

23-26. **Gas Chromatography**, 2nd intern. symp., Houston, Tex. (A. Zlatkis, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of Houston, Houston)

23-26. **American Physical Soc.**, Philadelphia, Pa. (K. K. Darrow, Columbia Univ., New York 27)

24-26. **Physics and Dynamics of Clouds**, conf., American Meteorological Soc., Chicago, Ill. (Miss D. L. Bradbury, Dept. of Geophysical Sciences, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago)

25-27. **Aerospace Bearings**, USAF-Southwest Research Inst. conf., unclassified, San Antonio, Tex. (P. M. Ku, SwRI, 8500 Culebra Rd., San Antonio)

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26-28. **Michigan Acad. of Science, Arts and Letters**, East Lansing (G. G. Mallinson, Western Michigan Univ., Kalamazoo)

26-28. **Southern Soc. for Philosophy and Psychology**, 56th annual, Lexington, Ky. (D. Calvin, Psychology Dept., Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington)

27-28. **American Ethnological Soc.**, Pittsburgh, Pa., (N. F. S. Woodbury, U.S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.)

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27-29. **Society for the Study of Evolution**, annual, Chapel Hill, N.C. (H. H. Ross, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana)

28-30. **American Assoc. of Colleges of Pharmacy**, Detroit, Mich. (C. W. Bliven, 1507 M St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005)

29-2. **Association of American Geographers**, annual, Syracuse, N.Y. (AAG 1201 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C.)

30-2. **American Assoc. of Junior Colleges**, Bal Harbour, Fla. (W. G. Shannon, AAJC, 1777 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

31-3. **American Assoc. of Anatomists**, Denver, Colo. (L. B. Flexner, Dept. of Anatomy, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 4)

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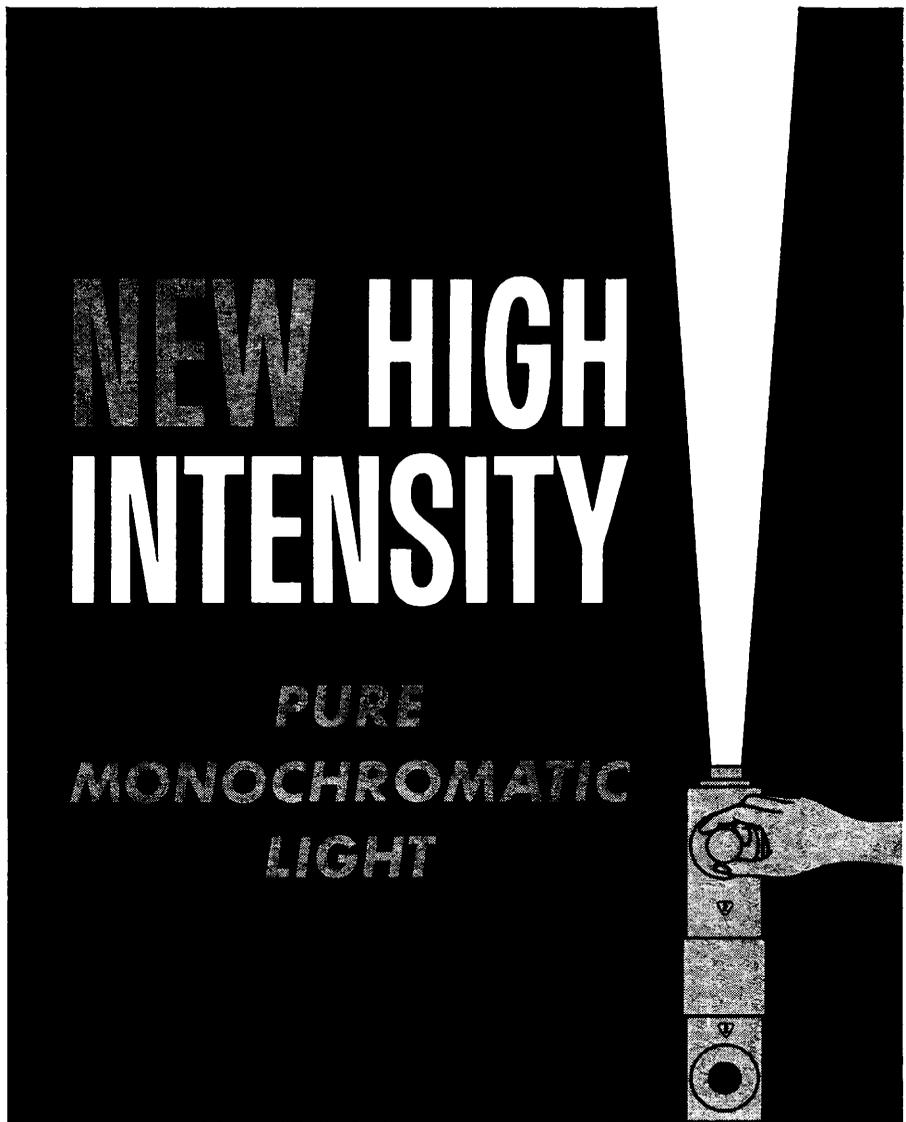
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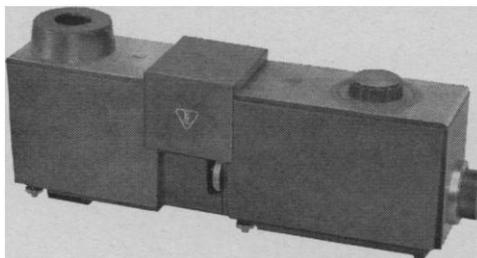
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1-3. **Structures and Materials**, American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 5th annual conf., Palm Springs, Calif. (R. R. Dexter, AIAA, 2 E. 64 St., New York, N.Y.)



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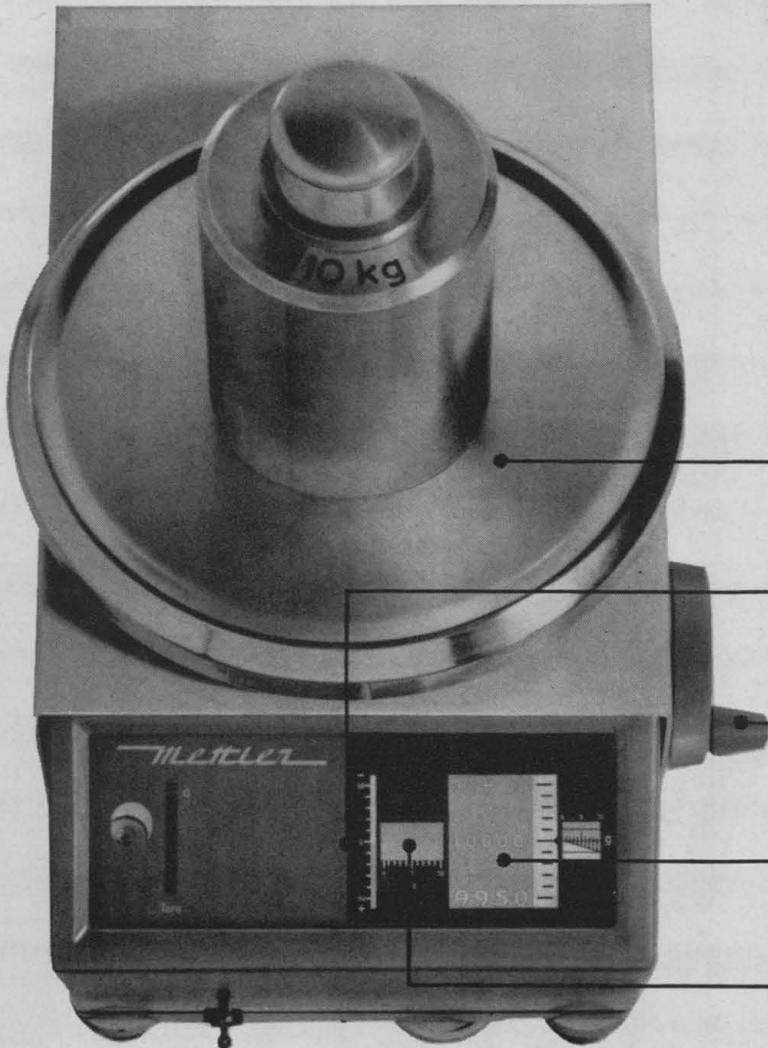
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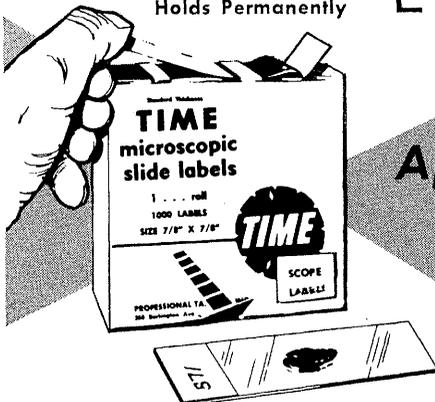
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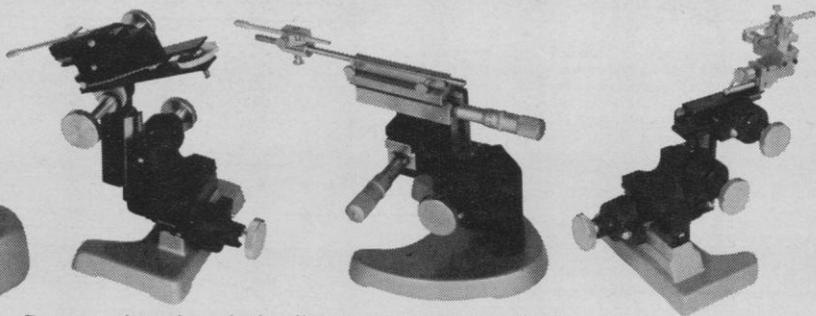
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