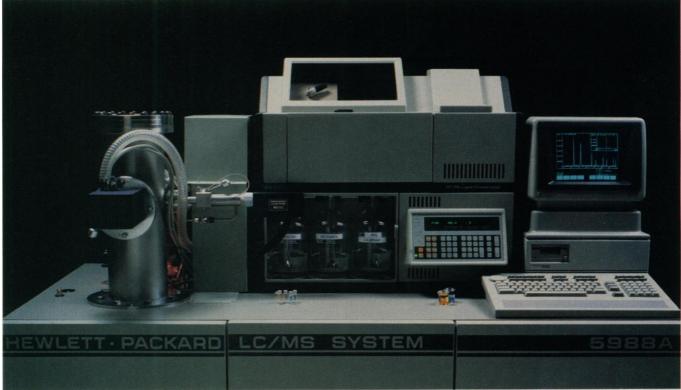
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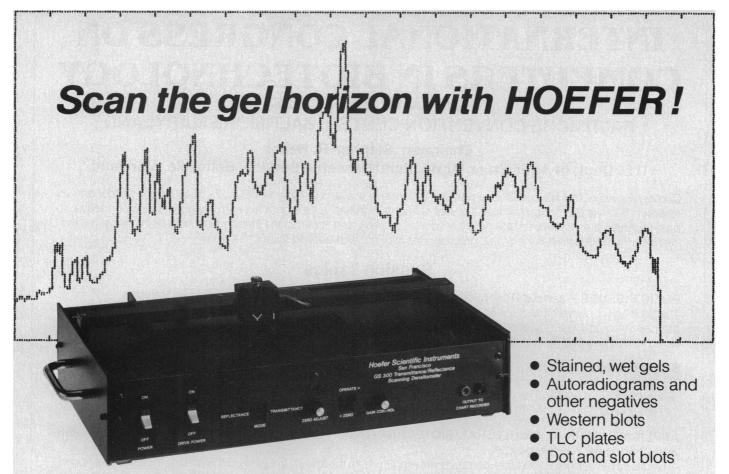
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Development of new equipment and new techniques continues to create opportunities in established fields and to make accessible new types of investigations. Currently, much of this progress is dependent on the availability of moderately priced computer power. Another important trend is the coupling of two or more instrumental components to achieve greater analytical capabilities.

In this issue Arndt-Jovin and colleagues describe powerful new tools for studying biological objects. Fluorescent imaging combines the use of lasers and fluorogenic substrates. In some instances the fluorophores are attached to monoclonal antibodies. Resultant fluorescent light is detected by electronic devices, and the information can be displayed on a video screen and stored. Advantages of the system include: (i) particular cellular constituents can be visualized in the presence of a large excess of other components; (ii) quantification is feasible at low concentrations because of the inherent sensitivity of emission as opposed to absorption; and (iii) discrete cellular components below the diffraction-limited resolution of the light microscope are detectable.

Ellis and colleagues describe equipment that can monitor surface reactions on a millisecond time scale. This represents an improvement in capabilities on the order of 10^3 . The experiments are performed under high vacuum and include use of a molecular beam that is adsorbed on a surface, high-resolution electron energy spectroscopy that employs many detectors, and a mass spectrometer to monitor products. Results include data about the role of transient species and elementary reaction pathways on a surface. Effects of surface topography defects, promoters and inhibitors, and composition on such reactions can be obtained.

Highly monochromatic dye lasers can selectively ionize elements and even their isotopes. This capability, when combined with mass spectrometry, introduces an entirely new procedure for chemical analysis. Fassett and colleagues discuss procedures for use of the combined techniques for analysis of inorganic mixtures by isotope dilution. They suggest that isotope abundance sensitivities in excess of 10^{12} may be available and that elemental analysis by isotope dilution may be feasible at the subpicogram level.

Another example of the value of combining two techniques is provided by Eachus and Olm. They studied the effects of radio-frequency excitation on the intensity of electron spin resonance signals, in effect, performing simultaneous nuclear magnetic resonance and electron spin resonance experiments. Applications include the study of lattice defects in silver halides when transition metal ions are added as dopants.

Slow neutrons have a wavelength of about 1 angstrom and are scattered by matter in ways that differ from x-rays or electrons. Moon describes how these properties are used in studies by an increasingly large and diverse group of investigators. The disciplinary mix includes condensed matter physics, 35 percent; chemistry, 23 percent; materials science, 16 percent; polymer science, 13 percent; and biology, 13 percent.

In the creation of synthetic genes, 100 and more nucleotides are sequentially brought together. If the yield for each step were, for example, 95 percent, little final product would be obtained. Caruthers describes a synthetic process with coupling efficiencies of 99.5 to 99.8 percent. A nucleotide can be added every 6 minutes, with use of either manual procedures or a gene machine.

Hirschfeld, a longtime observer of the evolution of instrumentation, points to the importance of continuing trends in computers. Increasing power and lower costs make it inevitable that computers will play more roles in instrumentation and in the conduct of experimental procedures. Artificial intelligence will be more effectively applied. Sensors will be adjuncts to the computer in contrast to the case now, where the sensor usually comes first.—PHILIP H. ABELSON

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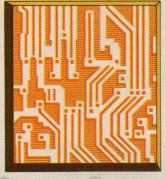


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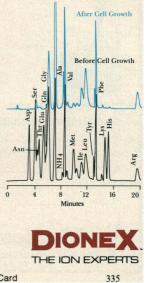
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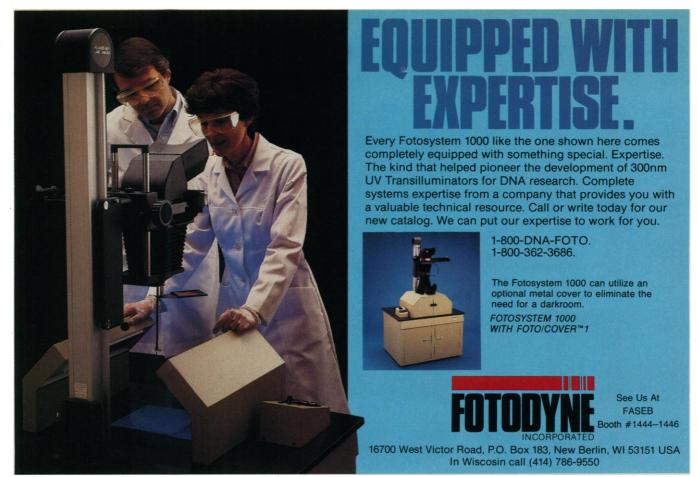
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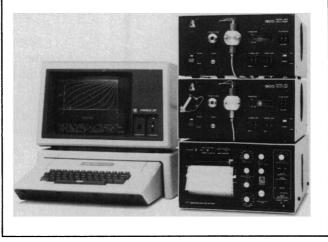
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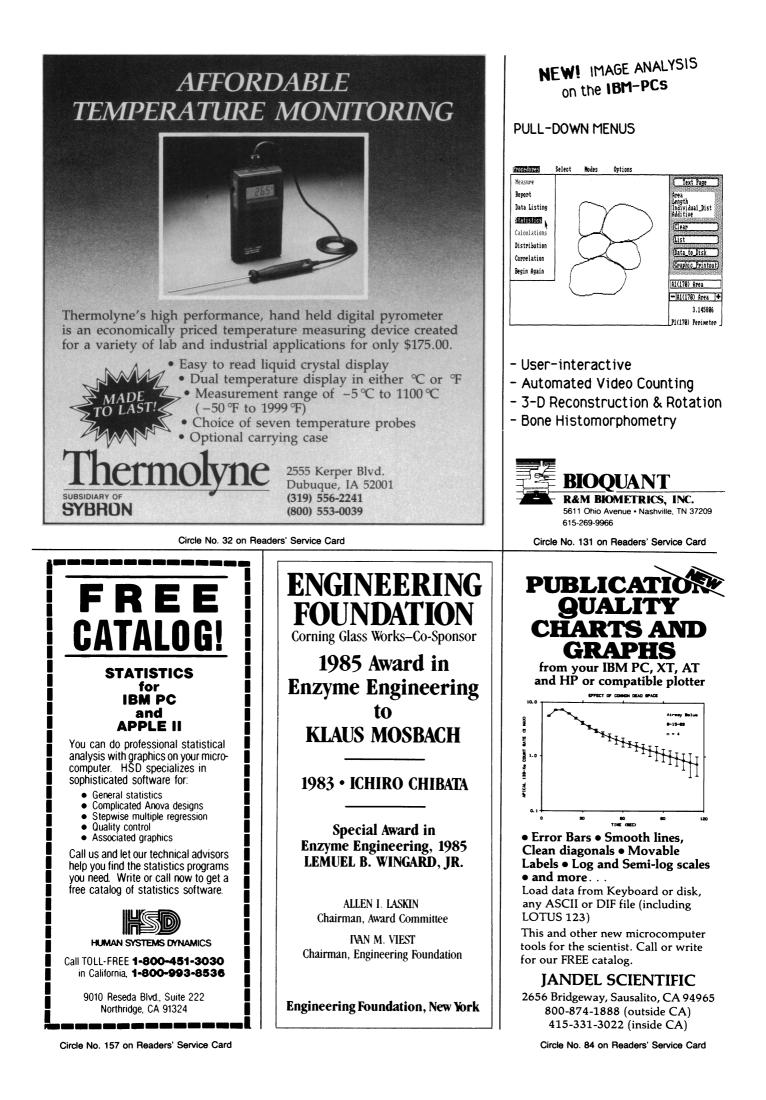
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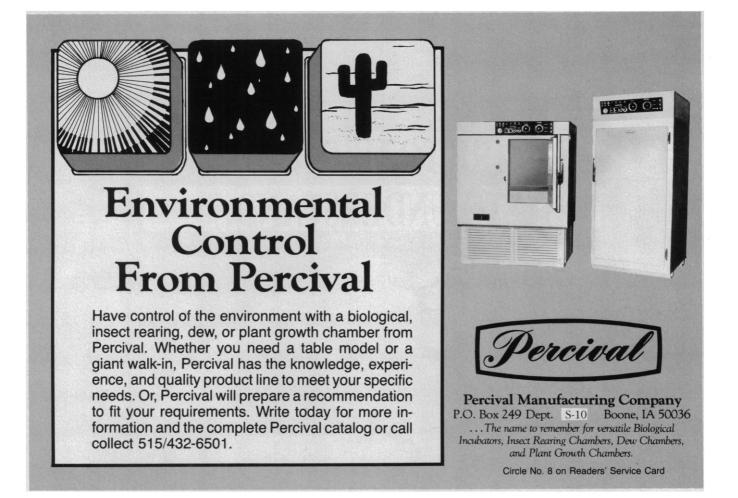
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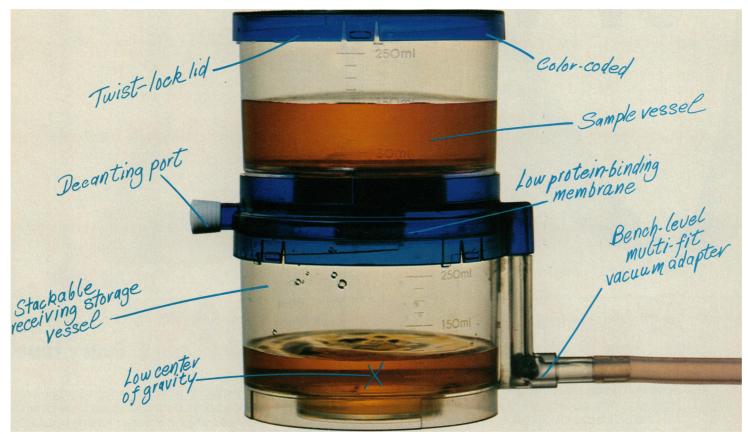
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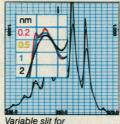
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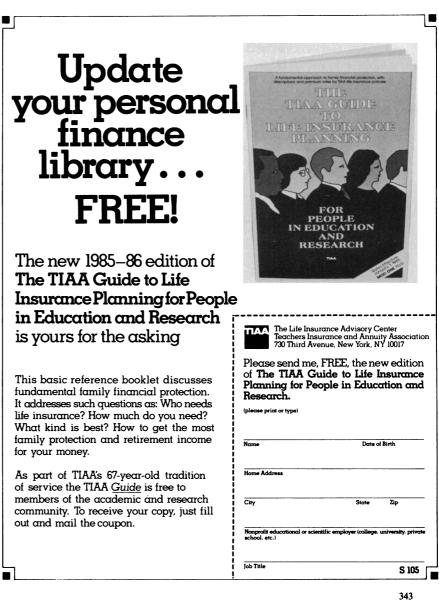
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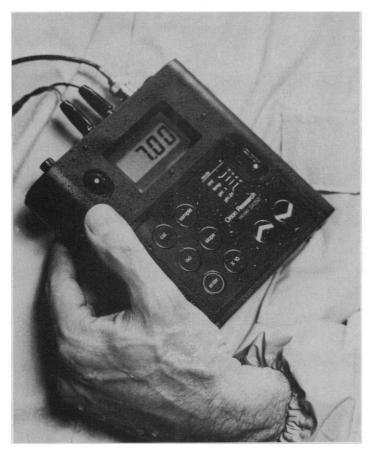
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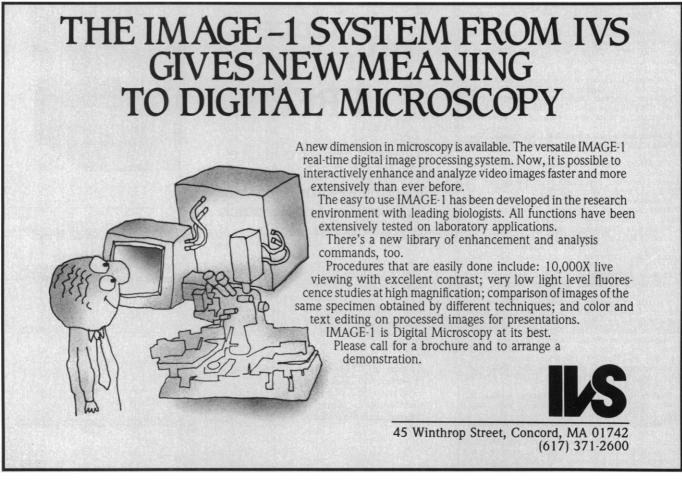
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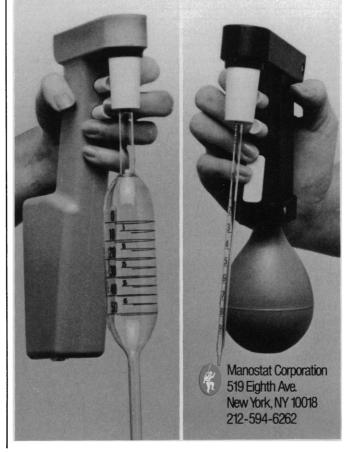
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