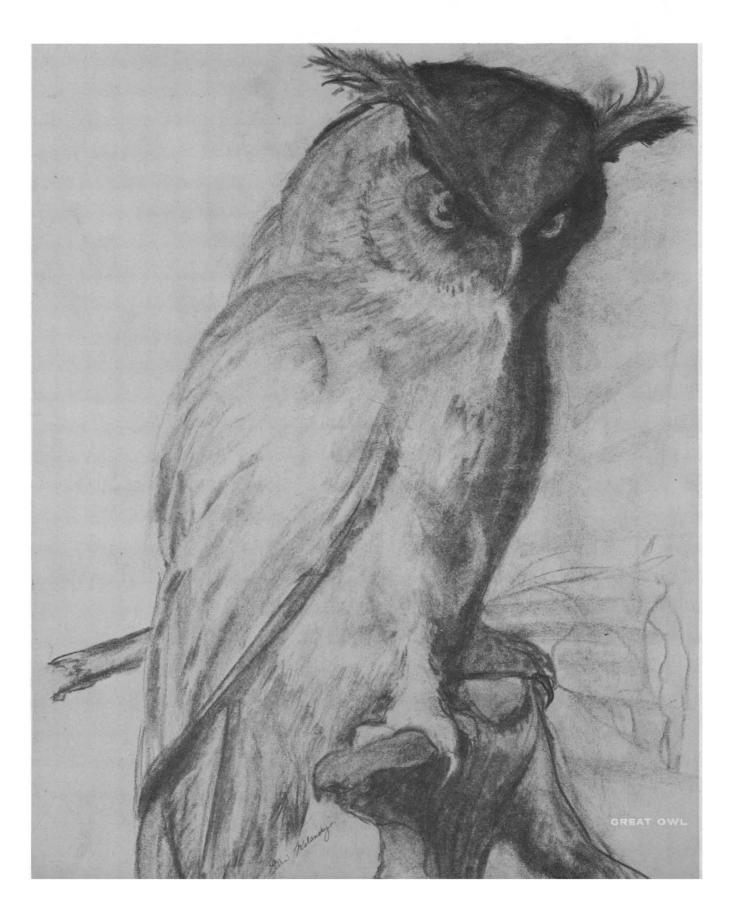
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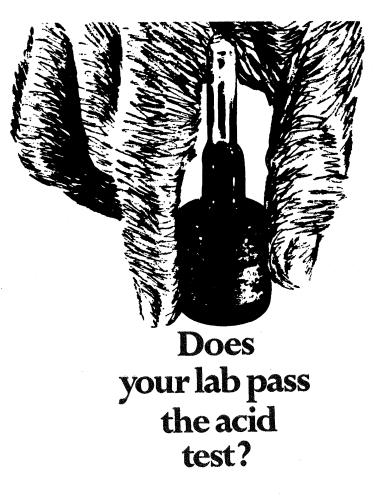
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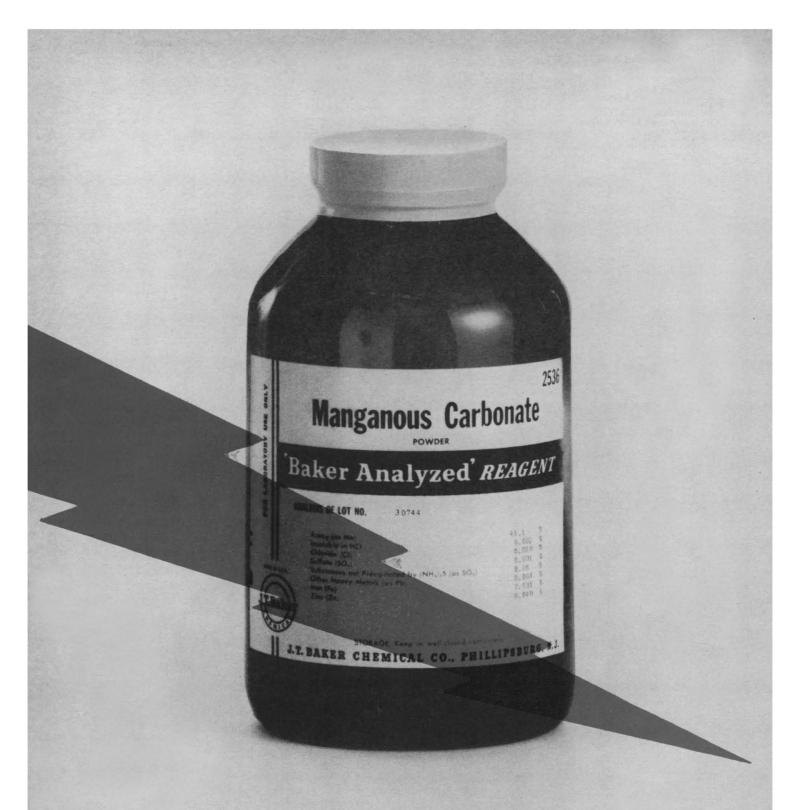
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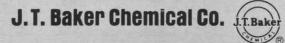
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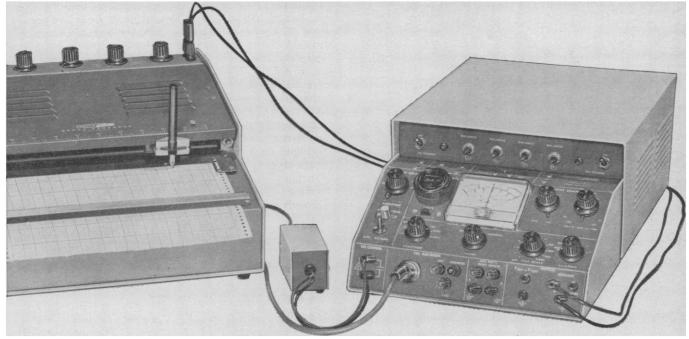
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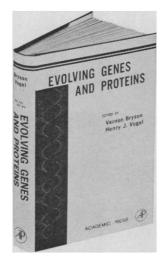
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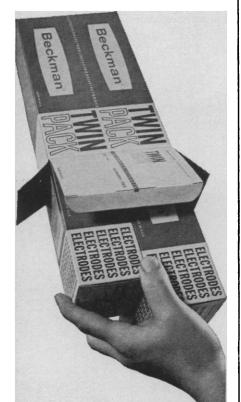
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. Secret things are revealed only to initiates. It is forbidden to reveal them to profane persons before they are initiated into the mysteries of knowledge. . . .

In commenting on this passage, the classical scholar Werner Wilhelm Jaeger goes on to observe:

Here we have mankind divided, as if by a religious rite, into two classes, one of which is severely debarred from an arcane knowledge . . . [Paidea, (Oxford Univ. Press, New York, 1944), vol. 3, p. 101.

No modern scientist consciously withholds knowledge as suggested in the passages quoted, yet we are all impelled, in one way or another, to retain the seventh veil around those matters that are closest to our professional lives.

I am far from proposing this as the root cause of scientists' notorious failure to communicate to a lay public. I only suggest that the reasons for this failure may lie deeper than mere indifference, a technical vocabulary, or lack of dramatic flair.

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#### **Education and Support of Scientists**

An article by Adolf Butenandt, president of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, in Bulletin No. 111 of the West German Press and Information Office (Bonn, 1965), deals with the sponsoring of research in the Federal Republic, but many points made in it are universally applicable and should be of interest to American scientists. Following are a few translated excerpts:

The building of immense institutes whose dimensions reach beyond the available intellectual capacity may quite conceivably be the reverse of meaningful research support. . . .

Investment in research is economically as sound as any other logical investment. The meaning of research here is rather broad and without a borderline between basic and applied, for "research is a unit." . . .

Basic research should and must be supported without planned partiality and to an extent determined by the number of available productive minds and facilities. .

Careful evaluation of the literature gives the impression that publication of industrial research findings is much more restrained in Germany than in the United States or Switzerland. . .

I would like to comment as follows on

the natural sciences, especially the field of chemistry: I am definitely convinced through my experiences that a young scientist will reap the most profit in his later professional career if the fundamentals of his initial training are widely extended and if all early specialization is avoided. Of course, a dissertation will always be specific, but the nature of this detailed topic is of no importance at all. Its major purpose must be to supply the aspiring researcher with an opportunity for observation, critical thought, orderly experimentation, and an understanding of casual reasoning. These processes can be learned on any chemical problem and can be effectively applied in the solving of any problematical situation. .

With regard to training and course work for our students, I consider as best promoting our research effort that education which is general in scope and which does not aim at a future professional specialty. .

A professional education which is formally ended when the student is 30 years of age cannot be any good; it should be reduced by at least three or four years. . . .

The 1963 Student Guide of the Technische Universität Berlin contains the following words of Professor Kniehahn: "A preferably brief university education is not to fill a vessel, but to kindle a fire. The world should not be supplied with supersaturated or conceited intellectuals, but with unfinished, yet hopeful, human beings still capable of generating enthusiasm." . .

A future researcher learning the basic facts of his discipline should not disregard this statement of the late psychiatrist Ernst Kretschmer; "Science is a matter of character, a matter of denial and firm compliance, it is a matter of integrity, of steadfastness, of honest conviction and of an infinite will to achieve."

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#### Erratum: A Matter of Local Pride

In the article on plankton by J. L. Brooks and S. I. Dodson (1 Oct., p. 28), there appears a photograph identified as an "aerial view of Cedar and Linsley ponds (Branford, Connecticut)." These ponds are located in the Town of North Branford, not Branford, North Branford having been legally set apart from Branford in 1831. As a lifelong resident of North Branford, I know that the residents take particular pride in the fact that these bodies of water, commonly known as Twin Lakes, are situated in their town.

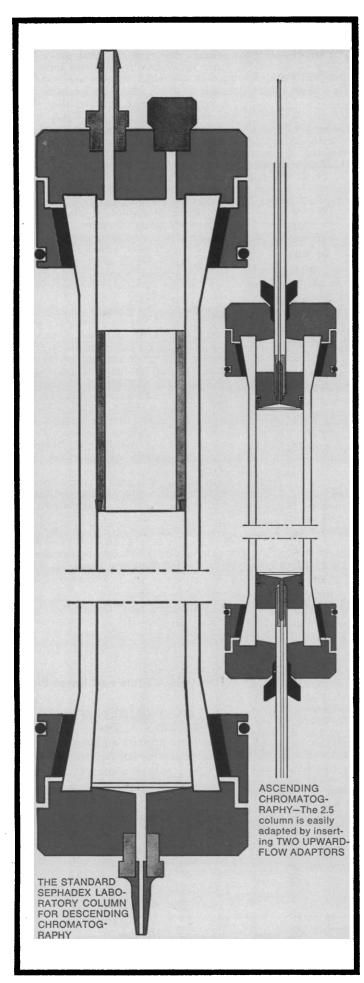
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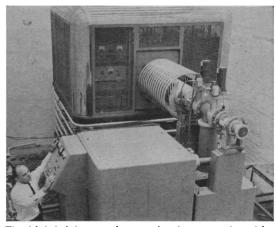
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#### Japan Points a Way

In many sciences, as in biology today, the conceptual fabric has changed fundamentally in the past 15 years. Together with the important task of resynthesizing our knowledge, new and old, we face the imperative task of retraining teachers at all levels, but especially in the lower schools. It is no longer endurable to permit teachers to continue using a stock in trade acquired 30, or even 15, years ago. Summer institutes are only a partial answer. In 12 years they have involved only about one-third of all our secondary-school science teachers, and those, because of qualifications for admission, the better ones. Moreover, the courses provided in summer science institutes often do not present material prepared to bring teachers up to the level of modern thinking across the advancing front in biology, chemistry, physics, or earth sciences.

In the United States the principal effort toward reform has been the curriculum studies, which are producing a revolution in American high school teaching and will shortly pose serious problems for college teachers, presenting them with an influx of better prepared and better motivated students than they are accustomed to expect. In Japan another approach has been developed, one of tremendous promise. Through local pressure from teachers and schools, some of the prefectures began to establish "science education centers" about five years ago. The first ones proved so successful that the movement rapidly spread, until today nearly every prefecture in Japan has such an institution.

Each center has a laboratory for physics, for chemistry, for biology, and for earth sciences. There is a permanent staff, usually of 8 to 12 persons, two or three for each science. A Ph.D. working with two experienced former secondary school science teachers is the usual unit. Groups of 25 to 30 teachers are enrolled in short, specially planned refresher courses and courses dealing with modern teaching methods. Other groups of teachers, on leave from their schools, may spend half a year in residence. Inasmuch as teachers in Japan are regularly employed on a 12-month basis, they can be required to participate in courses given during the school's vacation time; but they are so eager to do so that little suasion is needed. Some centers provide dormitories for the teachers in residence; others depend on local lodgings. Many teachers commute from their homes.

I was privileged to visit six of these institutions, while courses were in progress. The instructors were well acquainted with the new science curricula developed in the United States and were using them as a basis of much of their training programs. Not uncritically, however! Constructive criticism and improvement of the American materials was going on, as well as adaptation for Japanese conditions. One demonstration class of high school students taught by a teacher enrolled in the course was the finest science teaching I have ever seen. The students were led to develop their own experimental investigations of an enzyme in the true spirit of scientific inquiry. Although the Japanese Science Education Centers are insufficient in size to permit rotation of all teachers in any prefecture through them in a period of 5 or even 10 years, their permanent status as elements of a successful local school system is assured. So evident is their success that they are now being expanded to include retraining courses for teachers in all subjects.

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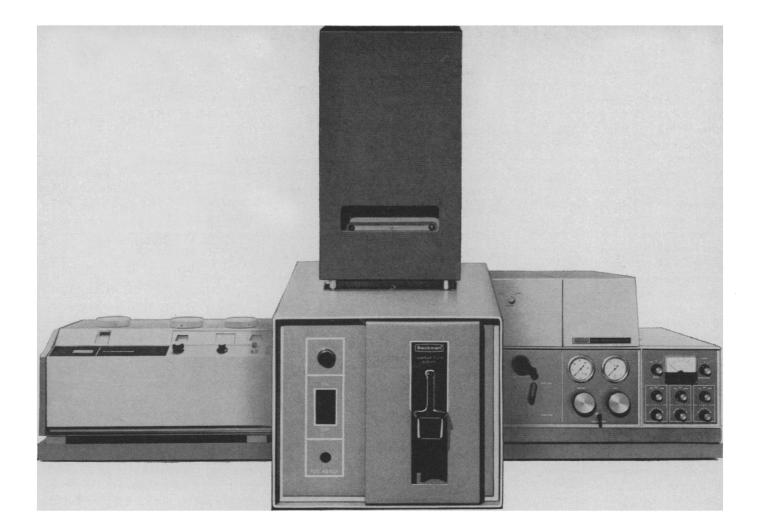
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The Association for Computing Machinery will sponsor a symposium on symbolic and algebraic manipulation 29-31 March in Washington. Papers are solicited on the implementation of programming systems which manipulate symbolic or algebraic data, and on the applications of such systems. Deadline for receipt of papers: 14 January. (J. E. Sammet, IBM Corporation, 545 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139)

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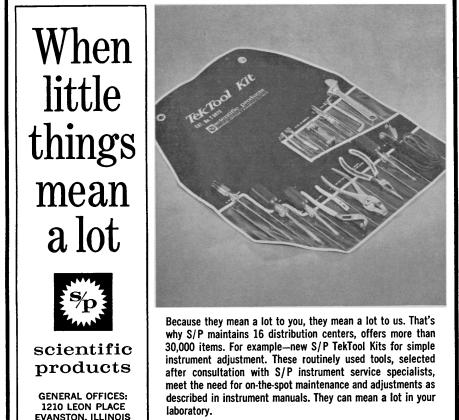
The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers group on microwave theory and technique will present a symposium in Palo Alto, California, 16-18 May. Papers are requested on all aspects of the field. Summaries: 500 to 1000 words in quadruplicate, abstracts: 200 words, deadline: 3 January. (L. Young, Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, California 94025)

The American University in Cairo, Egypt, is organizing an international conference on solid state science, 3-7 September. The topic of the meeting will be "interaction of radiation with solids," including both crystalline and noncrystalline solids. In addition to invited papers, 36 contributed papers will be accepted. Deadline for receipt of titles and abstracts: 15 January. Accepted papers must be submitted by 1 June. (A. Bishay, Department of Physical Sciences, American University in Cairo, 113, Kasr El Aini Street, Cairo, United Arab Republic)

An international symposium on the life sciences will be held at M.I.T. 2-3 December. The topics to be discussed will include molecular structure and the functional organization of cellular constituents; adaptation and functional coordination; and the "future of man and the life sciences." The meeting is part of the celebration to dedicate the new Whitaker building for the M.I.T. Center for Life Sciences. The \$5.8 million building provides expanded classrooms, laboratories, and office space for faculty, students, and staff. (J. B. Wiesner, School of Science, M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass.)

Papers are invited for presentation during an international symposium on gas chromatography and associated techniques, 20–23 September, in Rome. Areas to be covered include methods, uses, and comparisons with other forms of chromatography. Abstracts: approximately 500; deadline, 1 January. (A. B. Littlewood, School of Chemistry, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne 1, England)

A national congress of applied mechanics will be held 14-17 June at the University of Minnesota, sponsored by the university, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers. Papers are invited on experimental and theoretical applied mechanics, including mechanics of rigid bodies, de-



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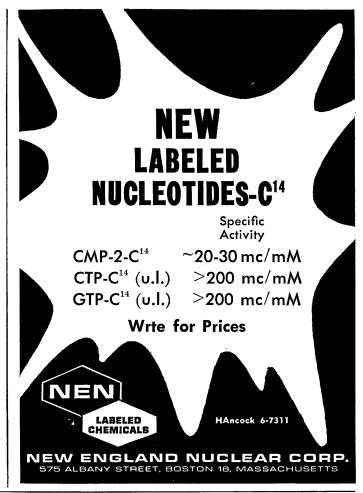
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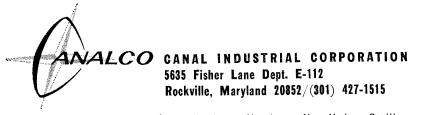
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#### Scientists in the News

Sigmund L. Friedman, staff consultant to the Hospital Review and Planning Council of Southern New York, has been appointed director of the recently established graduate school of medical administration at the New York Medical College.

The American Psychological Association has presented its 1965 gold medal award to **Heinrich Kluver**, of the University of Chicago, for his contributions in psychology, neurophysiology, neurohistology, and psychochemistry.

Ray Pepinsky, formerly chairman of physics and professor of chemistry and physics at Florida Atlantic University, has become a research professor of chemistry and physics at Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Laurence E. Strong, professor of chemistry at Earlham College, has taken a year's leave of absence to co-direct a UNESCO-sponsored project for the teaching of chemistry in Southeast Asia. He will remain in Bangkok, Thailand, until next July.

Thomas L. McMeekin has become a research professor in biology at the University of South Carolina; he retired recently as a research scientist in the Agriculture Department's Eastern