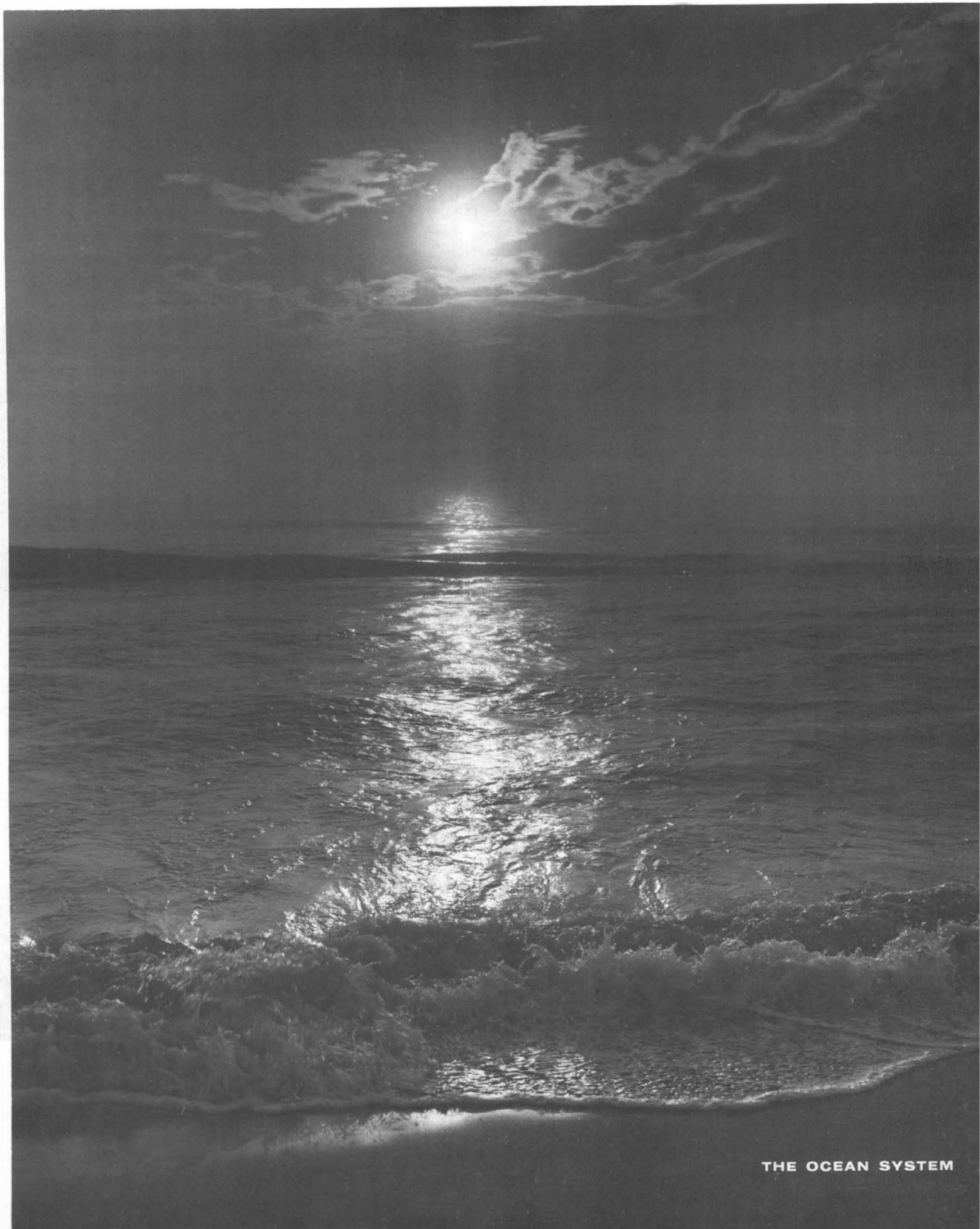


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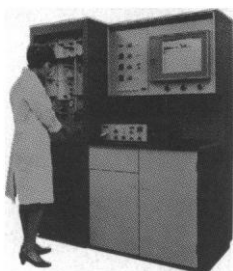
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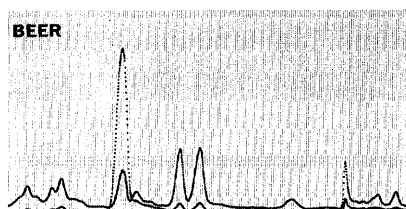
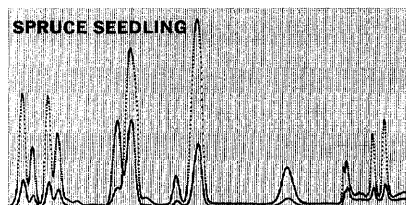
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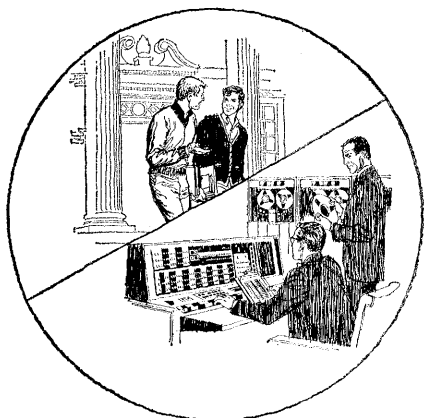
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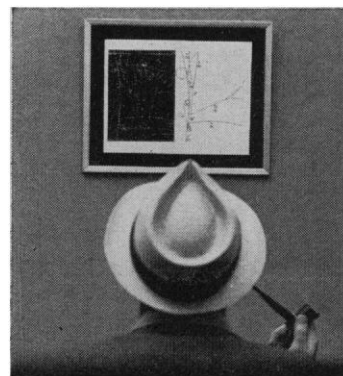
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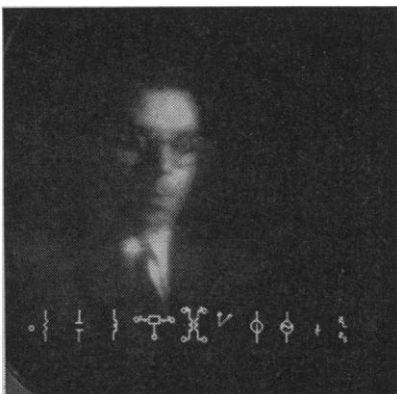
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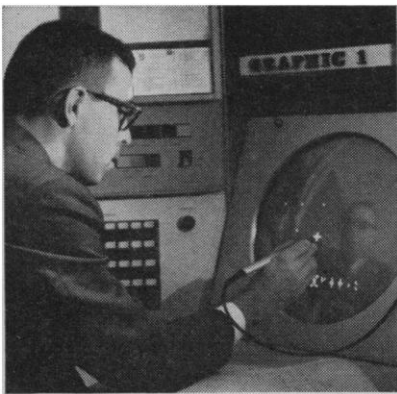
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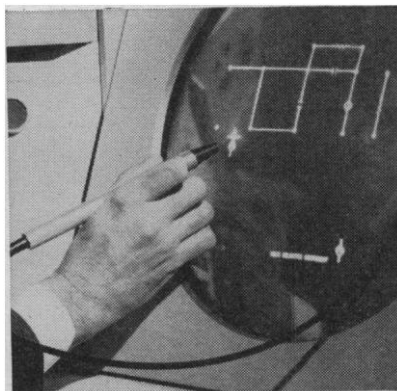
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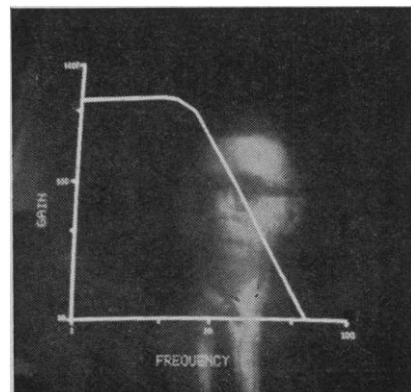
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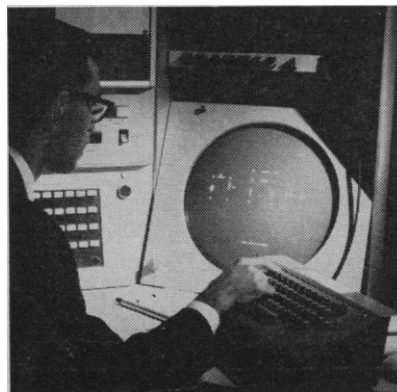
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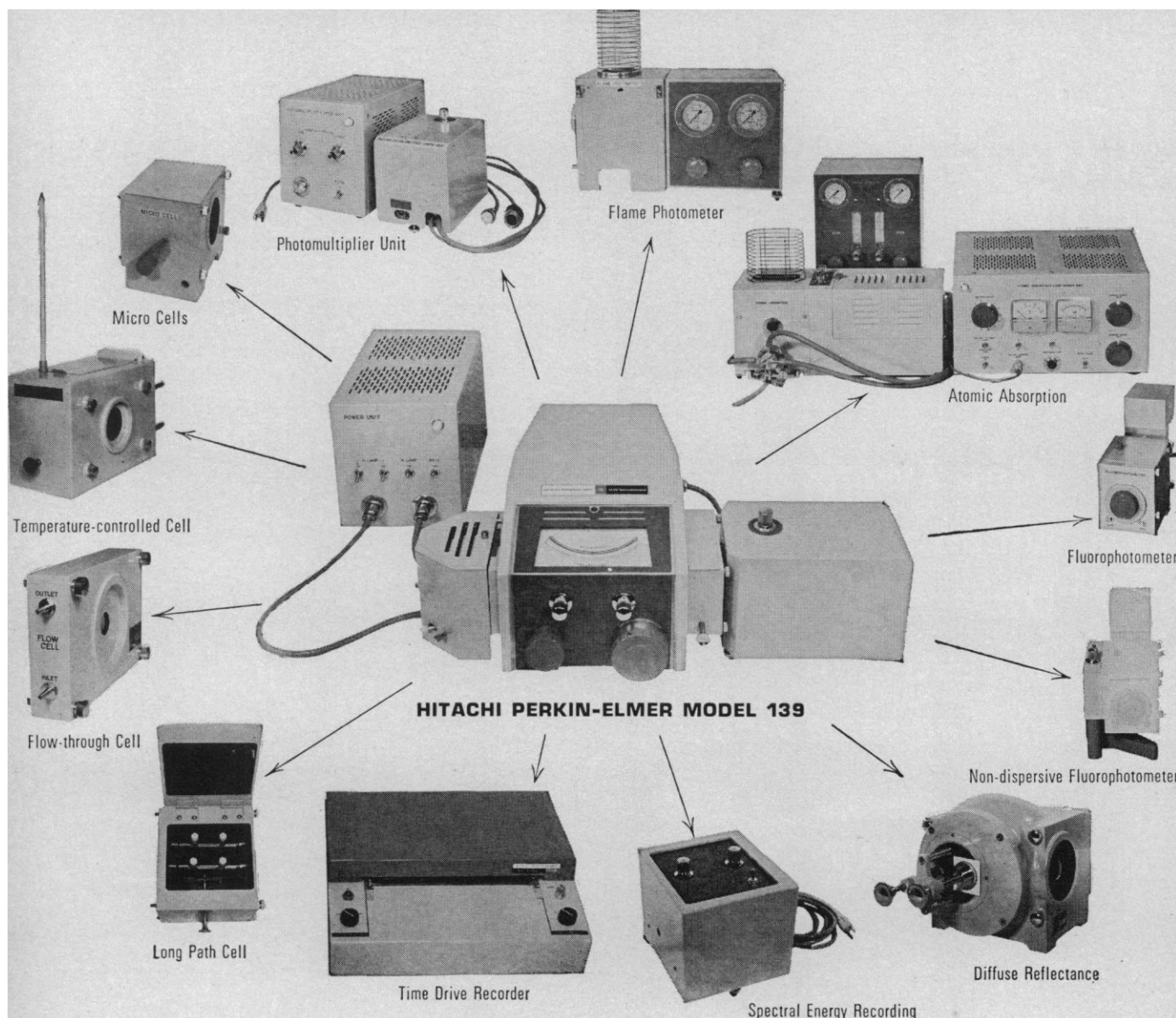
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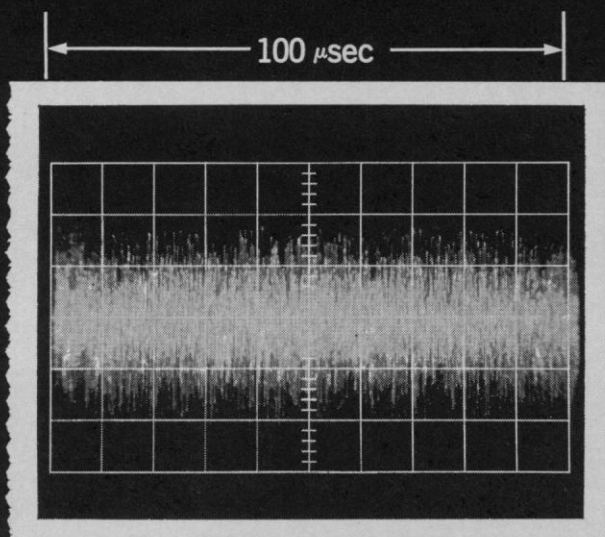


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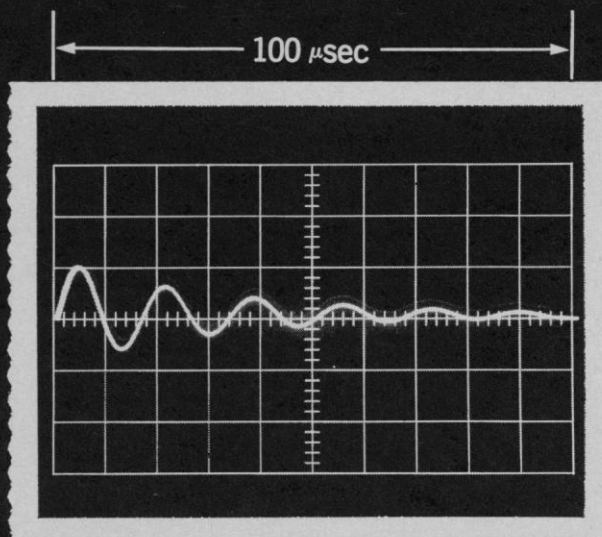
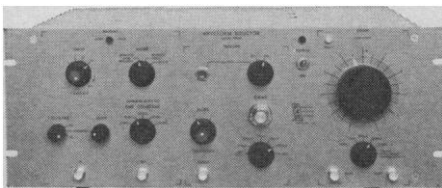


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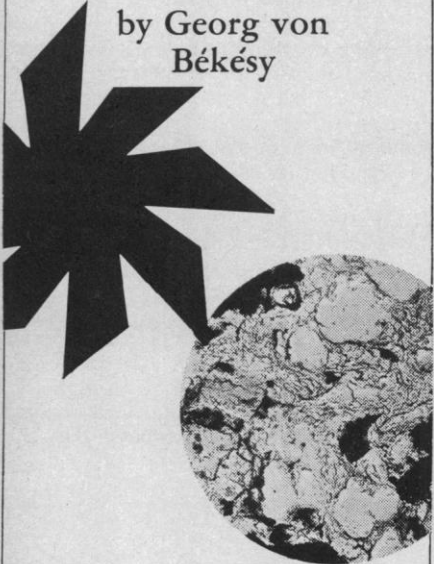
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count for the election of Bronk. Efforts to vitalize the Academy into the effective organization that it has become under the leadership of Bronk and Seitz began 2 years before the nomination of Conant, and had acquired sufficient momentum by April 1950 to override a nomination that to the majority meant a return of the Academy to the functions of "electing members and writing obituaries." It is pure journalese to ascribe the election of Bronk to a "seething vendetta."

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L'Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei

The issue of 11 March 1966 contained an excellent article, by Stillman Drake, on the Accademia dei Lincei. The article was mainly devoted to the early history of the academy and its connection with Galileo. The purpose of this letter is to draw attention to another recent publication, *L'Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei* (ed. 2, 1966, quarto, 68 pages), by Mauro Picone, the eminent mathematician who is now academician-administrator of the academy. The book contains a short history of the academy, with a list of some of the great men of the past who were members of this illustrious body; some details about the numerous publications of the academy; and a list of the recipients of its periodic prizes, which are awarded on a worldwide basis to scientists, writers, and artists who make outstanding contributions to the world's knowledge and culture. (Some of the awards are in monetary value equal to or superior to the Nobel Prizes. Among the several American recipients are Wallace O. Fenn and Albert Bruce Sabin, who received prizes in medicine in 1964.)

The book contains a reproduction of the academy's constitution with the signatures of its earliest members, including Galileo, and 17 large photographs of the two beautiful and historic palaces, Palazzo Corsini and Villa Farnesina, occupied by the academy. It may be ordered for 3500 lire (\$5.80) from the Office of Publications, L'Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Via della Lungara 10, Rome.

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Fish Meal: Food of the Ancients

At last the FDA has approved the use of fish meal as a food additive for human consumption (News in Brief, 3 Mar., p. 1087). May I quote from Arrian's account of the voyage of Nearchus along the eastern shore of the Persian Gulf in the year 325 B.C. (1). And may I call this quotation especially to the attention of my friend, Ed Muskie, who has worked so hard to promote this addition to the industries of Maine.

Below the Gadrosians . . . dwell the people called "The Fish Eaters." . . . Thinking here to seize corn by force Nearchus attacked the town, but the natives showed freely their flour, ground down from dried fish; but only a small quantity of corn and barley. . . . Only a few of them fish, for few have proper boats or any skill; for the most part it is the receding tide which leaves fish in pools which provide their catch. The more tender ones they eat raw, the larger and tougher ones they dry in the sun until quite sere and then pound them and make flour and a bread of them. . . . Even their flocks are fed on dried fish so that the mutton has a fishy taste like the flesh of sea birds.

While I trust the modern product is more palatable than that found by Nearchus, I commend to the reader the patience of the Ichthyophagae who, after 2292 years, have at last succeeded in selling their idea to the government of the United States.

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1. Condensed from Arrian, "History of Alexander and Indica," Robson, trans. (Harvard Univ. Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1933), vol. 2, pp. 383, 393.

Ph.D.'s and the Mother Tongue

The retention of Ph.D. foreign language requirements by a university is justified only if foreign languages are needed in a particular field of study. If so, those languages should be used during the graduate student's education with readings assigned for seminars or classes. Papers and research projects should refer to literature in those languages, not merely as a linguistic exercise but because the literature is essential to the field. If a graduate student can get his doctorate with no exposure to foreign languages beyond being tested in them, then the requirements are unneeded.

What requirement then might be a useful substitute? Many ideas come to mind, including a broadening in those subjects suggested by Hartman (Letters, 24 Mar.). I would like to suggest another—a proficiency requirement in the graduate student's own language—English. Much just criticism is made of Ph.D. candidates' common inability to express their ideas lucidly in writing. I suggest that they be required to pass a test in literary criticism and report composition, including a judgment of the organization and clarity of an average paper in the student's own field. Such a test would be difficult to evaluate objectively, but the requirement in general would go far to improve American scholarship.

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Sluggish Process of Purification

Rainey's estimates of the flushing times for removal of pollution from the Great Lakes ("Natural displacement of pollution from the Great Lakes," 10 Mar., p. 1242) are decidedly underestimates, even allowing for his simplifying assumptions. Increased eutrophication causes an increase of pelagic and benthic biomass which acts as a trap for nutrient elements and energy, which in turn permits recycling within each basin. Such systems are most dramatically evident in estuaries possessing two-layered, countercurrent flow, and which are automatically self-enriching. It is entirely likely that even open systems such as the Great Lakes, once enriched, will be "permanently" changed. A "major disaster for which there is no apparent solution" has already occurred in the lower lakes, since it is unlikely that the present rate of eutrophication will decrease in the next few decades. It is absolutely imperative that all available measures be taken to prevent the addition of phosphorus, in particular, to closed or semiclosed basins and to reduce the input of this element into open systems if any headway is to be made, whether in the next decades or centuries, toward controlling disastrous changes in freshwater ecosystems.

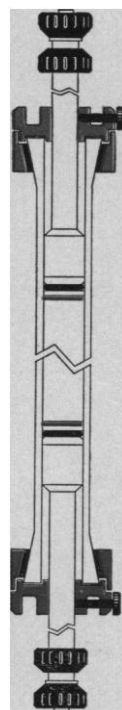
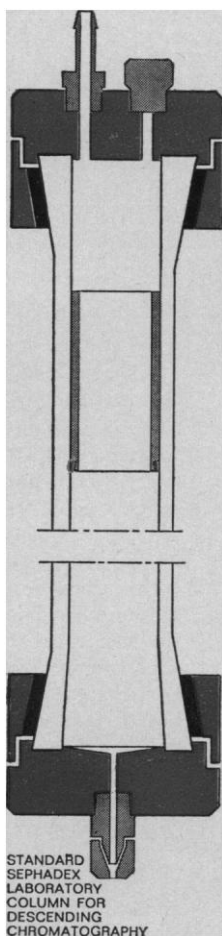
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THE SEARCH FOR CERTAINTY . . . or MUCH TO DO ABOUT NOTHING: PART I—WHY & WHAT

Classical philosophy was chiefly occupied by an unremitting quest for the Absolute . . . the Essence. Modern "scientific" philosophers spurn the hunger for certainty, calling it immature, unworthy of their finely-wrought intellects, and (perhaps more to the point) demonstrably hopeless. OK — or perhaps we should say *certainly*.

Nevertheless, in at least one important phenomenological field — feedback — we can enjoy the confidence inspired by one Absolute thing: Absolute Zero, or Null. This condition of null is not to be confused with the Oriental Nirvana, or Nothingness; nor is it like Lord Kelvin's Absolute Zero of temperature. It is, rather, the balance point in a continuum of values that stretches from very positive to very negative. Think of it as a perfect equilibrium between pairs of equal and opposite forces. In Analog Electronics (the busiest arena of feedback) our ambitions have a Classical flavor. We know what perfection is — it is Null Zero. We know what must be done to approach it. We also know that we shall never attain it — which should console the Modernists.

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$$-\frac{e_1}{Z_1} = \frac{e}{Z_2}$$

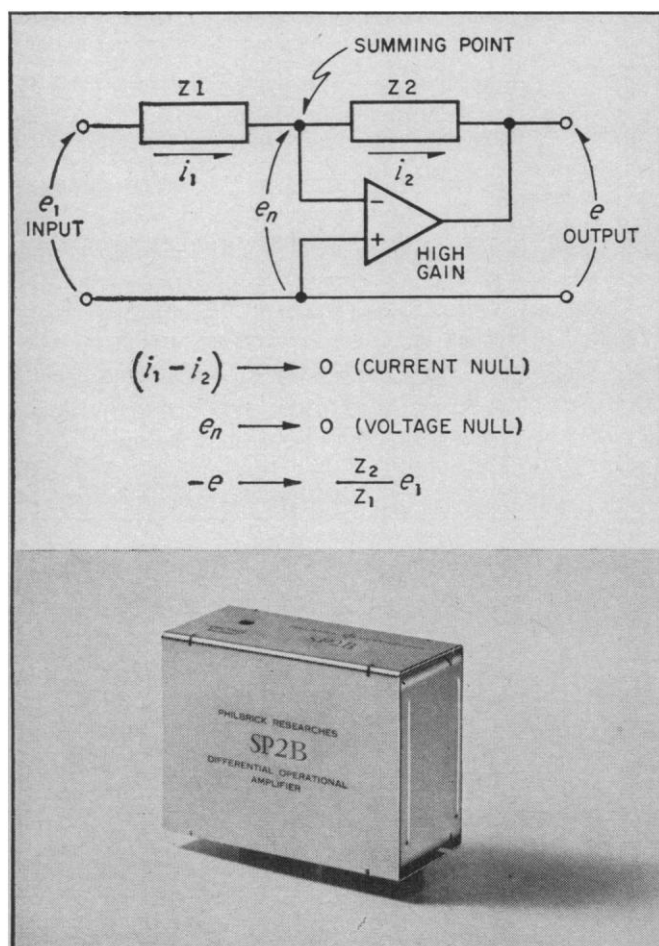
The performance required of many practical feedback circuits dictates a state of null perfection that is unknown and unachievable in any discipline other than electronics. For example, in some 100-Volt circuits, the "null uncertainty" must not exceed a few microvolts . . . or a few parts in 100 million. How may we achieve a null that is so very nearly zero? And how may we know when we have it?

Perhaps the primary requirement in achieving a good null (other than very high gain) is the absence of extraneous forces. Is the null achieved by balancing only *two* opposing forces, or are there other, perhaps anomalous, forces acting on the summing point? Unfortunately, there always are. Even the most perfect amplifier is unable to present a completely passive input circuit to the summing point. Tiny voltages and currents are generated in the amplifier, tending to "offset" the null, and much of our day-to-day activity for the past twenty years has been devoted to reducing the magnitude and effects of these *voltage and current offsets*.

The most obvious remedy is to introduce into the summing point an equal and opposite voltage or current so as to cancel (offset?) the offset . . . if it is known or calculable. This remedy does not provide a complete cure, if applied as a simple, static correction, because the offset currents and voltages produced by a practical amplifier are *not* perfectly constant, but vary with both time and temperature. One might eliminate most of the temperature effects by placing the amplifier in a nearly isothermal environment, but time variations are another matter. (Even a latter-day Classicist hesitates to tamper with time.)

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On the basis of all the rankings of each respondent, the several sections fall into the following order of preference: lead articles are in first place by a substantial margin (two-thirds of the readers ranked the lead articles as first or second choice); research reports and the News and Comment section are about tied for second place (between 40 and 50 percent gave each of these sections first or second rank); letters, the editorial, and book reviews are bunched; and the section of meeting reports trails.

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In the most recent questionnaire, readers were asked how well they thought we have succeeded in providing a forum for all shades of responsible opinion on matters especially relevant to the scientific community. Ninety-five percent said they thought we have succeeded reasonably well, and 5 percent disagreed.

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In a similar question, readers were asked whether the material in *Science* was too controversial. Two percent thought it was; 80 percent considered it about right; and 18 percent said it was not controversial enough.

The thoughtful judgments of readers, whether expressed in response to questionnaires or through individual letters, serve as valuable guides to all who share responsibility for planning and managing *Science*. The results summarized here may also be of interest to readers who wish to compare their own judgments with those of the majority.—DAEL WOLFLE

Scientists develop new Fourier analysis algorithm and test it with an earthquake.

Ever encounter a calculation that takes a long time to perform even on a large computer?

Richard Garwin of the IBM Watson Laboratory at Columbia University did when he decided to carry out a large Fourier transform problem in a spin calculation for solid helium 3 (He^3). With the programs then available he estimated at least four hours of high-speed computer time.

Garwin had a hunch there might be a better way. He discussed it with John Tukey of Princeton University and Bell Telephone Laboratories who proceeded to outline a computer algorithm which he thought would handle Fourier transforms far faster than existing programs.

Recognizing the potential and importance of the algorithm, Dr. Garwin took his notes to IBM's James W. Cooley at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center at Yorktown Heights. A program development project was started, and in April, 1965 *Mathematics of Computation* published the Cooley-Tukey paper, "An Algorithm for the Machine Calculation of Complex Fourier Series."

For large N (where N is the number of terms in each Fourier series), conventional techniques of computation require a number of complex multiply-add operations proportional to N^2 . With the fast Fourier transform (FFT) the number of operations is proportional to only $N \log_2 N$. The fast Fourier trans-

form, therefore, increases the speed of calculation by a factor proportional to $kN/\log_2 N$, k ranging roughly between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2, depending on programming efficiency. On paper, it looked good. With the new algorithm much less computer time would be required to solve the large Fourier transform problem.

Then came the test to prove it.

Lee Alsop, an IBM scientist at Lamont Geological Observatory, decided on a direct comparison of the new algorithm with a conventional Fourier transform program.

For the test, he chose an earthquake that shook Rat Island, Alaska in 1965. Its seismograph record consisted of 2048 numbers representing longitudinal displacements at instants equally spaced over a 13.5 hour period.

To solve the problem, the conventional program took 1567.8 seconds.

The new Fourier analysis algorithm took only 2.4 seconds. But the test didn't stop there.

Having verified the greater speed of FFT, Dr. Alsop together with Dr. Ali Nowroozi then ran an accuracy check, using a time series generated from a sum of seven sines and cosines of harmonics of a base frequency. (This time, computer analysis took 464.4 seconds with the original program and just 1.2 seconds for FFT.) Then, by computing back again from the transform, the results of each program were compared to the original series.

FFT was both faster and more accurate. Even though this conventional program had been developed specifically for accuracy at a sacrifice of speed, the new FFT beat it. For scientists and mathematicians, it is a new, faster way to handle Fourier analysis. It can cut computer time by a factor of approximately $(\log_2 N)/N$. That's why the new algorithm is now part of IBM SYSTEM/360's Scientific Subroutine Package, a library of more than 200 mathematical and statistical subroutines available to IBM customers.

An interesting sidelight to this story is the fact that it was later discovered that the basic method had been proposed years before in a paper by Runge and König, published in Germany in 1924, and that its application was described in 1942 by Danielson and Lanczos who were working with X-ray scattering problems. Unfortunately the technique lay buried, and modern computers have been working at only a fraction of their potential speed on Fourier transform problems.

Like to know more about these programs? Write to Director, Scientific Development, IBM Corporation, Department 805-351, 112 East Post Road, White Plains, New York 10601. While you're at it, ask for a copy of the paper that gives the derivation of the algorithm. It's titled "An Algorithm for the Machine Calculation of Complex Fourier Series." We'll gladly send a copy.

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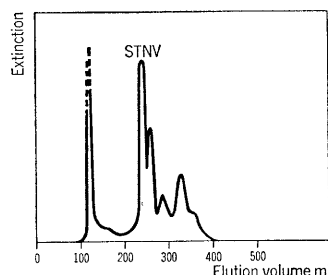
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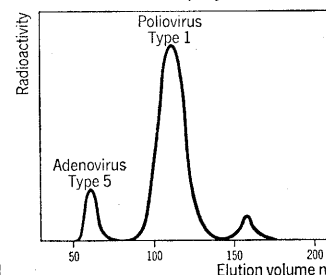
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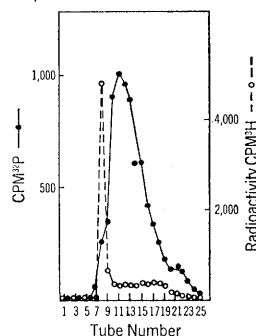
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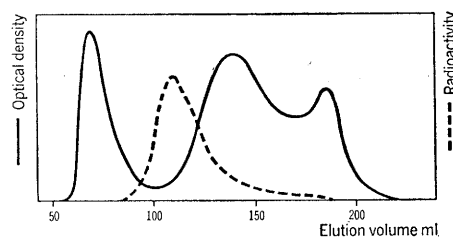
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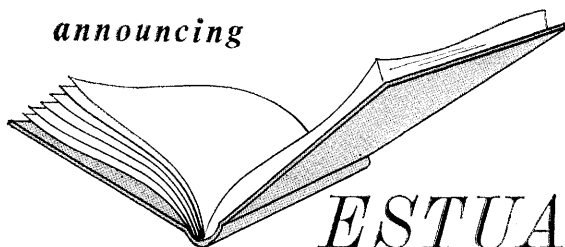
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