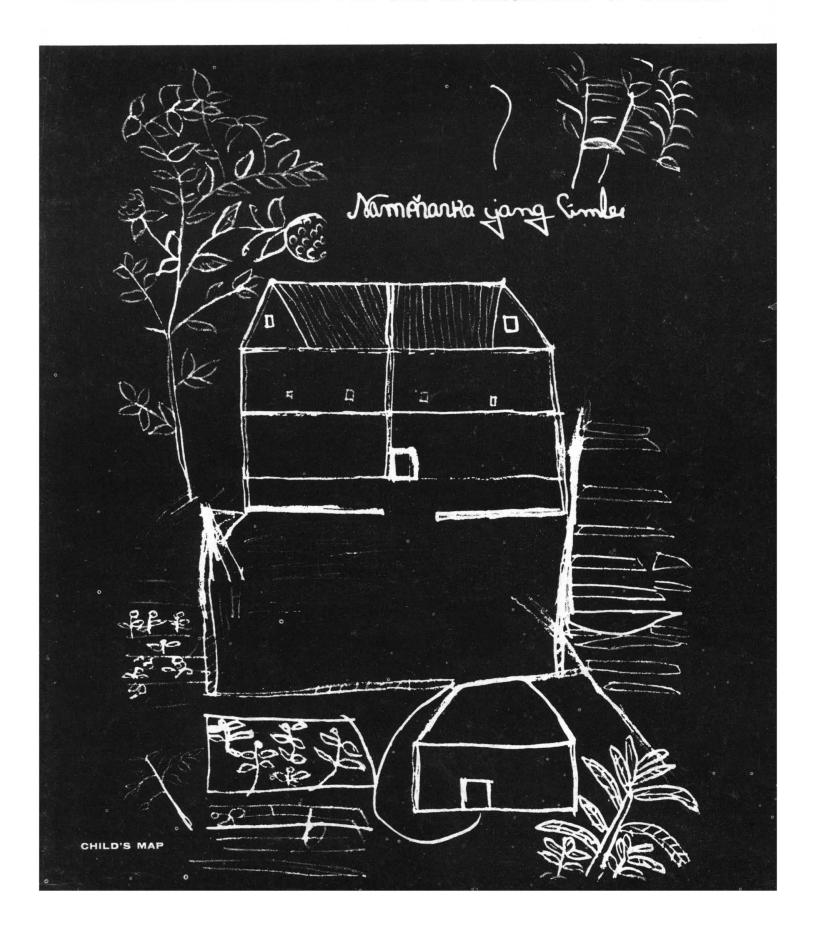
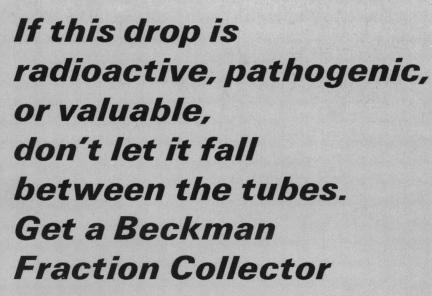
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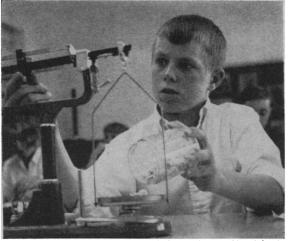
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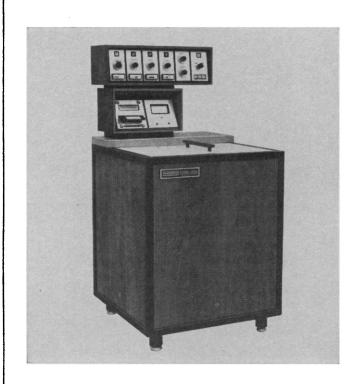
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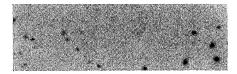
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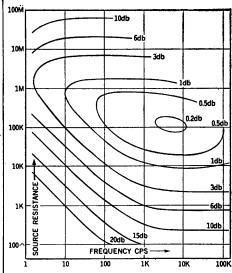
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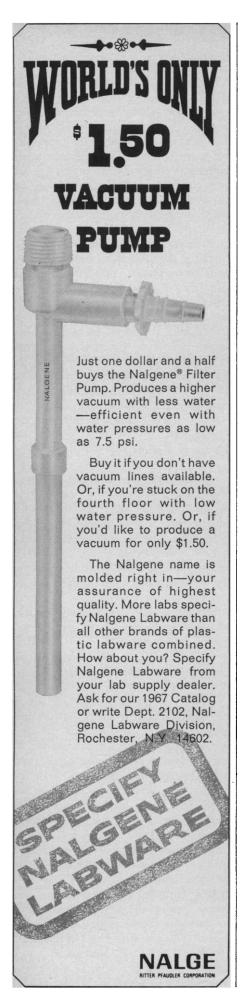
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. . . If the hypothesis is correct, and I as an interested nonprofessional find the evidence impressive, that psychoanalysis does not in fact contribute to the cure of mental disease or to measurable improvement in mental health, what should the scientific community do about it? The Hoxsey clinic with its cures for cancer was eventually effectively quarantined on the basis of scientific opinion. Recently we have had the "battery additive" and Krebiozen cases. These are simpler issues and much less dangerous for the scientific community. The responsibility of the scientist in shielding the public from more pervasive possible frauds is even greater. If typical psychoanalysis is basically a fraud insofar as it does not deliver what it purports to deliver, and in return for a fee, then surely something should be done about it.

As the evidence accumulates and the minority of psychologists and psychiatrists become more vocal, it may be wise for a responsible body, such as the National Academy of Sciences, to set up a committee to study the matter before it is sensationalized by the press some years hence. One of the special difficulties that can be anticipated is that deeply religious believers in the mythical thought structure of Freudian analysis are to be found at the highest educational levels. Will such an en-

quiry into basic beliefs be permitted by those who feel that psychiatry has helped them personally? Has society a right to ask for such validation? I believe it has only as long as fees are charged. Perhaps herein lies the eventual solution to the psychiatrists' proposal reported in Linn's book review. Surely if believers in the psychoanalytic world-view were to take their rightful place as another religion or way of life, they could then carry their gospel of "psychiatry out of the hospitals and clinics into the community" as a charitable service.

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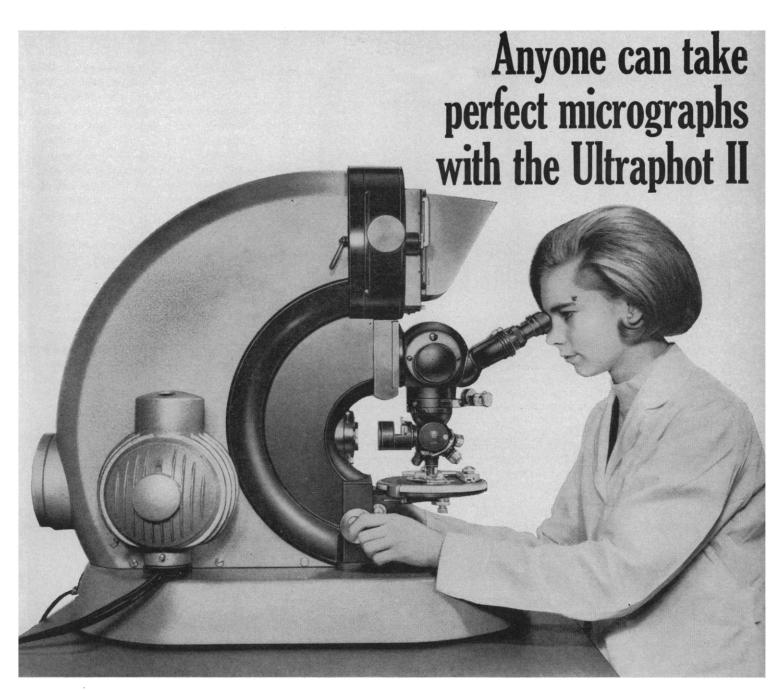
Rimland's letter reveals anger over the failure of psychiatrists to make impartial judgments about the effectiveness of their daily work and about the soundness of their theories. . . . Psychiatry and psychology are infant sciences in the 20th century, swathed in superstition and under authoritarian control. The visible inadequacies of psychiatry should be not a source of anger but rather a spur to the inquiring mind; they should also be a stimulus to scientific humility.

The psychiatrists of the 21st century will look back with amusement and tolerance (let us hope) at the psychiatry of today. Let us pray that they are that much ahead of us!

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#### **Specialization and Medical Education**

The lucid letters of Mellinkoff and King (11 Nov.) go to the heart of several of the many complex problems afflicting medical education, whereas much of the current writing on the subject is characterized by stereotypical and wishful thinking. For example, proposals to produce greater numbers of general practitioners more often reflect the myth of the old-fashioned family doctor than familiarity with the history of medicine and current medical needs and social problems. Ignored, among other facts, are the increasing mobility of the average individual and average family, and the increasing demand by the public for direct access to specialists.



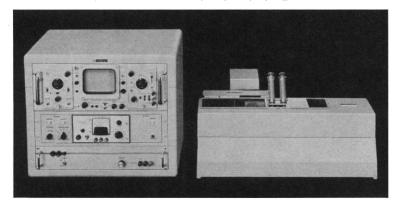
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Among the many economic problems, insufficient attention is given to the high cost of medical education. If we are to recruit enough highly qualified students to study medicine, medical education will have to be subsidized by direct federal grants to the student, without a means test. While I am familiar with noteworthy exceptions, most medical students are being contaminated by a value gradient along which "basic research" is placed in a hallowed shrine, with clinical or applied research and teaching in descending order of value. That such valuation is specious is recognized by those department chairmen, as King indicates, who encourage the highest standards in every area of professional work. and who thereby tend to elicit the most productive and creative work from students and co-workers.

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One is relieved to read that the more medicine tends to become a science "the more it becomes simple and easy to understand" (Mitchell, Letters, 11 Nov.). In one field, radiology, the time when it will be simple and easy seems to be receding. So much knowledge has been acquired since 1945 that one person cannot know it all; not that it is too difficult; there is too much.

Radiation therapy is a separate discipline; curable types of cancer (larynx, cervix, tongue, and others) are now being treated by people with special experience and proven ability. The scope of diagnostic radiology in a large hospital practice is too great for any one man to handle with authority. Therefore, it is divided into subspecialties, not only according to organ systems, but according to the age of the patient. Pediatric radiology has some 100 practitioners in the United States, even though it became an established subspecialty only in the past 20 years. Knowledge in this field alone has increased to the extent that one man can no longer be expected to be thoroughly familiar with all aspects of radiographic manifestations of diseases in children.

Generally 5 to 6 years of training after the internship are necessary for a radiologist to acquire expert knowledge in an area of pediatric x-ray diagnosis. Some specialize in children's diseases of the heart, especially congenital heart disease, others in diseases of the genitourinary tract, still others in dis-

eases of the skeleton; of the latter, one man is particularly interested in the pelvic bones. There is one person in the country who can rightfully be called a pediatric neuroradiologist.

One must agree with Mitchell that "a foundation of trained clinical observation is necessary" in medicine. It is hard to see how this makes specialization unnecessary. Even if man's capacity for knowledge were limitless, his time to acquire it is not. A boy with a removable brain tumor or a surgically curable congenital cardiac malformation would benefit more from being seen by a physician with relevant special experience than by one without it.

Specialization is not evil; what is to be deplored is *specialism*, a parochial attitude. The general physician is not immune to it, as we can see when he deplores specialization.

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#### **Automatic Language Processing:** Source of Funds

In discussing the report of the Automatic Language Processing Advisory Committee, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council entitled Language and Machines: Computers in Translation and Linguistics, Bryce Nelson reported an interview with R. Ross Macdonald, director of the Georgetown University Machine Translation Research Project (6 Jan., p. 59). According to the article Macdonald denied that the National Science Foundation had ever supported the Georgetown MT group—as stated in the Automatic Language Processing Advisory Committee report. "Macdonald argued that this was one of the errors in the report, since it was known that all NSF money given to the Georgetown project came from the CIA." It happens that the National Science Foundation did make grants (G-2723, G-3867, and G-5513) of \$106,000 to the Georgetown MT Project. My authority for these figures is page v of the Georgetown University Machine Translation Research Project "General Report" (June 1963) prepared by R. Ross Macdonald.

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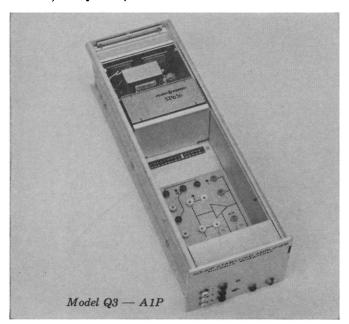
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#### Goals, Priorities, and Dollars

In 1975 the U.S. will spend over \$30 billion for research and development if the projections of Goals, Priorities, and Dollars\* are confirmed. This book, by Leonard Lecht, is the first report of the National Planning Association's Center for Priority Analysis. It projects the amount of money likely to be available for 16 classes of expenditure and the cost of meeting national goals in each class, as those goals have been formulated by legislative enactment, expert studies, or knowledgeable public bodies. The classes are: consumer expenditures and savings, private plant and equipment, urban development, social welfare, health, education, transportation, national defense, housing, research and development, natural resources, international aid, space, agriculture, manpower retraining, and area redevelopment. The listing is in decreasing order of the amounts expected to be spent in 1975.

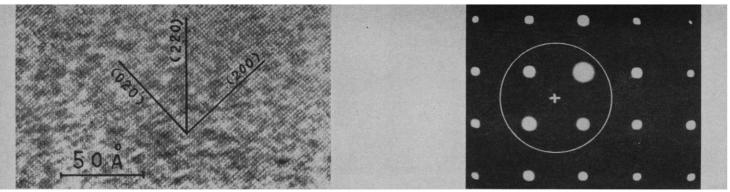
The U.S. population is expected to increase to 226 million in 1975. For a population of this size, a gross national product (GNP) of \$770 billion will be required to equal 1962 per-capita expenditures for civilian goods, education, health care, and the rest of the 16 areas. The actual GNP for 1975 is likely to be higher—\$981 billion, if Lecht is right in assuming a steady 4-percent-a-year increase from 1962 to 1975. This rate is higher than that in recent years, but he considers it reasonable and attainable. A GNP of \$981 billion will be \$211 billion above the amount necessary to maintain 1962 standards, but it will not be enough to meet in full the goals in all 14 areas. That would require a GNP of \$1127 billion.

The projections give hope of \$211 billion for discretionary use in raising standards above present levels for some or all of the goal areas, and they also give warning that we will fall short by \$146 billion of having enough to satisfy all the aspirations. For research and development, continuation of the 1962 expenditure rate of 3 percent of GNP would provide \$30 billion in 1975, an amount that seems reasonable in light of actual increases from 1962 through 1967. The aspiration level for 1975 is \$39 billion.

Obviously choice will be necessary. Every budget-maker knows this necessity, yet Lecht's calculations help to define the area in which we can maneuver. Moreover, projection of the R & D range and of the size and range of other claims on the GNP strengthen the argument that we need better information on which to base our choices.

Traditionally, individual companies, universities, foundations, government agencies, and congressional committees have each looked at some portion of the total research and development realm. Their individual decisions, made for their individual reasons, collectively determine the national total and distribution of R & D expenditures. We will not depart from this decentralized system, yet we could provide many decisionmakers with two kinds of help to make better-informed choices. One is additional, updated, and more refined projections and analyses of the kind Lecht has given us. The other is the clearer formulation of criteria for choice among various scientific and technological alternatives. Choices are inevitable; scientists can lead in establishing the criteria on which they are made, or they can leave this responsibility to others.—DAEL WOLFLE

<sup>\*</sup> Leonard A. Lecht, Goals, Priorities, and Dollars, Free Press, New York, 1966, \$2.95.



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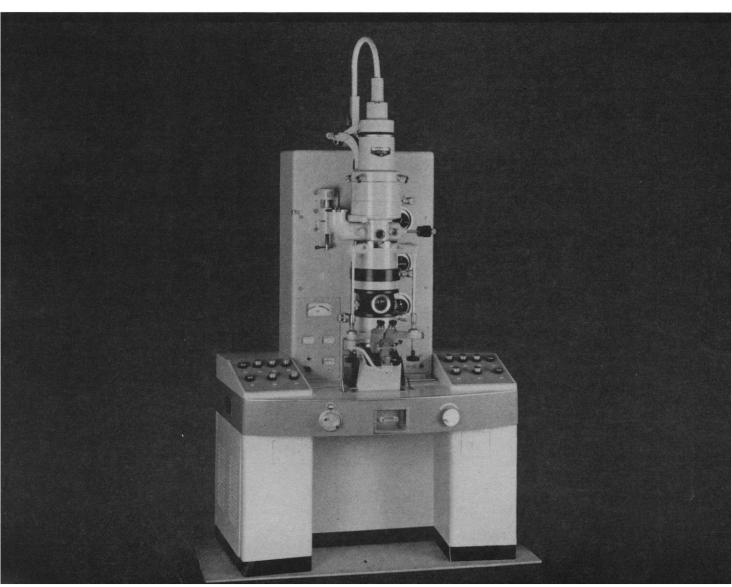
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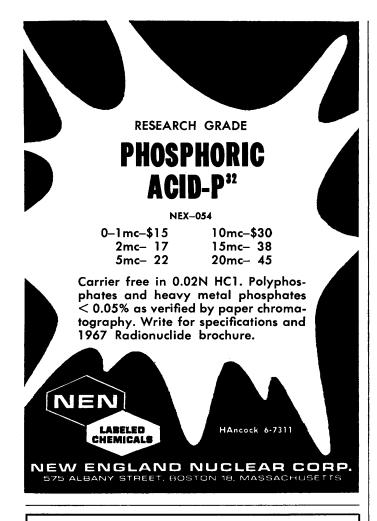
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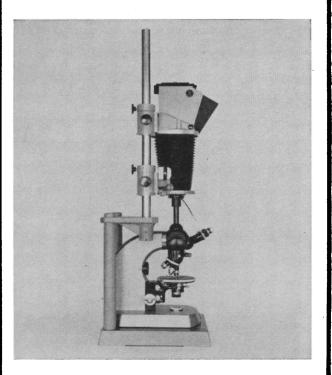
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