

may be responsible for the article's inaccurate appraisal of the present situation, but since the expressions "expenditure is now" and "under present conditions" are used, we feel that the company's true present position should be made known. It is about five times better than it would appear to be from the article.

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It is gratifying to learn that the expansion of basic research within the Broken Hill Proprietary Company is proceeding so rapidly. However, I do not think that the information contained in Jenkins's letter should be regarded as having any significant bearing on my article. The article was written to provide data for Australia which were comparable with the analyses of expenditure on scientific research produced by the National Science Foundation, the British Advisory Council on Scientific Policy, and the recent NATO study group on scientific expenditure in the Western countries. In order to express these figures as a proportion of the national income, I decided to use the year 1958-59, which was the last financial year for which complete figures were available at the time my article was written (in November 1960). The article is, therefore, intended to convey a comprehensive picture of the situation in Australia as it was roughly at the beginning of 1959.

I did, however, hint in my article that changes were taking place, and the speed of these changes is indicated in Jenkins's letter. In the last 3 or 4 years the expansion of basic research in a number of large industrial firms has gone on with increasing speed. Two other notable examples are the Colonial Sugar Refining Company and Imperial Chemical Industries, of Australia and New Zealand. However, this growth is too recent to reflect substantially on the emphasis of my article, and in any case it is still confined to a very small number of leading firms. I might perhaps add that my comments about Australian industry were directed to industry in general, and my article makes no specific reference to the balance between basic research and development in the Broken Hill Proprietary Company in particular.

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## Meetings

### Forthcoming Events

#### February

19-23. American Soc. of Civil Engineers, Houston, Tex. (W. H. Wisely, 345 E. 47 St., New York 17)

19-23. Automatic Control in the Iron and Steel Industry, intern., Brussels, Belgium. (Institut Belge de Régulation et d'Automatisme, 98 Chaussée de Charleroi, Brussels 6)

20-21. International Inst. of Sugar Beet Researchers, winter congr., Brussels, Belgium. (O. J. Kint, HSB, 152 rue Beauduin, Tirlemont, Belgium)

21-25. National Assoc. for Research in Science Teaching, Washington, D.C. (H. Branson, Dept. of Physics, Howard Univ., Washington 1)

22-24. American Acad. of Forensic Sciences, Chicago, Ill. (W. J. R. Camp, Univ. of Illinois, 1853 W. Polk St., Chicago 12)

22-24. Genetics Soc. of Canada, Winnipeg, Man., Canada. (Scientific Liaison Office, Natl. Research Council, Sussex Dr., Ottawa, Ont., Canada)

23-24. American Physical Soc., Austin, Tex. (K. K. Darrow, APS, Columbia Univ., New York 27)

23-24. Canadian Aeronautical Inst., mid-season meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia. (Scientific Liaison Office, Natl. Research Council, Sussex Dr., Ottawa, Canada)

25-1. Pan American Assoc. of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology and Broncho-Esophagology, Caracas, Venezuela. (C. M. Norris, 3401 North Broad St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.)

26-28. Importance of Electricity in the Control of Aircraft, conf., Inst. of Electrical Engineers-Royal Aeronautical Soc., London, England. (Secretary, IEE, Savoy Place, London, W.C.2)

26-29. Central Treaty Organization, Economic Committee, Washington, D.C. (Office of Intern. Conferences, Dept. of State, Washington 25)

26-2. Current Trends in Nuclear Power, symp., Tucson, Ariz. (L. Weaver, Nuclear Engineering Dept., Univ. of Arizona, Tucson)

27-1. Application of Switching Theory in Space Technology, symp., Palo Alto, Calif. (J. P. Nach, Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Sunnyvale, Calif.)

#### March

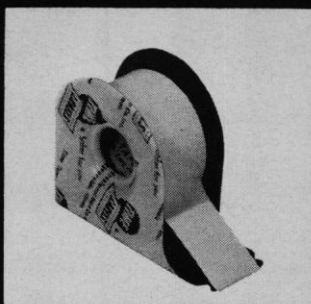
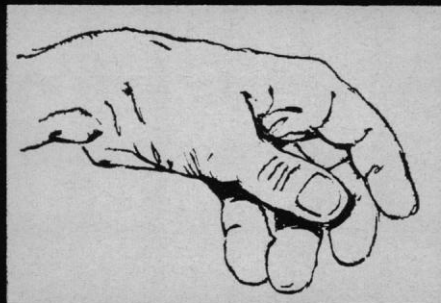
1-3. Florida Acad. of Sciences, Gainesville. (J. B. Lackey, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Phelps Laboratory, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville)

1-3. Fundamental Cancer Research, Conceptual Advances in Immunology and Oncology, symp., annual, Houston, Tex. (Univ. of Texas, Anderson Hospital and Tumor Inst., Houston 25)

1-3. Scintillation and Semiconductor Counters, 8th symp., Washington, D.C. (G. A. Morton, RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N.J.)

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