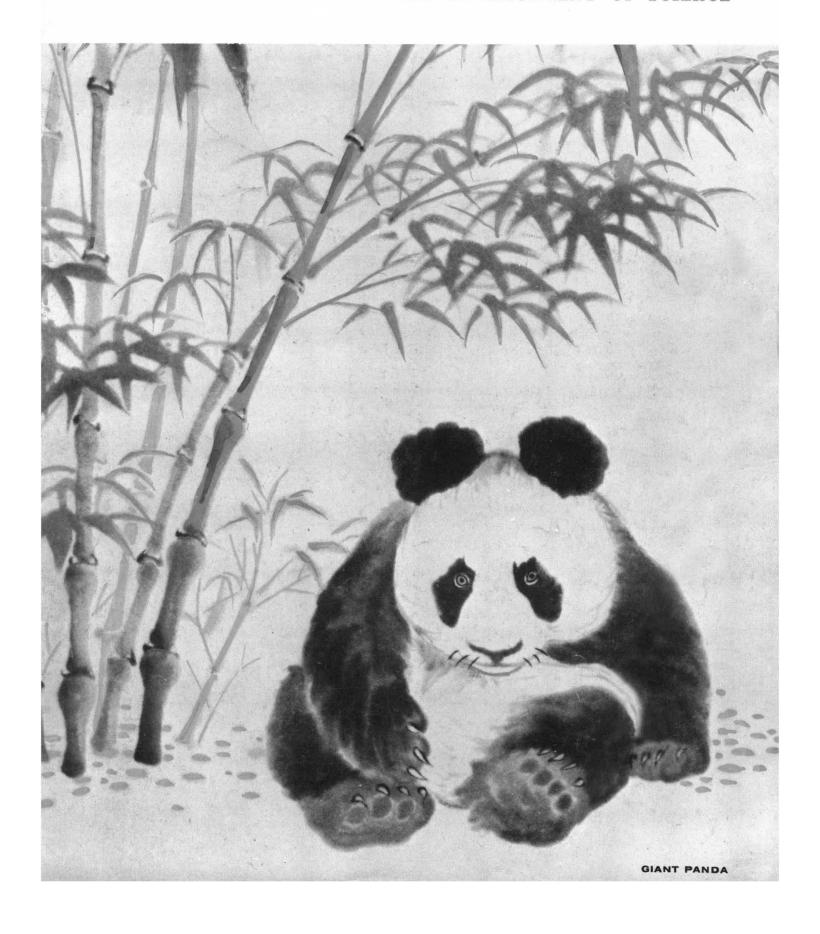
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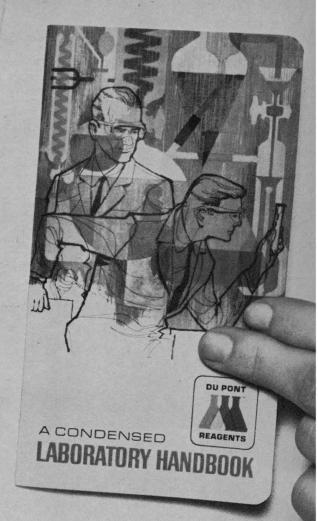
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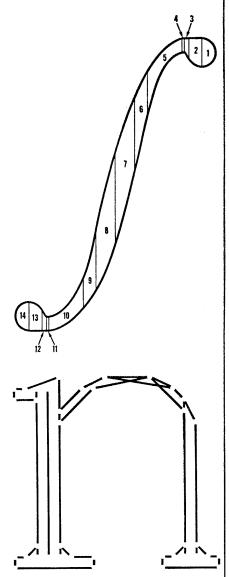
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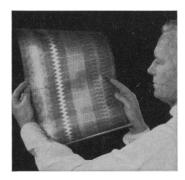
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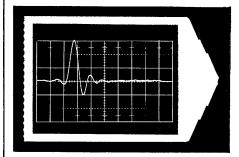
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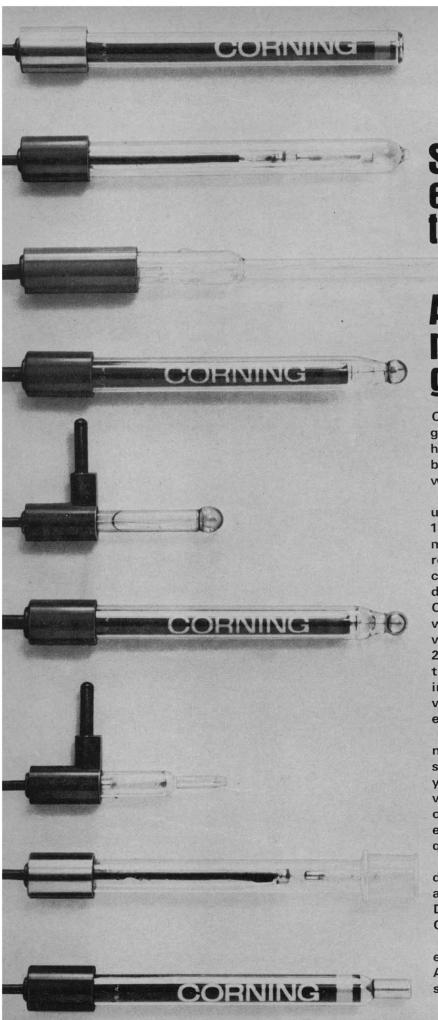
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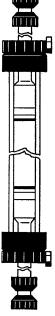
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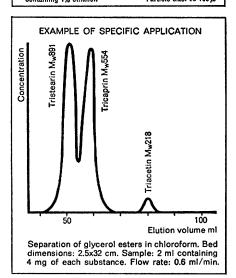
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The plague of Rachel Carson's Silent Spring continues to infest the minds of scientists, despite the cures offered by more sophisticated investi-

Wolff, in his review of Kihlman's new book, The Actions of Chemicals on Dividing Cells (27 Jan., p. 443), states that geneticists should be warned against the indiscriminate use of radiation, which presents a clear-cut genetic hazard. He writes, "Any arguments about whether or not geneticists should heed this advice have become academic since the publication of Rachel Carson's Silent Spring. The lay public is now acutely aware of the hazards attendant on the indiscriminate use of chemical agents."

Many articles, papers, and books have become available to both lay people and scientists which refute the general theme of Silent Spring and Carson's interpretation of "indiscriminate." The most notable are the findings of the Ribicoff Committee (1). After 3 years of intensive study of the use of pesticides the committee reached several conclusions on the benefit-risk equation. Senator Ribicoff (Connecticut) summed up the findings with the statement, "The committee concluded that no significant human health hazard exists today when the great benefits of disease control and food production are weighed against known hazards." Senator Pearson (Kansas) added, "The exhaustive investigations of the Subcommittee conclusively establish that the present use of chemical pesticides do not constitute an environmental health hazard." These conclusions were reached despite Carson's personal testimony to the committee.

A concurrent investigation was conducted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, chaired by Congressman Jamie L. Whitten (Mississippi). Over 185 outstanding scientists and 23 physicians were interviewed, as well as officials of the American Medical Association and university medical school faculties. Also included were biologists, chemists, entomologists, nutritionists, pharmacologists, plant pathologists, toxicologists, zoologists (including a geneticist), as well as experts in agriculture, conservation, and public health. Whitten's book. That We May Live, is a result of the remarkable investigation (2). Those who would use Silent Spring as a reference should force themselves to read the opposite conclusions in That We May Live. . . .

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#### Are There Inoffensive Weapons?

I note that the American Anthropological Association condemned four weapons of warfare, including napalm and chemical defoliants, as "offending human nature." I presume they also passed an antithetical resolution recommending a series of weapons, such as battle-axes, swords, guns, artillery, and others as being pleasing to human nature. Why such selectivity in serving the instincts of Cain?

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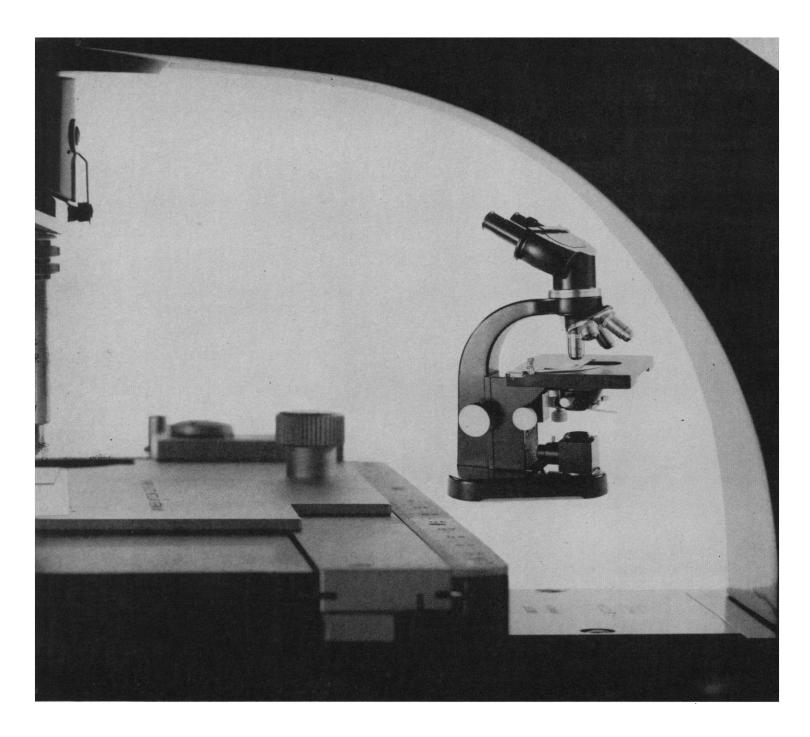
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#### **Educational Equality**

A new report\* by James B. Conant reviews changes in the American high schools since the publication in 1959 of his influential *The American High School Today*. This time he concentrated on "widely comprehensive" high schools, those which provide both academic and vocational education for from 750 to 2000 students and which send from 25 to 75 percent of their graduates on to college. Among such schools, which enroll about half of all public high school students, Conant rated only a few as highly satisfactory. Nevertheless, he reports, there has been substantial progress in teaching modern foreign languages, science, and mathematics. (Another recent study shows, however, that the U.S. lags behind several other countries in effectiveness of teaching mathematics.)

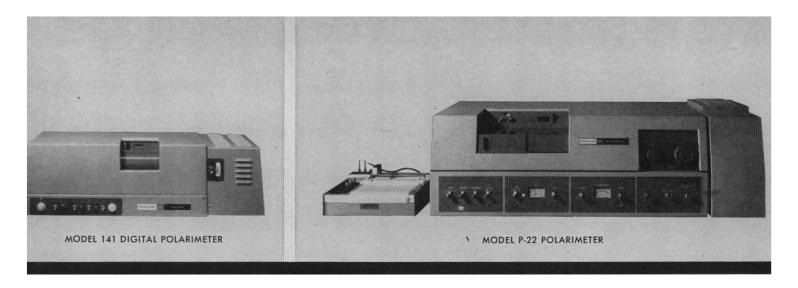
The most striking finding was the great variability on all standards of quality. In terms of what a high school offers its students, there are inequalities both among the states and within individual states. These inequalities will persist so long as school budgets—and hence staffing ratios, course offerings, libraries, shops, laboratories, and other aspects of school quality—are determined by local attitudes and financial resources. Conant's conclusion—he calls it a prejudice—is that states rather than local communities must become responsible for school support and that large amounts of federal money will be needed before we can approach equality of opportunity in what is offered to high school students.

What is offered, however, only partly determines what is learned. James S. Coleman, in his *Equality of Educational Opportunity* (reviewed in *Science*, 9 December 1966), presents massive support for the generalization that differences in school achievement are so closely related to differences in family background that changes in school facilities and curricula have little effect in overcoming deep-seated environmental handicaps. He reaches the dismal conclusion that "schools bring little influence to bear on a child's achievement that is independent of his background and general social context; and that . . . the inequalities imposed on children by their home, neighborhood, and peer environments are carried along to become the inequalities with which they confront adult life at the end of school."

Studies of children and young animals are producing increasingly strong evidence that early environment is crucial in determining the course of development. However good an infant's genetic potentialities may be, a stimulating early environment is essential for satisfactory intellectual development through childhood and adolescence. We have started to recognize this principle in the Head Start program. But that effort is too small to be more than a demonstration. It probably starts too late in life. And it is surely supported by too little understanding of how children learn and are motivated.

Equality of educational opportunity is one of our fundamental national ideals. The deeply entrenched principles of parental responsibility for the preschool years and local responsibility for the schools perpetuate so much bad practice as to make attainment of the ideal impossible. Only when we acquire and disseminate widely a much better understanding of how young children learn and how one may help them learn can we hope to approach the ideal. At best, this will require more than a generation. For the immediate future, Conant's book, like his 1959 report, is a plea to interested citizens to bring about improvements we already know how to make.—Dael Wolfle

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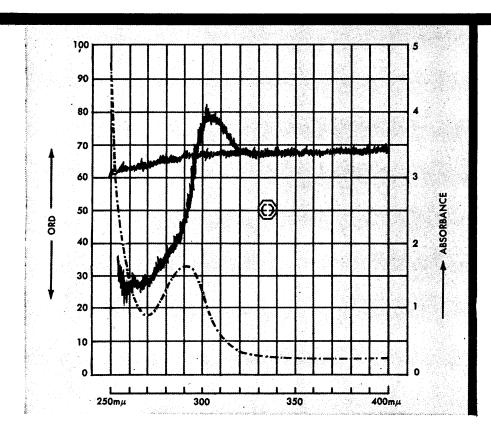
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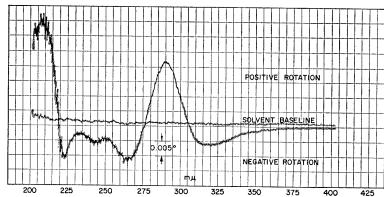
A comprehensive review of the sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR) by L. Peachey covered many species from many phyla. He stressed the progressive increase in the structural complexity of the system and in the regularity of SRsarcomere relationships, and showed that these changes can be correlated with a progressive increase in the speed of the contraction-relaxation cycle. For reviewing fine structural details, Peachey chose the amphibian fast muscle (frog sartorius). In addition to the now familiar features of this system (T tubes, terminal cisternae, connecting tubules, and central collar, which were interpreted in terms of excitation-contraction coupling and subsequent relaxation), he stressed the presence of a granular content in the terminal cisternae and of a constricted passage between these cisternae and the longitudinal tubules. On the basis of these and other findings (see Ebashi), he postulated that during relaxation Ca2+ is pumped into the longitudinal tubules and subsequently accumulates in the terminal cisternae, presumably by complexing with their granular content.

S. Ebashi reviewed the development of current concepts concerning the function of SR from the initial finding of a muscle Mg2+-activated adenosine triphosphatase by Kielley and Meyerhof, through the relaxing factor, to in vitro experiments with SR fractions isolated from muscle. The main conclusion of this line of work—that is, the ATP-dependent ability of SR fractions to accumulate Ca2+ in vitrocould lead to an understanding of the physiological role of the system in vivo provided that: (i) the accumulation of Ca<sup>2+</sup> be extensive enough to reduce concentration in the cell sap below a critical value for relaxation; (ii) the movement of Ca2+ be fast enough to account for the known rapidity of relaxation; and (iii) the release of accumulated Ca2+ be induced by a change in electric field related to the arrival of a depolarization wave in the adjacent T tubules. Evidence obtained in Ebashi's and Weber's laboratories indicate that requirements (i) and (ii) are fulfilled; requirement (iii) is not yet satisfied by unquestionable evidence. Ultraviolet, microbeam irradiation carried out by Endo leads to contraction only when applied to the Z-band region in amphibian muscle. Since ultraviolet irradiation is known to affect SR permeability in vitro, the finding suggests that Ca2+ accumulation takes place in the terminal cisternae and that the SR is functionally compartmented. Ebashi mentioned that cell membrane excitability is dependent on Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration in the cell sap; he postulated that Ca<sup>2+</sup> accumulation in SR may have a double function: control of the relaxation-contraction cycle, as well as of cell membrane excitability. In this respect, he showed recent results indicating the presence of an ATP-dependent Ca<sup>2+</sup> accumulation by brain microsomes.

K. Hama presented two new examples of sarcoplasmic reticulum in muscle fibers of the heart. His work may challenge current interpretations of the role of the T system in excitation-contraction coupling. The first example was found in the neurogenic muscle fibers of the heart in the mantis shrimp, and is characterized by two T systems for every sarcomere: one system is part of a triad at the Z-band level, while the other occurs in a dyad facing the middle of the A band. The second example is the myogenic muscle fiber of an avian myocardium in which no T system can be identified, although the equivalent of a terminal cisterna is recognized at the Z-band level.

D. Fawcett considered the biogenesis of ER membranes induced by drugs. His experiments, carried out in collaboration with Jones, confirm and extend to another species (the hamster) results obtained by Remer and Merker and by Orrenius and Ericsson on rats and rabbits. The main finding is the massive increase in smooth ER that follows the administering of drugs. The event has already been correlated with an increase in the activity of the enzymes of the detoxifying system of the liver; Fawcett reported that cholesterol synthesis is also increased under such conditions. The broad implications of the main finding (that is, the druginduced proliferation of smooth ER) were discussed in terms of cellular pathology as well as in terms of a morphologically justified, basic distinction between smooth and rough ER.

G. Palade reported on work, carried on in collaboration with Dallner and Siekevitz, on a critical phase in the differentiation process of the rat hepatocyte. The phase occurs within a few days before and after birth and is characterized by: (i) the appearance (usually immediately after birth) of enzyme activities typical of the ER (microsomal) membranes of fully differentiated hepatocytes; (ii) asynchronous increase in activity even for enzymes which are



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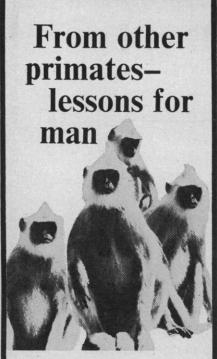
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part of a common multienzyme system; and (iii) rapid proliferation of ER, primarily smooth ER membranes. Experiments with actinomycin D and puromycin indicated that these events reflect the synthesis of new proteins. Experiments which changed the lipid composition of the membranes (by dietary changes, or by the addition of various lipids to defatted membranes) suggested that these lipids do not play a critical role in the differentiation process. Kinetic experiments showed that the activity of the microsomal constitutive enzymes appears first in the rough and then in the smooth ER. Pulse-labeling experiments revealed that the same applies for total, newly synthesized membrane proteins. The results were considered in terms of a series of models which assume that new membrane is produced in the cell either in a one-step operation or in a multistep operation. In the latter case, a "primary" membrane is presumably laid down in a first step and various enzymes are added to it in subsequent steps. Each of these models could apply to a homogeneous membrane within which all constitutive proteins are randomly distributed, or, alternatively, to a mosaic membrane in which each tessera represents a multienzyme system or an aggregate of identical enzymes.

More recent results, which may narrow the choice between these various models, were reported by T. Omura. He showed that in fully differentiated hepatocytes the turnover of microsomal membrane lipids, as followed by regression of labeling with 14C-glycerol, is much faster (half life ~ 40 hours) than the half life of the total membrane proteins (half life ~ 100 hours). Two constitutive enzymes which at present can be isolated and purified from microsomal membranes proved to have different half lives. Hence, ER membranes appear to be continuously synthesized, even in the fully differentiated hepatocytes of the adult animal. The general turnover rate is relatively high and appears to be different for some of the membrane components. In this situation, it is possible to check on adult animals, under more favorable experimental conditions, some of the results previously obtained in newborns. For instance, kinetic studies on labeled membrane proteins can be carried out at the level of individual, satisfactorily purified enzymes (cytochrome b<sub>5</sub> and NADPHcytochrome c reductase). The results

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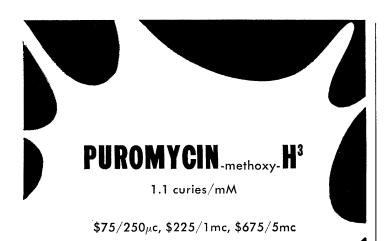
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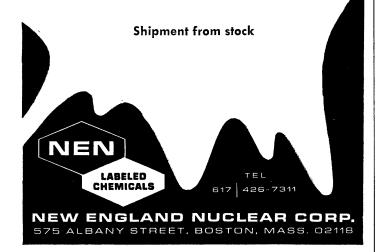
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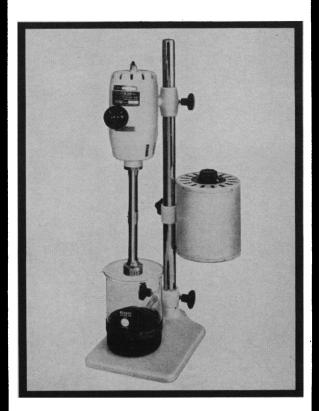
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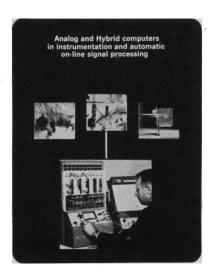
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