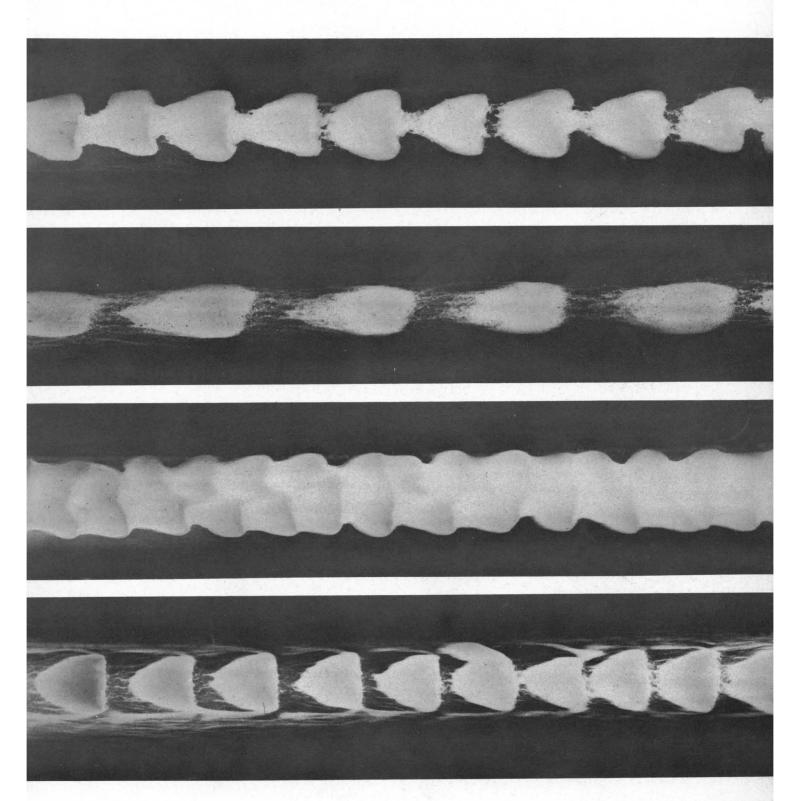
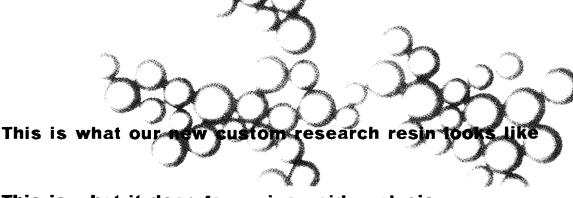
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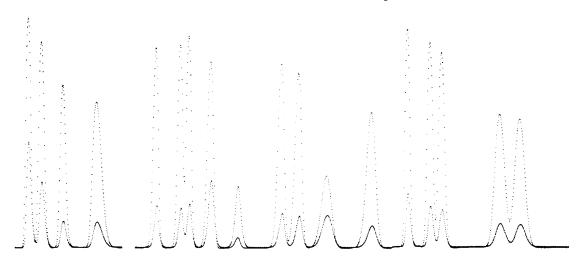
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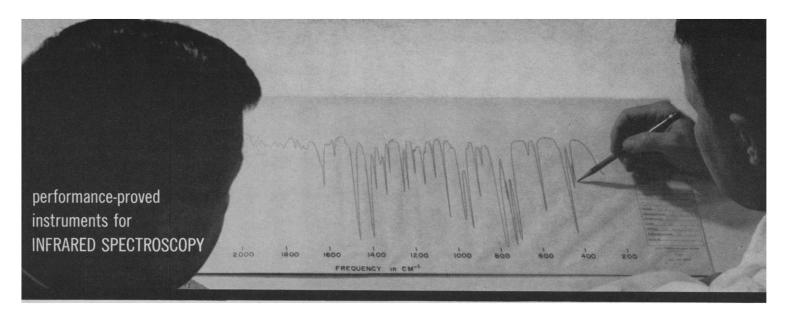
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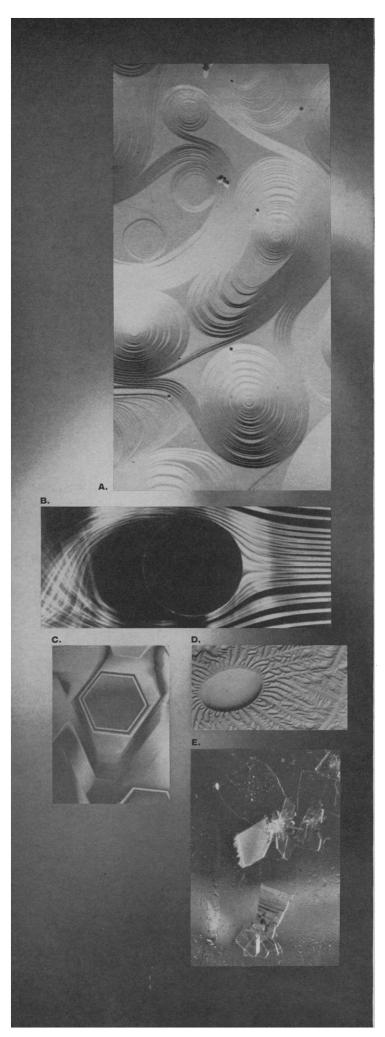
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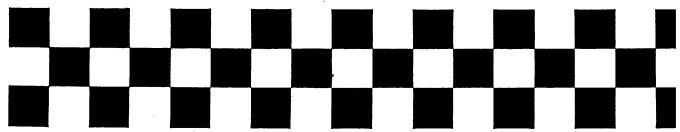
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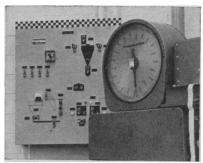
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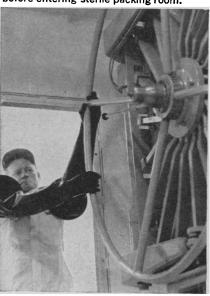


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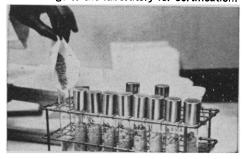
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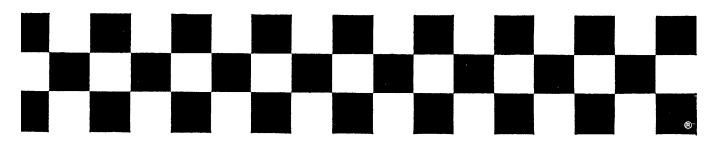
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Policies of government agencies differ with respect to distribution of funds. The Defense Department awards research contracts to those most capable of getting results. Since the principal business of the organization is defense of the nation, such a policy seems in order.

The National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation have succeeded in attaining a fairly widespread distribution of their funds. Lumping the two together for simplicity, one finds that, in fiscal 1962, four populous eastern states received \$7.0 per capita. Five middle western states obtained \$3.4, while eight southeastern states received \$2.1. However, considered on the more realistic basis of dollars per scientist in these regions, the distribution was roughly even. For the eastern group the figure was \$2000; for the middle western group, \$1590; and for the southeastern group, \$1600. These figures indicate that these two granting agencies have tried to distribute their funds broadly.

Despite such efforts, the fact remains that support is concentrated in a relatively few schools, and that some 700 institutions in this country which award baccalaureate or higher degrees in science receive no research grants from the National Science Foundation.

In considering policies with respect to distribution of funds for academic research we should ask ourselves: What should we be trying to do? What is the bottleneck today? Is it a need to acquire knowledge at a faster rate, or is it a need for more trained scientists? If the bottleneck were new findings, we would be justified in persisting in giving excellence overriding priority in the distribution of funds. The current flood of publications scarcely supports this view. Many believe that adequate training of students should have a priority in the academic world at least equal to that of research results. In the coming decade increasing numbers of students will enter universities, and an additional new group of professors must be prepared to teach them. Our future economic health depends on an adequate supply of first-class scientists for industrial organizations.

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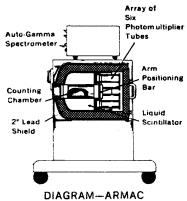
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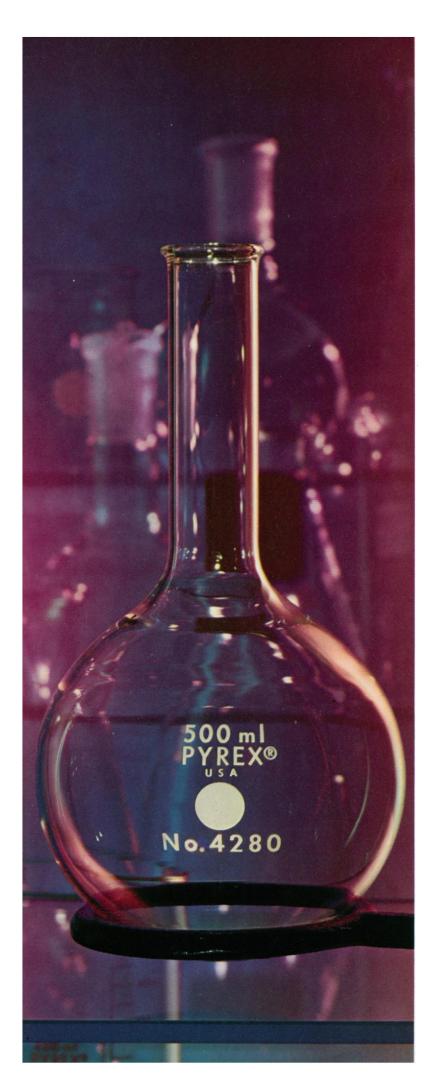
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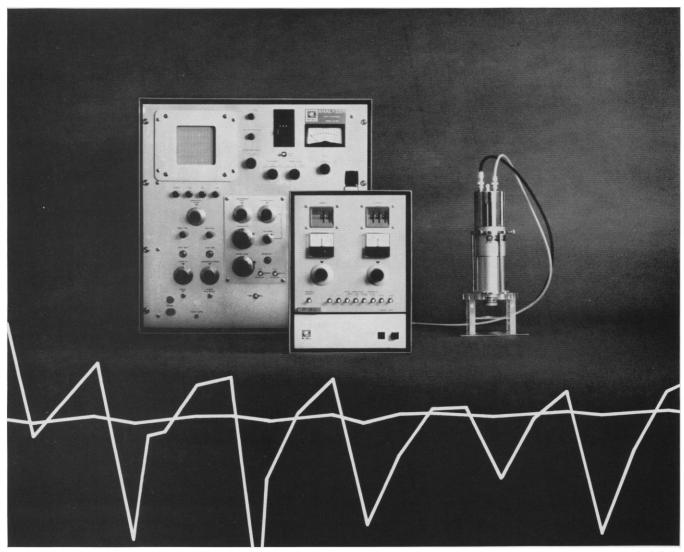
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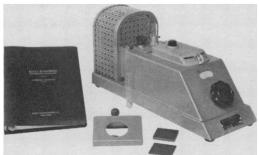
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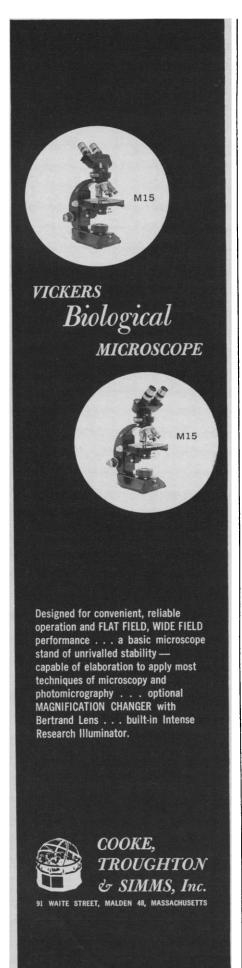
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11-14. American Urological Assoc., annual, Pittsburgh, Pa. (AUA, 1120 North Charles St., Baltimore, Md.)

11-16. Assessment of Radioactive Body Burdens in Man, symp., IAEA, Heidelberg, Germany. (IAEA, Div. of Public Information, Kärntnerring 11, Vienna, Austria)

11-14. Aerospace Medical Assoc., 35th annual, Bal Harbour, Fla. (W. J. Kennard, c/o Washington Natl. Airport, Washington, D.C. 20001)

11-14. Biological Editors, conf., Ann Arbor, Mich. (R. L. Zwemer, Committee on European Editors, c/o American Physiological Soc., 9650 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Md. 20014)

11-16. International College of Surgeons, 14th intern. congr., Vienna, Austria. (S. E. Henwood, 1516 Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60610)

12. American Inst. of Chemical Engineers, tri-sectional symp., Newark, N.J. (R. H. Dodds, Gibbs & Hill, Inc., 393 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y.)

13-14. Society of **Plastics Engineers**, plastics in space, conf., Garden City, N.J. (D. Hassel, Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp. Bethnage I.I. N.Y.)

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13-15. Biomathematics and Computer
Science in the Life Sciences, 2nd annual
symp., Houston, Tex. (Univ. of Texas
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Center, Houston 77025)

13-15. Society of Professional Well Log Analysts, 5th intern. symp., Midland, Tex. (F. Wheeler, SPWLA, P.O. Box 4713, Tulsa 14, Okla.)

14-15. Radiochemical Processing Symp., Buffalo, N.Y. (R. F. Lumb, Western New York Nuclear Research Center, Power Drive, Buffalo 14214)

14-15. Scandinavian Biochemistry Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden. (Sveriges Biokemiska Förenig, Karolinska Inst., Stockholm 60)

14-16. American Inst. of Industrial Engineers, 15th annual conf., Philadelphia, Pa. (W. J. Jaffe, Dept. of Management Engineering, Newark College of Engineering, Newark, N.J.)

14-16. Central States Anthropological Soc., annual, Milwaukee, Wis. (N. O. Lurie, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Wisconsin Milwaukee 11)

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14-16. Society of Technical Writers and
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Diego, Calif. (C. M. Johnson, U.S. Navy
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16. Southern California Acad. of Sciences, annual, Northridge. (R. B. Loomis, Dept. of Biology, Long Beach State College, Long Beach, Calif.)

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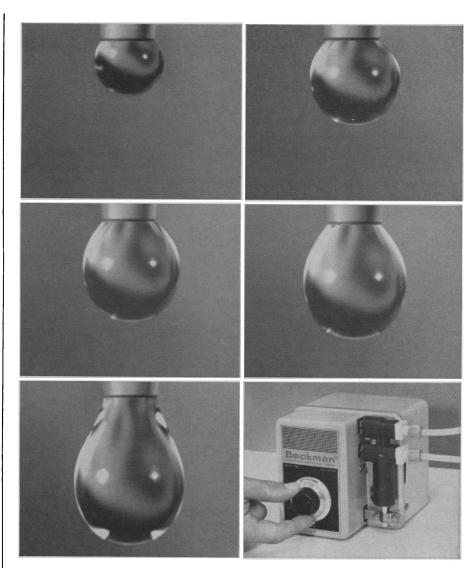
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