

agricultural land. (iii) Because grazing of domestic animals is not important in New Guinea, this topic received less attention than had been expected, but it was emphasized that in tropical grasslands intensive grazing is necessary, in the absence of fire, to prevent these man-made grass communities from reverting to woody vegetation. (iv) Shifting agriculture, admittedly of major importance in the alteration of tropical vegetation, came in for perhaps a disproportionate share of attention. It was asserted that an equilibrium between man and his environment is possible under this system of agriculture, but that population pressure leads

to unbalance. One of the most interesting items brought out was the fact that in the highlands of New Guinea *Casuarina* has long been planted to increase soil fertility, even though its nitrogen-fixing properties were only recently determined scientifically. (v) It was pointed out that secondary plant communities resulting from man's activity are usually less mesophytic than the primary communities that they replace, that this often assists in the detection of such communities in an otherwise natural landscape, and that the reflection of the environmental pattern by vegetation becomes generally more obscured as a result of man's

activities. (vi) A general review of the New Guinea grasslands showed that, of the two principal types, tall grass is a successional stage leading directly back to forest, while short grass results from much more profound alteration of the environment through man's activities. (vii) Public-health aspects of the alteration of the vegetation by man were noted, especially changed distribution patterns of disease vector populations.

As a result of the discussions a number of resolutions were formulated and sent to the UNESCO authorities. In essence, these called for the promotion, by UNESCO of (i) research into all aspects of secondary communities produced by human disturbance of the tropical forest; (ii) ethnobotanical research and cooperation in field work between anthropologists and botanists; (iii) investigations into traditional animal husbandry of preliterate societies, and into the psychosociological consequences of introduced pastoralism in primitive horticultural communities in the humid tropics, especially in Oceania; (iv) investigations into the susceptibility of humid tropical limestone soils and vegetation to damage by fire and other agents; (v) investigations into the ecological implications of root-physiology; and (vi) research into the socioeconomic adaptations to alien influence of recently contacted groups of people.

UNESCO was also asked to stimulate effective programs for conserving natural resources in the humid tropics, especially by creating nature reserves and national parks and by obtaining, through education and mass communications media, support of local populations for these measures. It was recommended that UNESCO convene, in two years' time, a symposium on the results of recent ecological research in the humid tropics.

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Forthcoming Events

April

17-18. Great Lakes Research, 4th conf., Ann Arbor, Mich. (C. F. Powers, Great Lakes Research Division, 1119 Natural Science Bldg., Ann Arbor)

17-19. Fluid Seal Meeting, intern., Ashford, Kent, England. (Information Officer, British Hydromechanics Research Assoc., South Road, Temple Fields, Harlow, Essex)

17-24. International Congress of Nurses, 12th quadrennial cong., Melbourne, Australia. (Miss D. C. Bridges, Secretary, 1 Dean Trench St., London, S.W.1, England)

18-20. Chemical Reactions in the Lower and Upper Atmosphere, intern. symp., San

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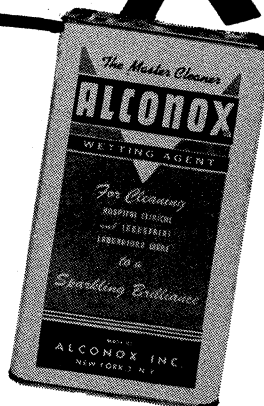
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18-21. American Geophysical Union and American Meteorological Soc., Washington, D.C. (American Geophysical Union, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington 5, D.C.)

19-21. Southwestern Inst. of Radio Engineers Conf. and Electronics Show, Dallas, Tex. (SWIRECO 61, P.O. Box 7443, Dallas 9)

20-21. Society of Chemical Industry, fungicide symp., London, England. (B. J. Heywood, 103 Harrow Drive, Hornchurch, Essex, England)

20-22. Association of Southeastern Biologists, Lexington, Ky. (H. J. Humm, Department of Botany, Duke Univ., Durham, N.C.)

20-24. Microbial Reactions in Marine Environments, intern. symp., Chicago, Ill. (C. H. Oppenheimer, Inst. of Marine Science, Univ. of Texas, Port Arkansas)

21-22. American Assoc. of Univ. Professors, Boston, Mass. (W. P. Fidler, AAUP, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington 6, D.C.)

21-23. American Soc. for the Study of Sterility, annual, Miami Beach, Fla. (H. H. Thomas, 920 S. 19 St., Birmingham 5, Ala.)

23. American Pharmaceutical Assoc., Chicago, Ill. (W. S. Apple, 2215 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.)

23-26. American Assoc. of Colleges of Pharmacy, Chicago, Ill. (C. W. Bliven, George Washington Univ., Washington 6, D.C.)

23-27. American Ceramic Soc., 63rd annual, Toronto, Canada. (C. S. Pearce, 4055 N. High St., Columbus 14, Ohio)

23-27. Society of American Bacteriologists, Chicago, Ill. (E. M. Foster, 311 Bacteriology, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison)

23-28. American Soc. of Hospital Pharmacists, Chicago, Ill. (J. A. Oddis, 2215 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington 7, D.C.)

24-26. Aerospace Medical Assoc., 32nd annual, Chicago, Ill. (W. J. Kennard, Secretary-Treasurer, c/o Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C.)

24-26. American Psychoanalytic Assoc., annual, Philadelphia, Pa. (J. N. McVeigh, 36 W. 44 St., New York 36)

24-27. American Assoc. of Petroleum Geologists, Denver, Colo. (G. V. Cohee, U.S. Geological Survey, Washington 25, D.C.)

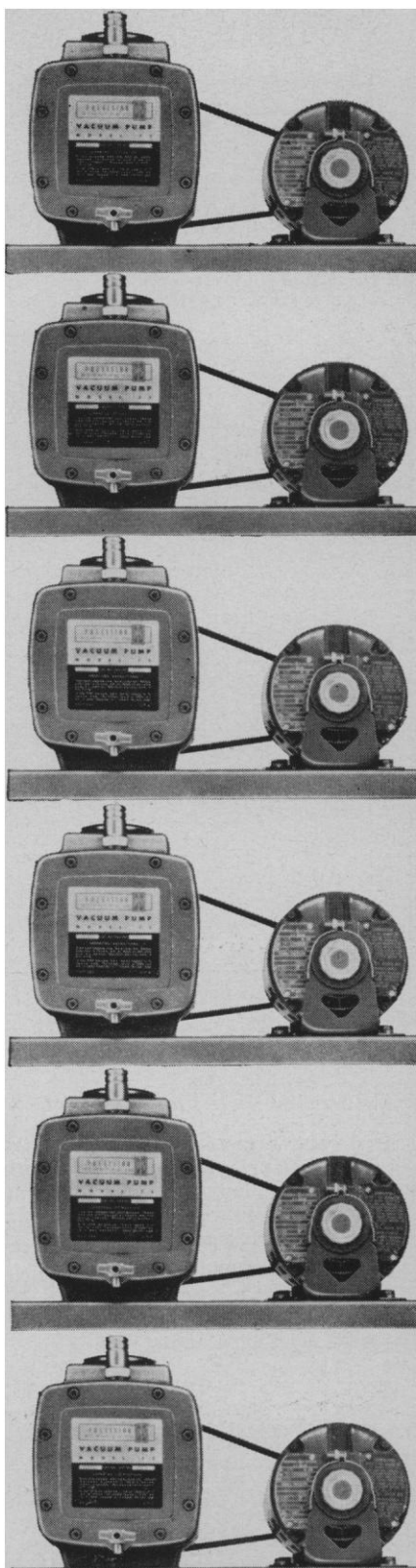
24-27. American Physical Soc., Washington, D.C. (K. K. Darrow, 538 W. 120 St., New York 27)

25-28. Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, Denver, Colo. (J. Imbrie, Dept. of Geology, Columbia Univ., New York, N.Y.)

27-28. Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man, 11th annual southwestern conf., College Station, Tex. (F. P. Jaggi, Jr., Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station)

27-28. Health Education Conf., New York Acad. of Medicine, New York, N.Y. (I. Goldston, 2 E. 103 St., New York 29)

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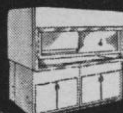


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27-5. American Psychiatric Assoc., annual, Philadelphia, Pa. (D. Blain, 1700 18 St., NW, Washington 6)

28-30. American Psychosomatic Soc., 18th annual, Atlantic City, N.J. (M. F. Reiser, 265 Nassau Road, Roosevelt, N.Y.)

30-4. Aero/Space Instrumentation Symp., 7th annual, Dallas, Tex. (W. J. Gabriel, Route 3, Box 36, Fort Worth, Tex.)

30-4. Electrochemical Soc., Indianapolis, Ind. (R. K. Shannon, 1860 Broadway, New York 23)

30-6. Conference on Internal Medicine, Nassau, Bahamas. (Bahamas Conferences, P.O. Box 1454, Nassau)

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1-3. American Oil Chemists' Soc., St. Louis, Mo. (K. F. Mattil, Swift and Co., U.S. Yards, Chicago 9, Ill.)

2-3. American Pediatric Soc., Atlantic City, N.J. (C. M. Riley, Denver General Hospital, Denver 4, Colo.)

2-3. Association of American Physicians, Atlantic City, N.J. (P. B. Beeson, Yale Univ. School of Medicine, New Haven 11, Conn.)

2-5. Criticality Control in Chemical and Metallurgical Plant, intern. symp., OEEC, Karlsruhe, Germany. (European Nuclear Energy Agency, 38, Boulevard Suchet, Paris 16, France)

2-6. American Assoc. on Mental Deficiency, Cincinnati, Ohio. (N. A. Dayton, Mansfield Training School, Mansfield Depot, Conn.)

3-5. Nuclear Applications in Space Conf., Gatlinburg, Tenn. (J. J. Harford, American Rocket Soc., 500 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.)

3-6. American Goiter Assoc., Philadelphia, Pa. (J. C. McClintock, 702 Madison Ave., Albany 8, N.Y.)

3-6. Midwestern Psychological Assoc., Chicago, Ill. (I. E. Farber, Dept. of Psychology, State Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa)

3-7. Student American Medical Assoc., Chicago, Ill. (R. F. Staudacher, 430 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11)

4-5. Human Factors in Electronics, 2nd natl. symp., Arlington, Va. (H. P. Birmingham, Human Engineering Development Section, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, Washington 25)

4-5. Society for Pediatric Research, Atlantic City, N.J. (C. D. West, Children's Hospital, Cincinnati 29, Ohio)

4-6. American Ethnological Soc., Columbus, Ohio. (Miss N. F. S. Woodbury, Arizona State Museum, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson)

4-6. American Philosophical Assoc., western division, St. Louis, Mo. (L. E. Hahn, Washington Univ., St. Louis 30, Mo.)

4-6. American Soc. of Human Genetics, Atlantic City, N.J. (W. J. Schull, 1133 E. Catherine St., Ann Arbor, Mich.)

4-6. Pediatric Surgery, symp., New York, N.Y. (Office of the Associate Dean, New York Univ. Post-Graduate Medical School, 550 First Ave., New York 16)

4-6. Society for American Archaeology, Columbus, Ohio. (J. B. Wheat, Univ. of Colorado Museum, Boulder)

5-6. Population Assoc. of America, New York, N.Y. (K. B. Mayer, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Brown Univ., Providence 12, R.I.)

5-7. American Soc. of Internal Medicine, Miami Beach, Fla. (G. T. Bates, 350 Post St., San Francisco 8, Calif.)

5-8. American Psychoanalytic Assoc., Chicago, Ill. (Mrs. H. Fischer, 1 E. 57 St., New York 22)

6-7. Academy of Psychoanalysis, annual, Chicago, Ill. (J. H. Merin, 49 E. 78 St., New York 21)

6-9. Circuit Theory, 5th midwestern symp., Urbana, Ill. (M. E. Van Valkenburg, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana)

7-10. American Inst. of Chemical Engineers, Cleveland, Ohio. (J. F. Van Antwerpen, ALChE, 25 W. 45 St., New York 36)

7-11. Institute of Food Technologists, New York, N.Y. (C. S. Lawrence, 176 W. Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill.)

7-12. Medical Library Assoc., Inc., Seattle, Wash. (Miss R. J. Mann, Mayo Clinic Library, Rochester, Minn.)

7-12. Society of American Bacteriologists, 62nd annual, Kansas City, Mo. (E. M. Foster, 311 Bacteriology, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison 6)

7-12. Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Toronto, Canada. (SMPTE, 55 W. 42 St., New York 36)

8-9. Titrimetric Methods of Analysis, symp., Cornwall, Ontario, Canada. [J. R. McCallum, Courtaulds (Canada) Ltd., Cornwall]

8-10. Aerospace Electronics Conf., 13th annual natl., Dayton, Ohio. (R. G. Stimmel, Institute of Radio Engineers, 1 E. 79 St., New York 21)

8-10. Instrument Soc. of America, Power Instrumentation Symp., 4th natl., Chicago, Ill. (H. A. Van Wassen, Duquesne Light Co., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.)

8-12. American College of Physicians, 42nd annual, Miami Beach, Fla. (ACP, 4200 Pine St., Philadelphia 4, Pa.)

8-12. American Psychiatric Assoc., 117th annual, Chicago, Ill. (C. H. H. Branch, 156 Westminster Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah)

9-11. Western Joint Computer Conf., Los Angeles, Calif. (W. F. Bauer, 8433 Fallbrook Ave., Canoga Park, Calif.)

10-12. Production Engineering Conf., Toronto, Canada. (R. B. Larson, 5701 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio)

10-13. National Science Fair—International, 12th, Kansas City, Mo. (Science Service, 1719 N Street, NW, Washington 6, D.C.)

11-13. Acoustical Soc. of America, Philadelphia, Pa. (W. Waterfall, 335 E. 45 St., New York 17)

11-13. American Inst. of Industrial Engineers, annual, Detroit, Mich. (W. J. Jaffe, Newark College of Engineering, 367 High St., Newark 2, N.J.)

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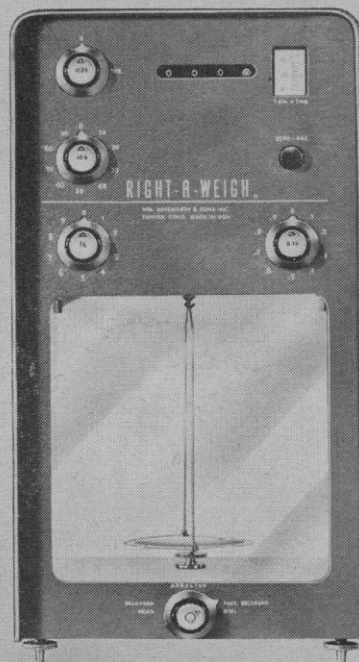
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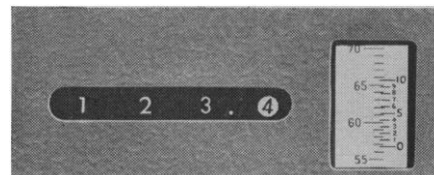
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15-17. Radiation Research Soc., annual, Washington, D.C. (E. L. Powers, Div. of Biological and Medical Research, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Ill.)

15-18. Society of Aeronautical Weight Engineers, Akron, Ohio. (D. B. Block, 4004 Oxford Ave., NW, Masillon, Ohio)

15-18. Spectroscopy, 12th annual symp., Chicago, Ill. (W. Ashby, Continental Can Co., Inc., 7622 S. Racine Ave., Chicago 20, Ill.)

15-20. Conference on Nuclear Electronics, Belgrade, Yugoslavia. (J. Burt,

International Atomic Energy Agency, United Nations, New York, N.Y.)

16-18. Western Conf. on Anesthesiology, biennial, Portland, Ore. (J. O. Branford, 2307 NW Overton St., Portland 9, Ore.)

16-20. American College of Cardiology, New York, N.Y. (P. Reichert, 350 Fifth Ave., Empire State Bldg., New York 1)

18-20. Host Tumor Interactions, intern. symp., Detroit, Mich. (M. J. Brennan, Oncology Div., Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit 2)

22-24. American Thoracic Soc., Cincinnati, Ohio. (F. W. Webster, 1790 Broadway, New York 19)

22-24. Global Communications, 5th

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22-25. American Urological Assoc., Los Angeles, Calif. (W. P. Didusch, 1120 N. Charles St., Baltimore 1, Md.)

22-25. Design Engineering Conf. and Show, Detroit, Mich. (ASME Meetings Dept., 29 W. 39 St., New York 18)

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22-26. Engineering Conf. and Exhibit, 29th annual, New York, N.Y. (G. E. Seeley, ASTME Headquarters, 10700 Puritan Ave., Detroit 38, Mich.)

22-26. Society of Photographic Scientists and Engineers, annual, Binghamton, N.Y. (M. G. Anderson, Ansco, Vestal Parkway East, Binghamton, N.Y.)

22-27. International Acad. of Legal Medicine and of Social Medicine, 5th cong., Vienna, Austria. (M. Helpert, Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York, 55 East End Ave., New York 28)

23-25. Large Capacity Memory Techniques for Computing Systems, symp., Washington, D.C. (Miss J. Leno, Code 430A, Office of Naval Research, Washington 25)

25. Gastroenterology Research Group, Chicago, Ill. (N. C. Hightower, Scott and White Clinic, Temple, Tex.)

25-26. Medical Technology, symp., Cleveland, Ohio. (J. W. King, Cleveland Clinic, 2020 E. 93 St., Cleveland 6)

25-26. Nitro Aliphatic Chemistry, symp., Lafayette, Ind. (Purdue Memorial Union, Purdue Univ., Lafayette)

25-26. Operations Research Soc. of America, 9th annual, Chicago, Ill. (D. Schiller, Gaywood-Schiller Associates, 203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago 1)

26-27. American Otological Soc., Lake Placid Club, Essex County, N.Y. (J. A. Moore, 525 E. 68 St., New York 21)

26-3. American Acad. of Dental Medicine, cruise to Bermuda and Nassau. (H. Ward, 15 Bond St., Great Neck, N.Y.)

28-1. Special Libraries Assoc., 52nd annual, San Francisco, Calif. (B. M. Woods, SLA, 31 E. 10 St., New York 3)

29-31. American Gynecological Soc., Colorado Springs, Colo. (A. H. Aldridge, 899 Park Ave., New York 21)

29-31. Cancer Symp., 6th annual, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. (A. J. S. Bryant, Allan Blair Memorial Clinic, Regina)

29-31. Chemical Inst. of Canada, 44th annual, Ottawa. (Chemical Inst. of Canada, 48 Rideau St., Ottawa 2)

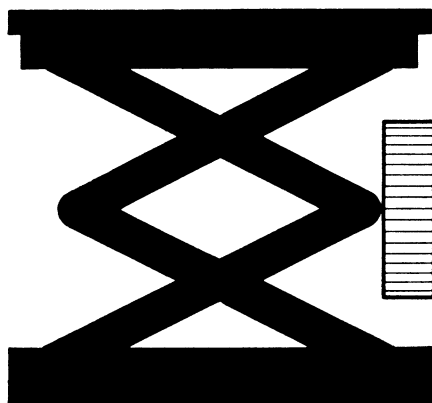
29-3. Molecular Spectroscopy, 5th European cong., Amsterdam, Netherlands. (D. H. Zipp, Secy., Nieuwe Achtergracht 123, Amsterdam-C.)

30. Nutrition Soc. of Canada, 4th annual, Guelph, Ontario. (E. V. Evans, Dept. of Nutrition, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph)

31-2. Canadian Federation of Biological Societies, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. (E. H. Bensley, Montreal General Hospital, 1650 Cedar Ave., Montreal 25, P.Q.)

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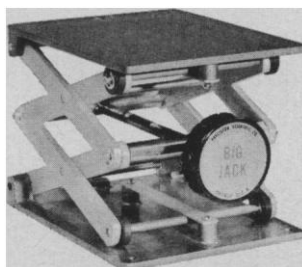
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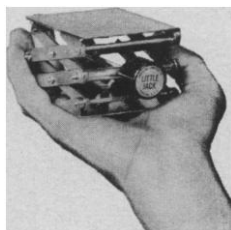


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