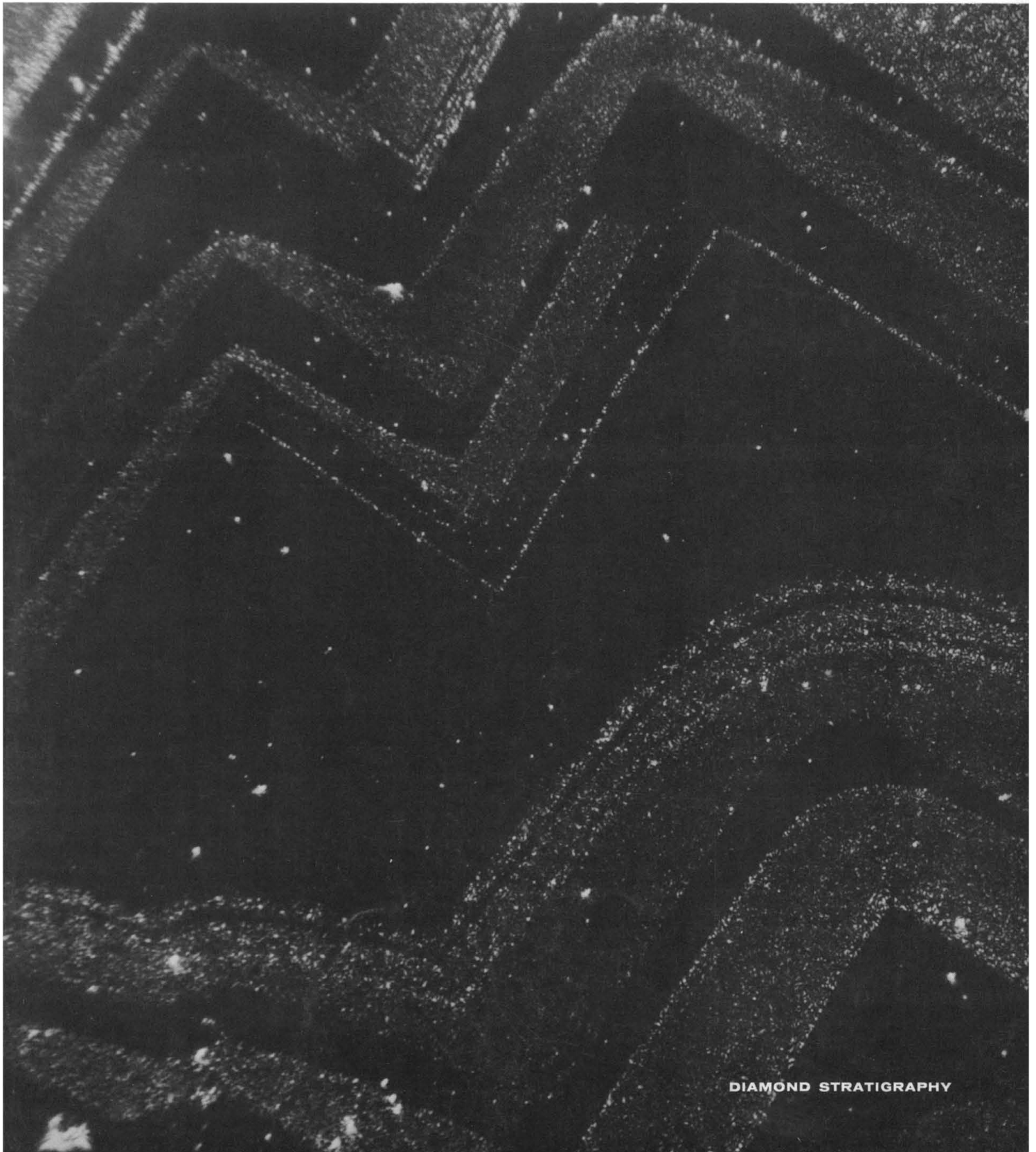


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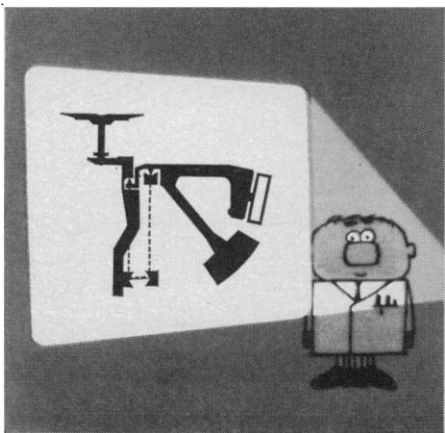
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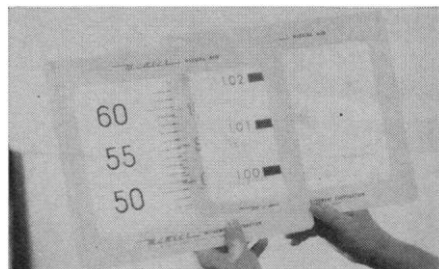
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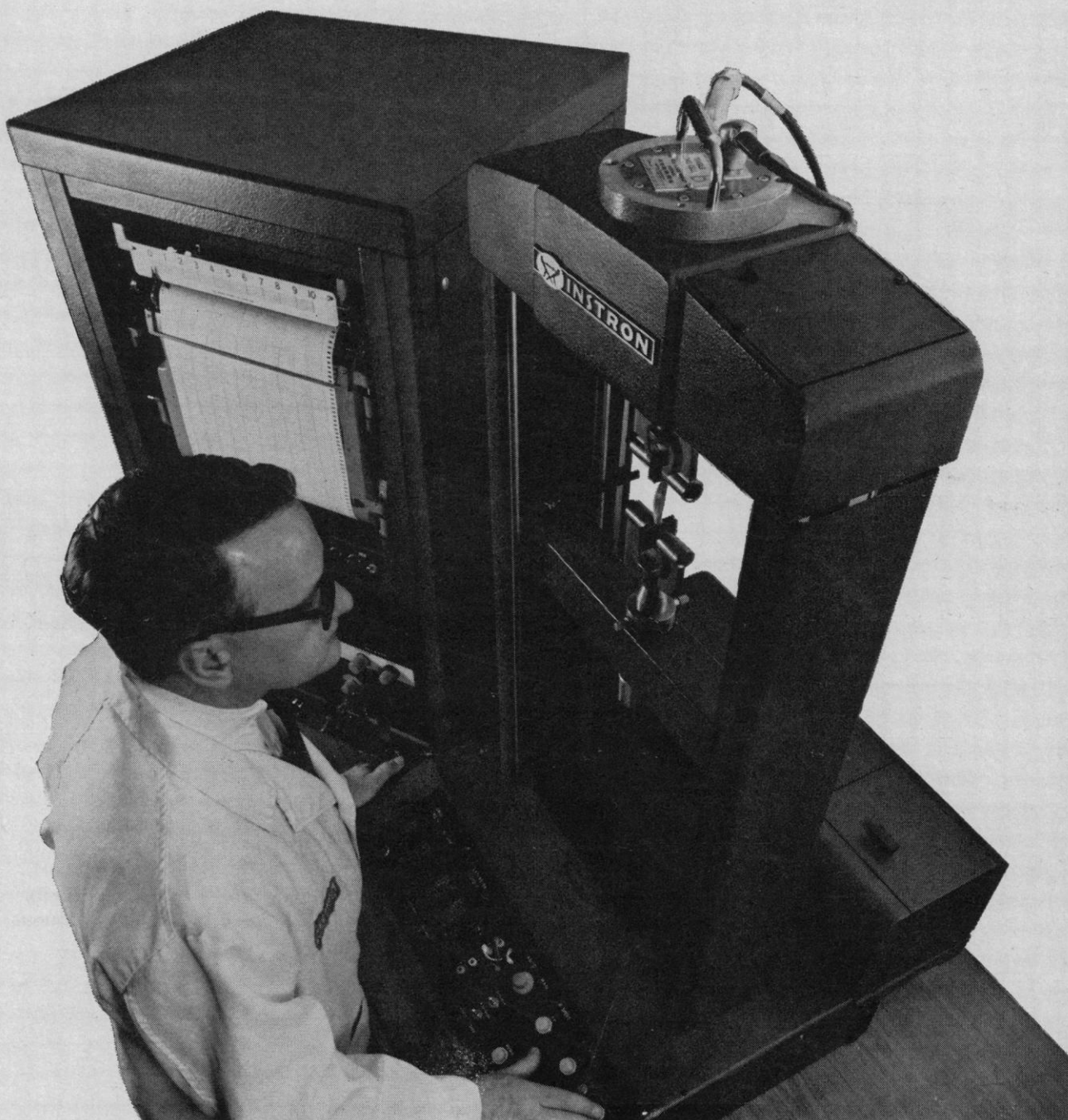
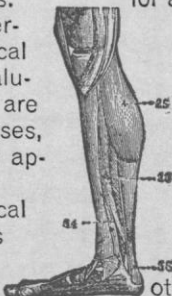
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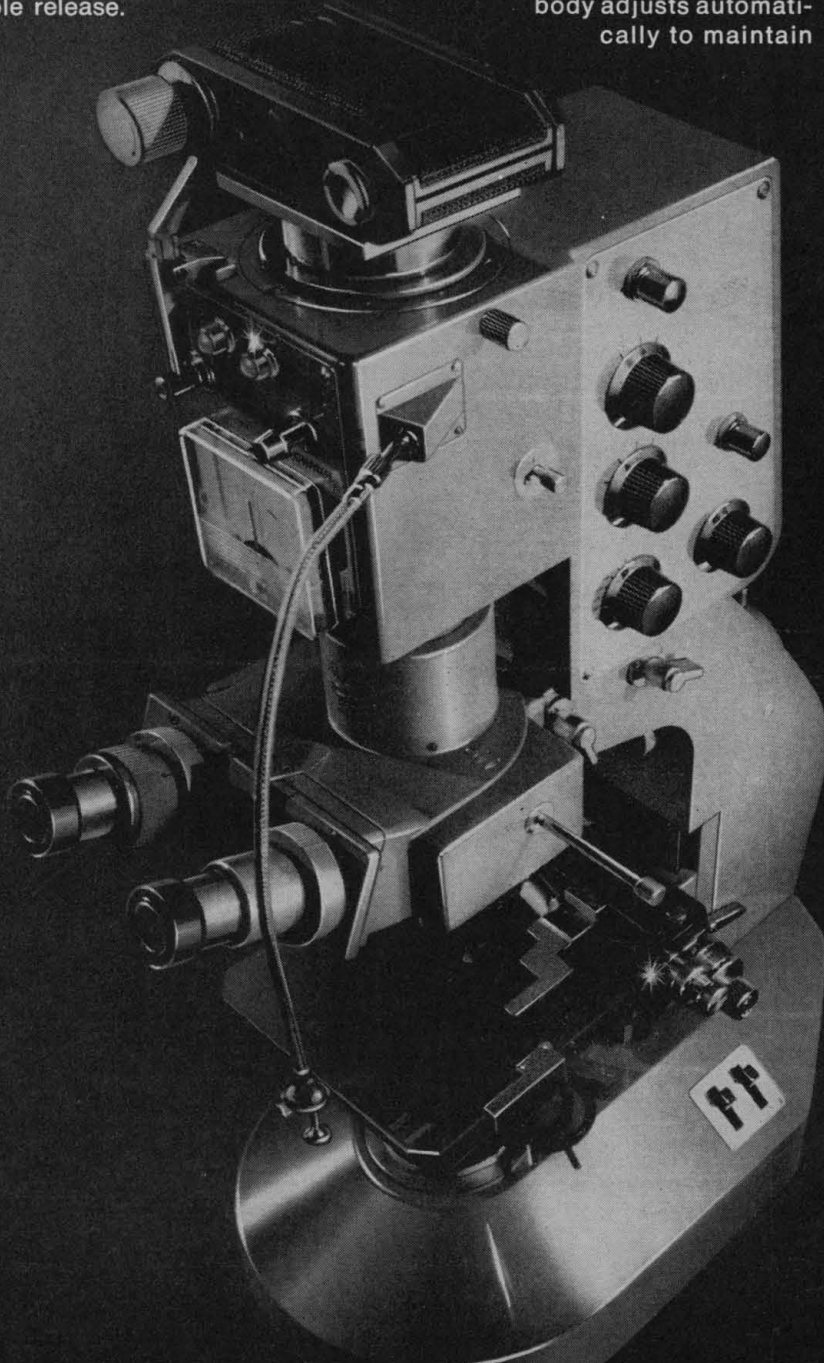
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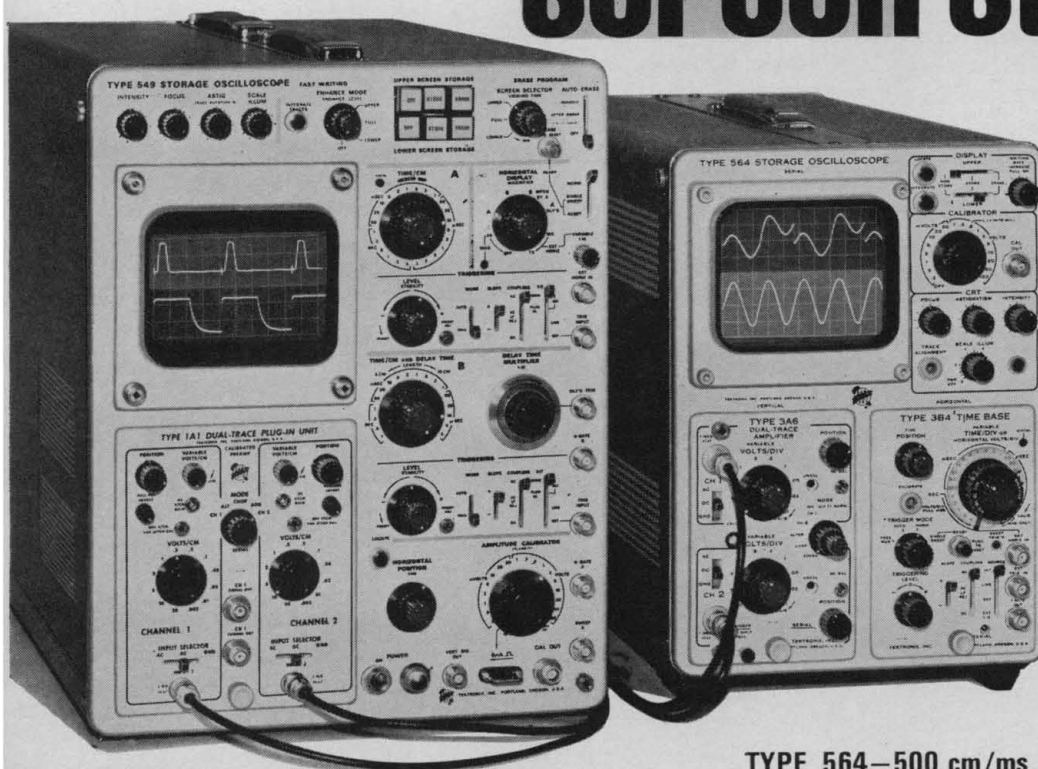
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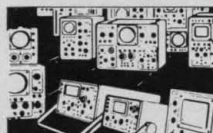
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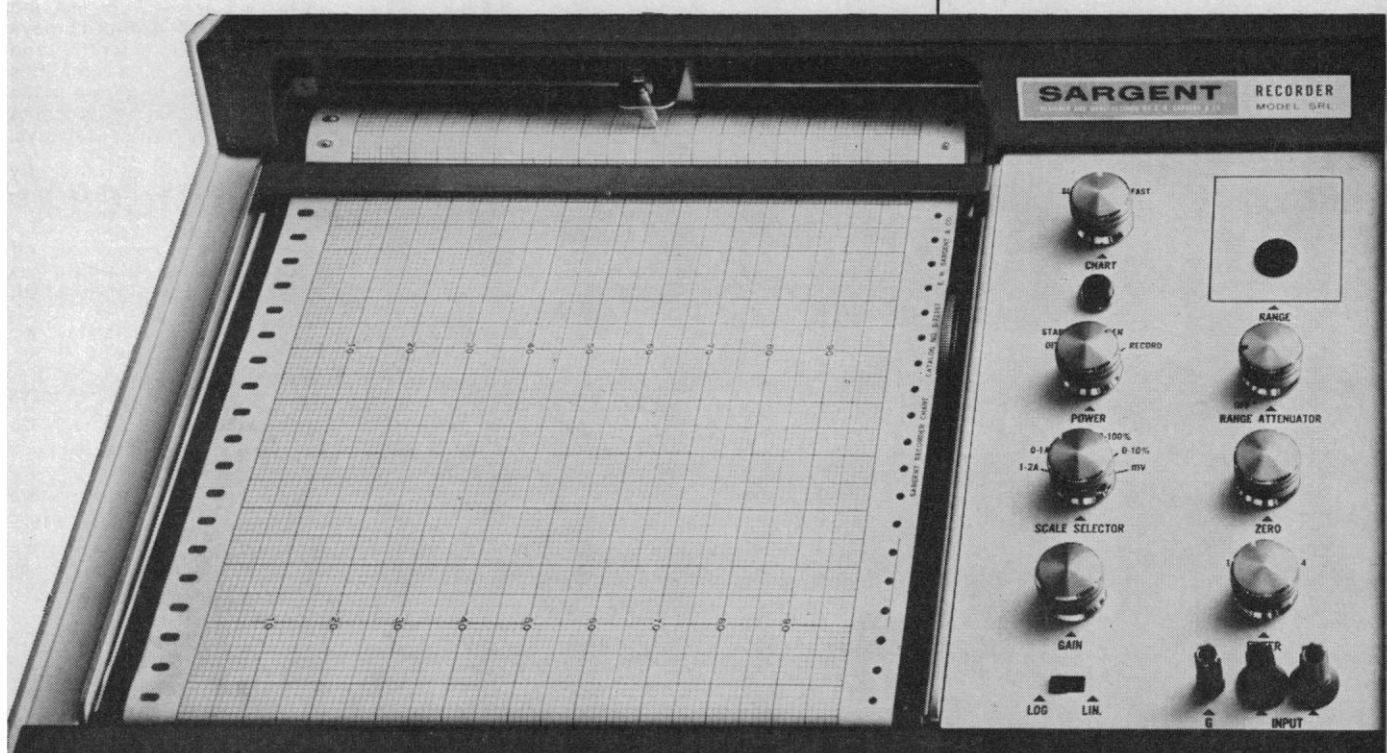
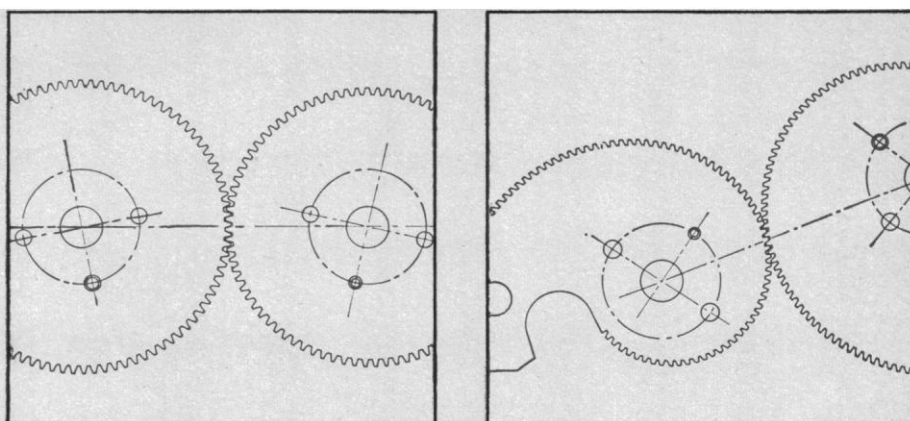
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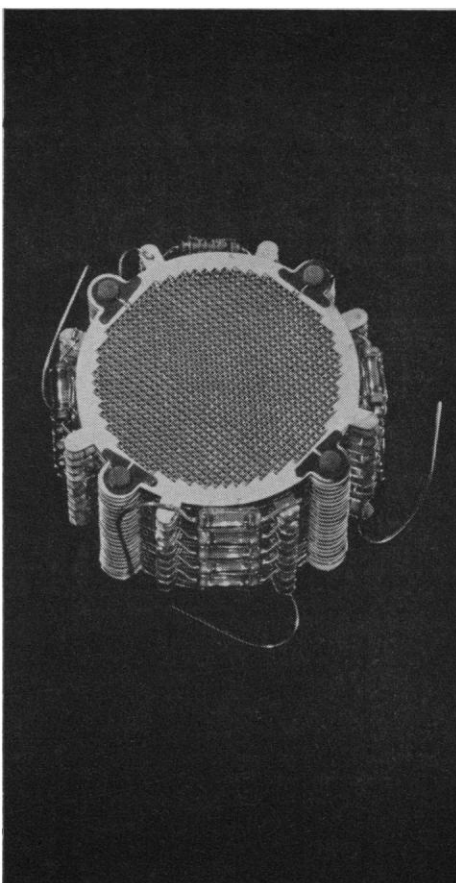
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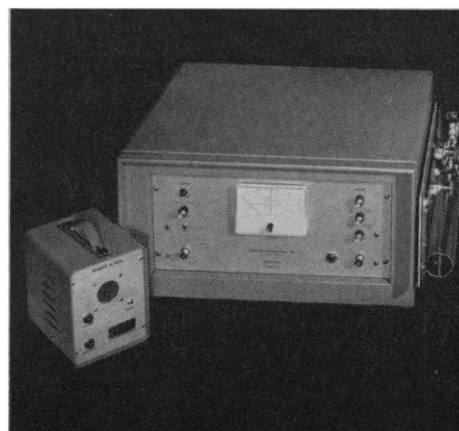
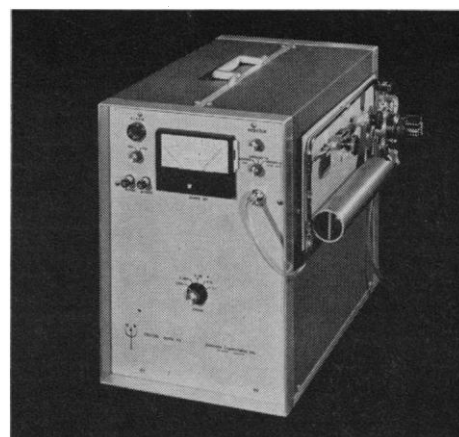
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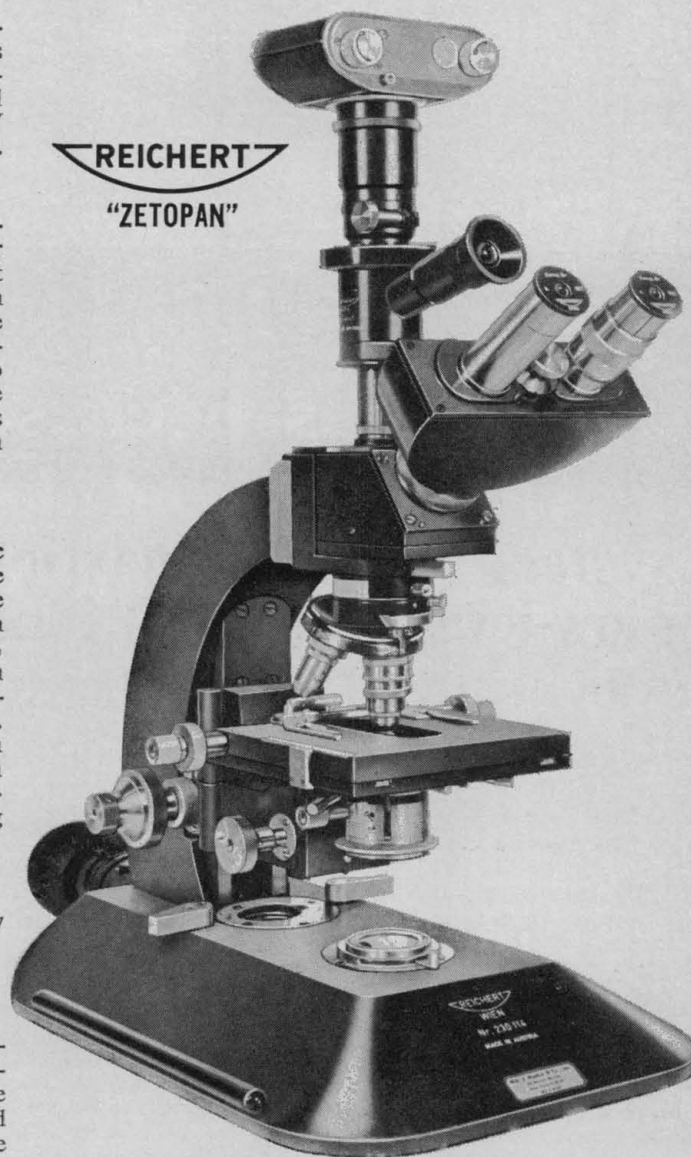
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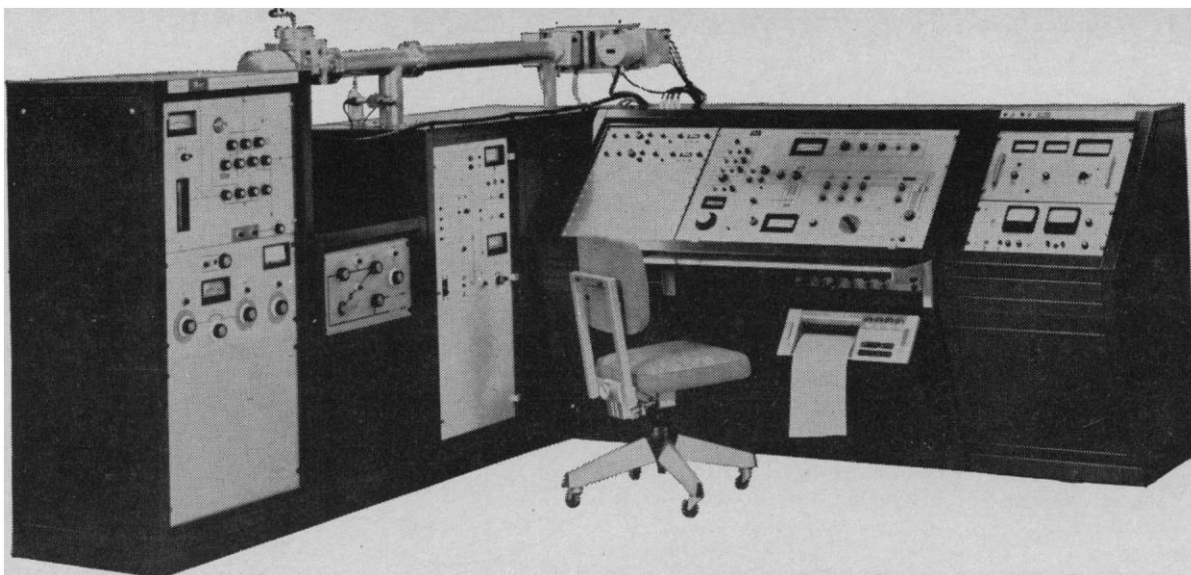
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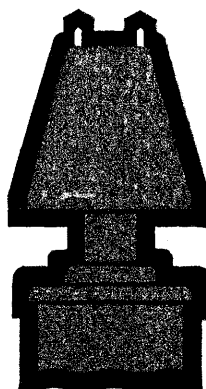
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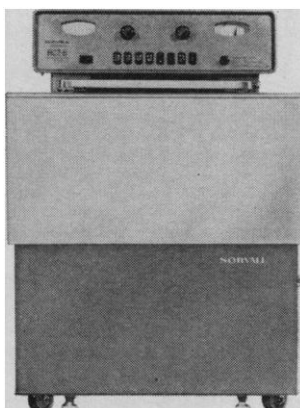
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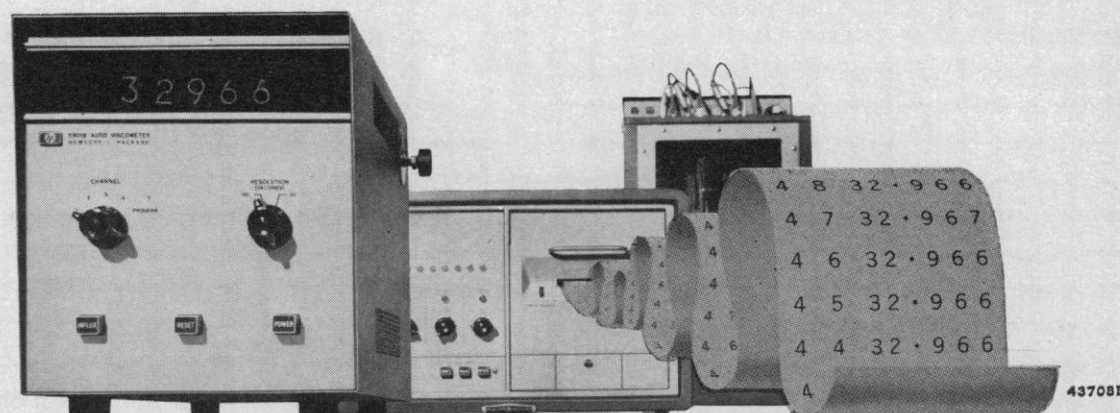
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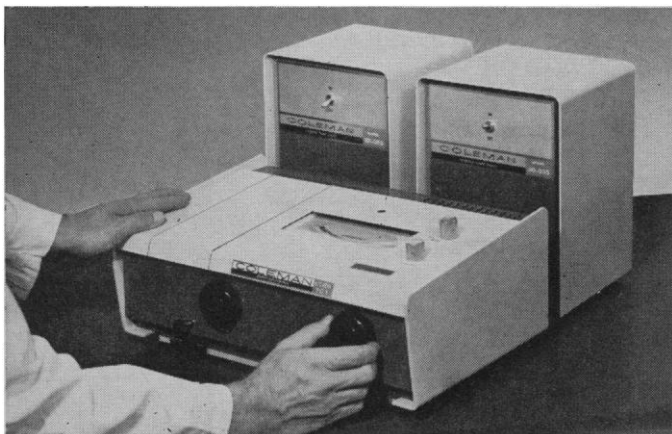
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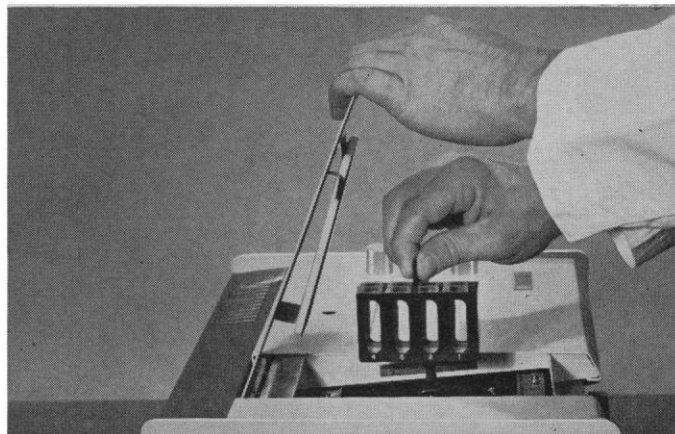


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The Hasselblad system... and a few reasons why the scientific and industrial photographer needs it.

The applications of photography in science and industry are numerous and undisputed. It would require many volumes rather than this single page just to list, let alone discuss, these applications. Both as a research tool and a recording device, photography has certainly proved not only convenient, but in many cases of sophisticated scientific and industrial research, invaluable.

Obviously, the single most important feature of photography is its ability to produce a permanent record of a visual happening. Something that may or may not be visible to the human eye. That may occur at a speed which would not make it visible to the human eye or that may occur in a place where it would not be convenient or even safe for a human observer to be.

It has long been acknowledged that the single most superior camera for most research purposes is the single lens reflex camera. Because all viewing and focusing is through the lens and is completely free from parallax error, then regardless of the combination of supplementary lenses, extension tubes and bellows extensions used, the image seen on the viewing screen is identical with the final picture.

Unfortunately, most of the single lens reflex cameras available to the researcher use the 35mm format and consequently suffer from lack of image quality when the negative is enlarged to any degree. This problem is overcome by the use of the 2 1/4 square format as in the Hasselblad system.

optics of Carl Zeiss lenses with built in Synchro Compur shutters allowing the use of both flash and strobe at all speeds, that the Hasselblad system does.

Here's what the Hasselblad System consists of. Firstly, the 500C, the standard camera in the system^A. It accepts all seven lenses available for the Hasselblad, and is a single lens reflex viewing camera. The 500C always shows you exactly how your final picture will turn out on the ground glass screen, in the same way a view camera does. This allows you to concentrate on the setting up and composition of your picture, no matter what lens or accessories you are using on the camera.

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The newest camera in the Hasselblad System is the electrically driven Hasselblad 500EL. This camera automatically advances the film and cocks the shutter, allowing a rapid series of exposures to be made, either by use of the camera release or long release cords, timer or remote radio control. The 500EL accepts all the lenses and most accessories available for the 500C. Obviously one of the advantages of this camera is that the photographer is freed from the actual mechanics of picture taking and can therefore, devote himself completely to the subject.

The use of the 500EL with the Hasselblad 70mm film magazine, (up to 70 exposures on cassette loaded 70mm film) allows the photographer, working on a job where a large number of exposures are required, to handle his work load much more quickly and efficiently.

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Completing the system is a huge range of accessories that includes extension tubes and bellows extensions for close up work, filters, transparency copy holders, cut film backs, eye level prism finders^G, sports view finders, sun shades, rapid winding crank^I, quick focusing handles^J, grips^K, underwater housings, ring lights, tripod quick coupling^L, microscope attachments and carrying cases.

We have purposely avoided discussing specific applications to which the Hasselblad system might be applied. Not only because of the limitations of the space available, but because the number of applications is almost infinite.

Hasselblad systems are being used today in many branches of science and industry. And are even a part of the NASA space program. Shown below are just a few parts of the system that seem to have become particularly popular with many people engaged in some aspect of science or industry.

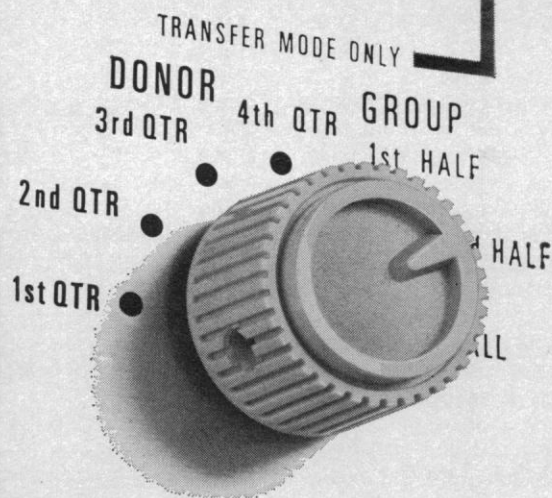


The simple fact is that there is not one camera system available today which offers the scientific or industrial photographer the choice of camera bodies, interchangeable film magazines, accessories and attachments, plus the superb

in Synchro Compur shutter, with automatic stopping down at the moment of exposure and manual preview for depth of field checks. Every lens has both M and X synchronization allowing the use of flash and strobe at all speeds up to 1/500th of a second.

This description of the Hasselblad system has been necessarily brief. If you would like a Hasselblad catalogue or further literature or if you have a specific technical inquiry write to Paillard Inc., 1900 Lower Rd., Linden, New Jersey 07036.

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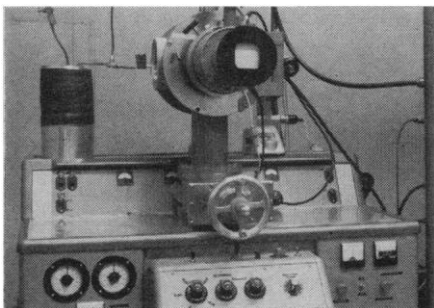
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View of the thermionic emission microscope. Console contains the microscope chamber, vacuum system lens power supplies and the high voltage power supply.

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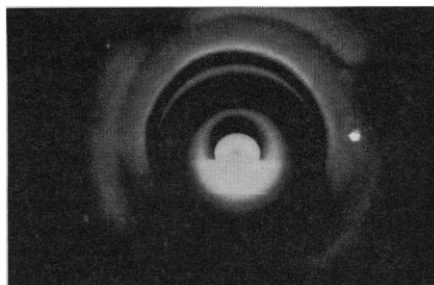
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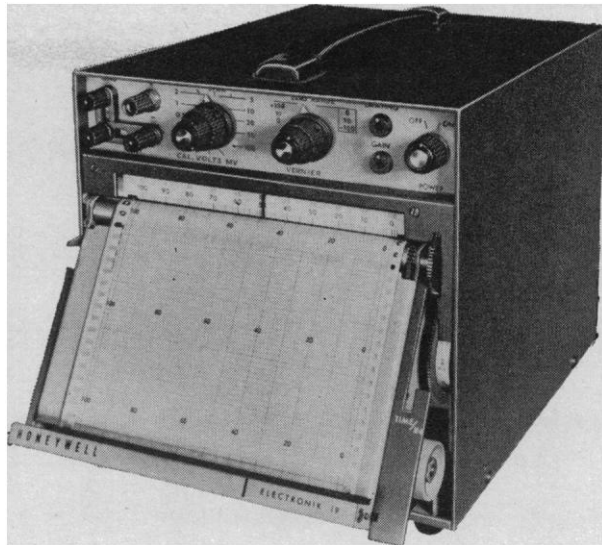
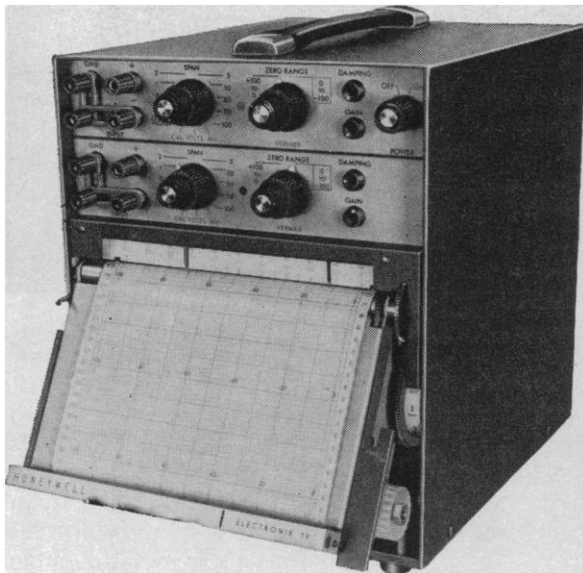
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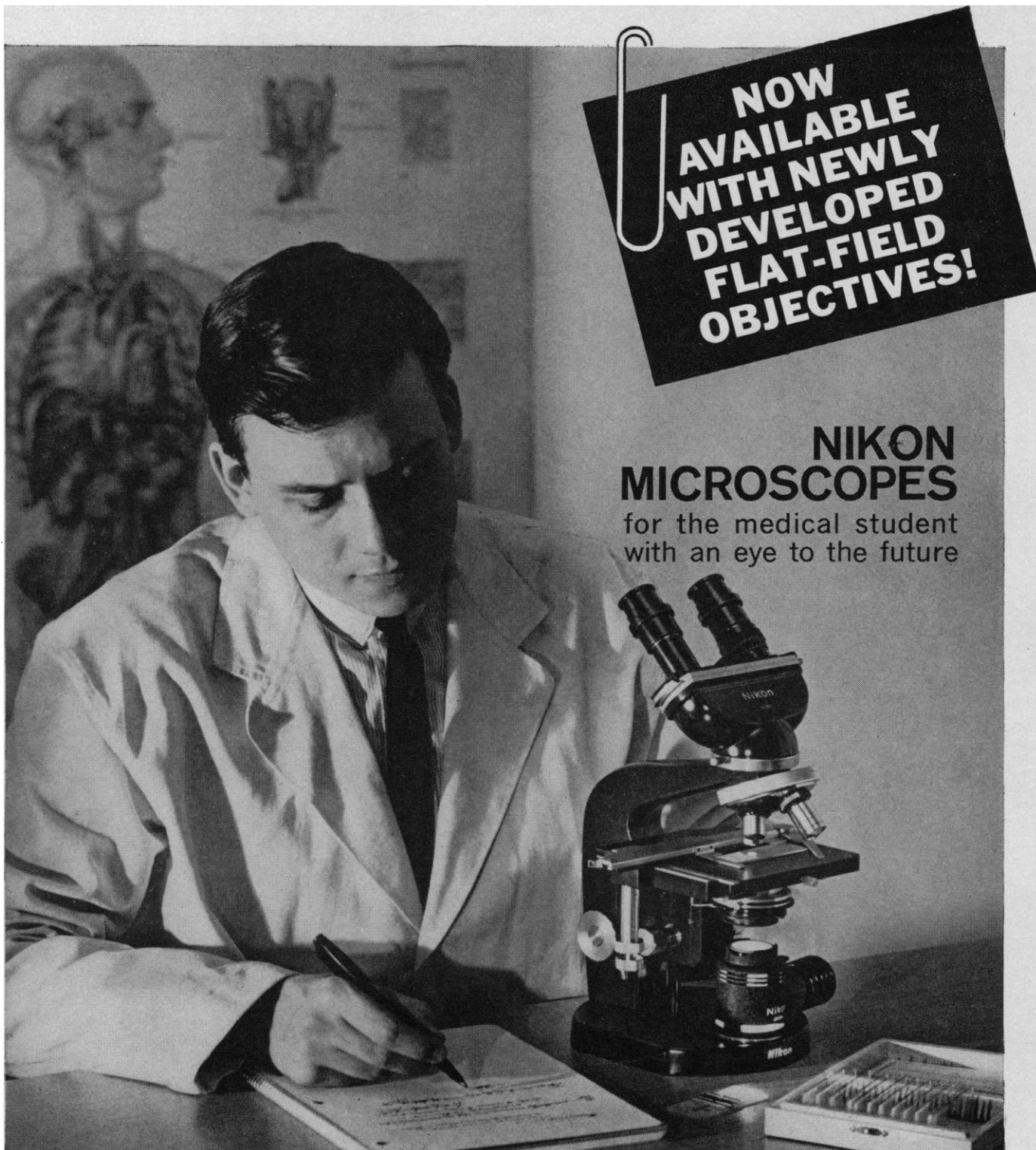
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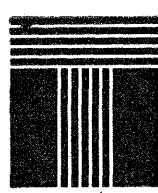
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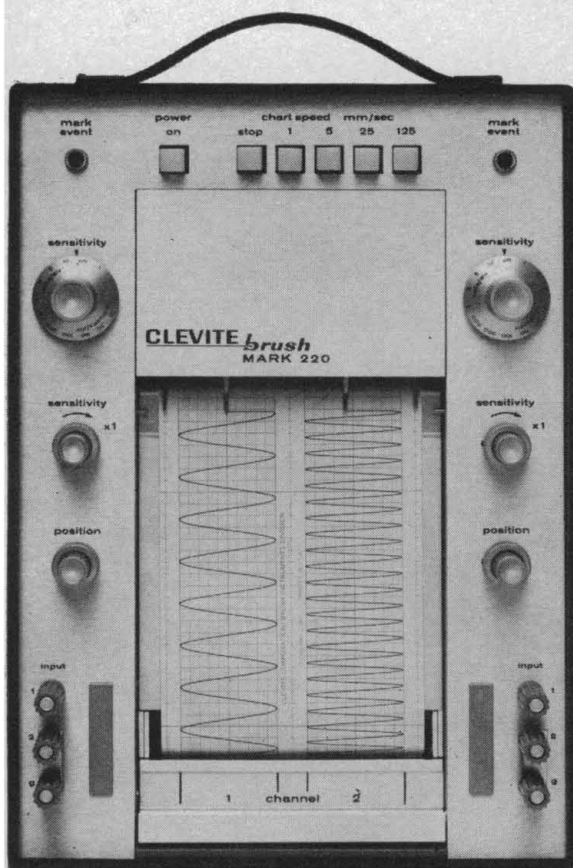


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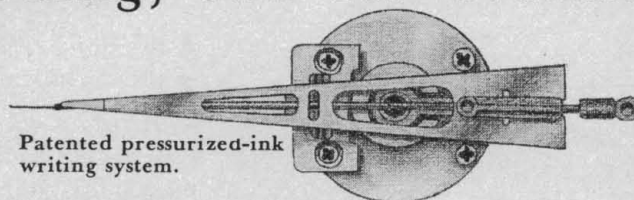
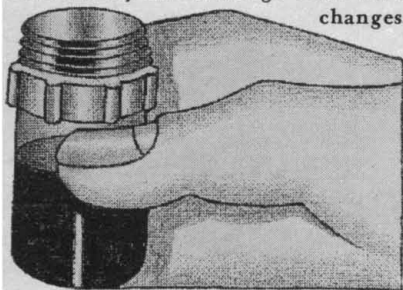
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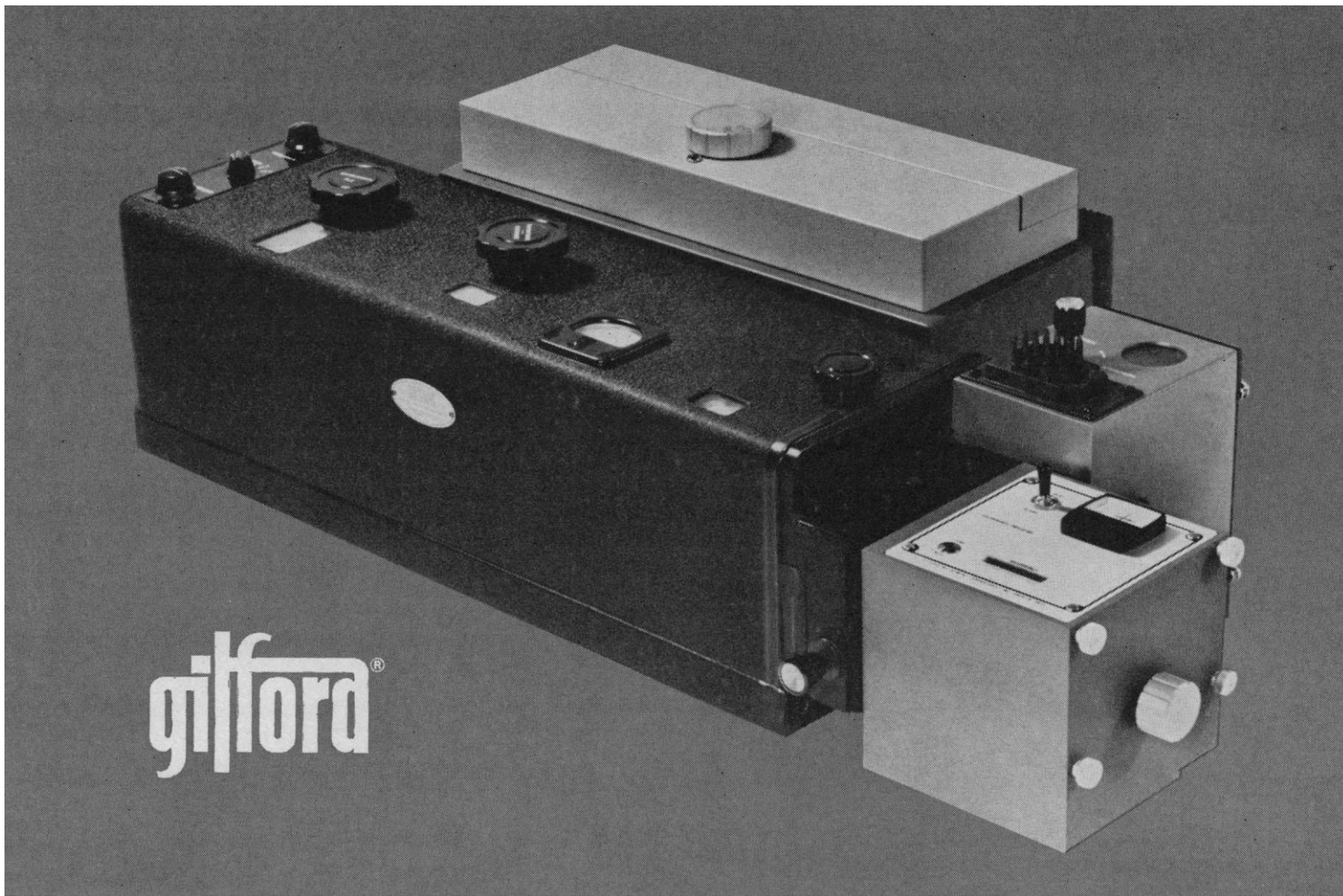
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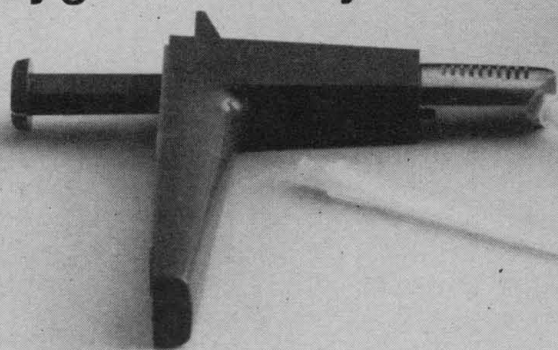
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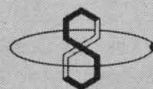
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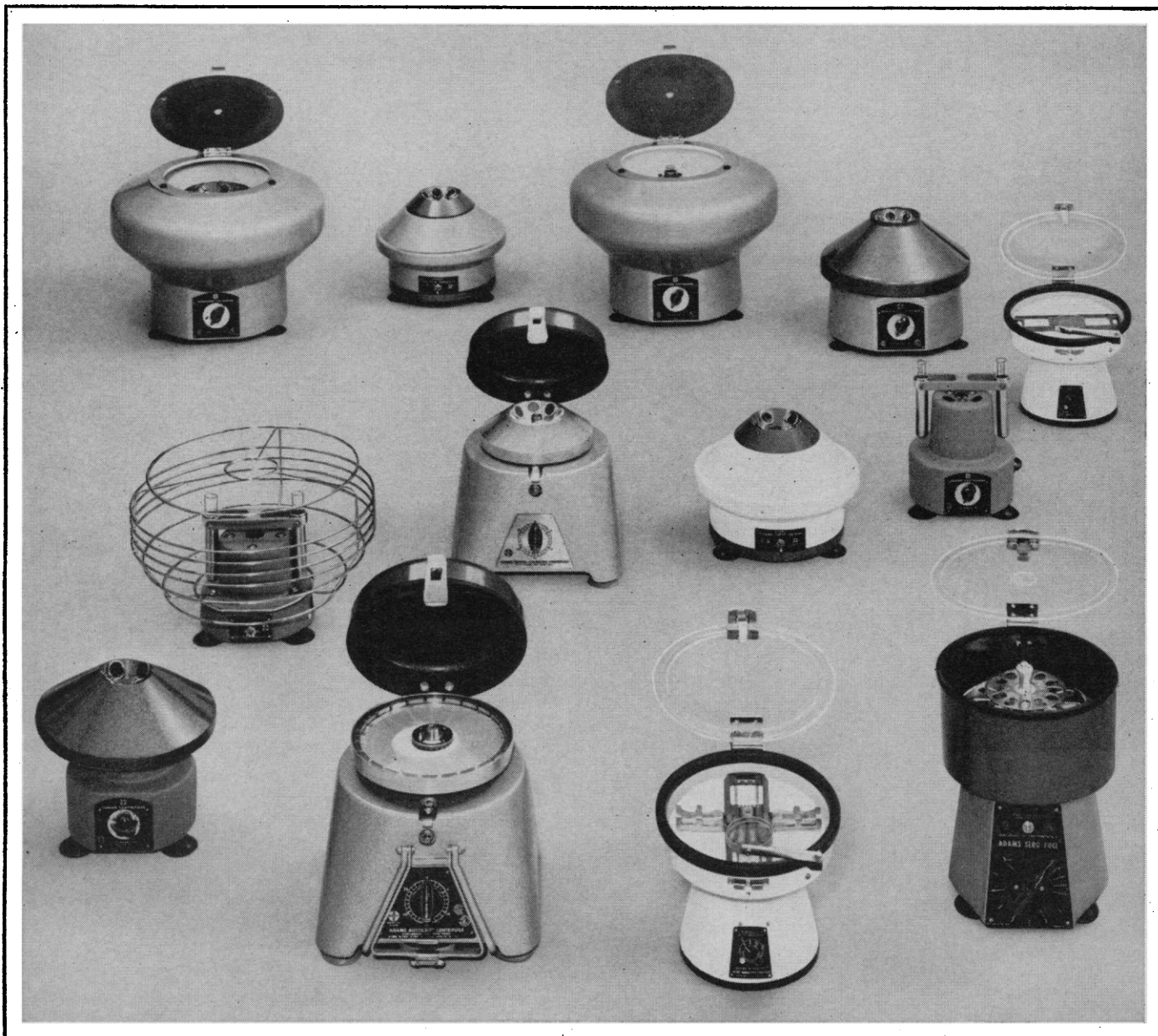
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Mendel's Memorabilia

Dobzhansky's interesting review "Looking Back at Mendel's Discovery" (Book Reviews, 23 June, p. 1588) covers six different books. Five of these are treated in some detail but one, *Iconographia Mendeliana*, is only mentioned and the reader is not made aware of its unusual nature and value. I should like to call further attention to this volume, which was published in 1965 by the Moravian Museum, Brno, Czechoslovakia. It consists of reproductions in black and white and in colors of a great variety of "pictorial and written documents characterizing the life and work of Gregor Johann Mendel," with explanatory notes in English and Czech.

The volume begins with a page of the birth registry at Heinzendorf in which Mendel's birth and baptism are entered and ends with a modern aerial view of the former Augustinian monastery in Old Brno. It includes pictures of the educational institutions which Mendel attended, of his sisters, of the members of the monastery, and of its refectory, library, and other general rooms. It shows the letter by Abbott Napp to his superior bishop in which he states that Mendel has been appointed substitute teacher at the Znaim High School and that, while he lives a virtuous religious life, he is not too well suited for churchly duties. It reproduces the remarkable group photograph of 1862 in front of the Grand Hotel in Paris with Mendel's broad forehead standing out among the many others. There are facsimiles of manuscript and of printed pages from his publications, of his only remaining experimental record page, of his first letter to Nägeli, and of part of a letter by Nägeli to Mendel, and pictures of Mendel's microscopes, his eyeglasses, his portable sundial, a fancy tablecloth with his embroidered initials, his bee house, the obituary notice, and the death certificate.

The 120 items of the *Iconographia* will give pleasure and insight to all interested in genetics and the history of science in general. This book deserves a place in many libraries, public and personal.

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It seems worth noting that in November 1966, there appeared the first number of *Folia Mendeliana*, a serial publication which is dedicated to the

dissemination of new facts about the founder of genetics. The editor is V. Orel, chairman of the Gregor Mendel department of genetics in the Moravian Museum in Brno, Czechoslovakia. Eight countries are represented on the publication committee and three of its 13 members are in the United States.

In their introduction of the new journal, the editor and J. Jelinek, director of the Moravian Museum, say:

The systematic activities of the staff of the newly established Gregor Mendel Department of Genetics in the Moravian Museum enable us to throw some new light upon Mendel's life and work. We are now convinced that with the support of foreign scientific workers we shall find some new documents and add to our knowledge of Mendel.

Apart from an account of the centennial celebrations in Brno in 1965, the first issue of *Folia Mendeliana* carries four articles about Mendel, three in German, one in English. One deals with his efforts to write poetry during his student years. Another tells of his meeting with a famous breeder of bees, and a third tells of his effort to find mathematical laws in the derivation of names. The fourth discusses the extent to which Mendel's work was known before its rediscovery in 1900.

Orel has informed me that, with the help of Weiling of Bonn, new documents were found in 1966, and that reports on these, along with other material, will appear in the second issue of *Folia Mendeliana*, which is to appear in 1967.

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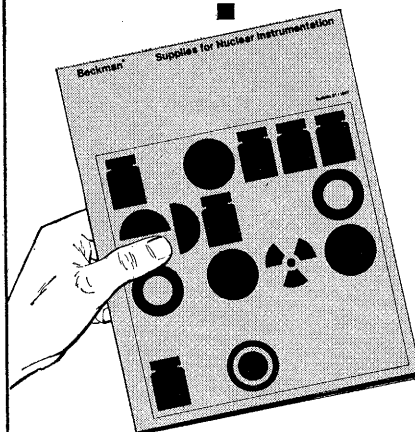
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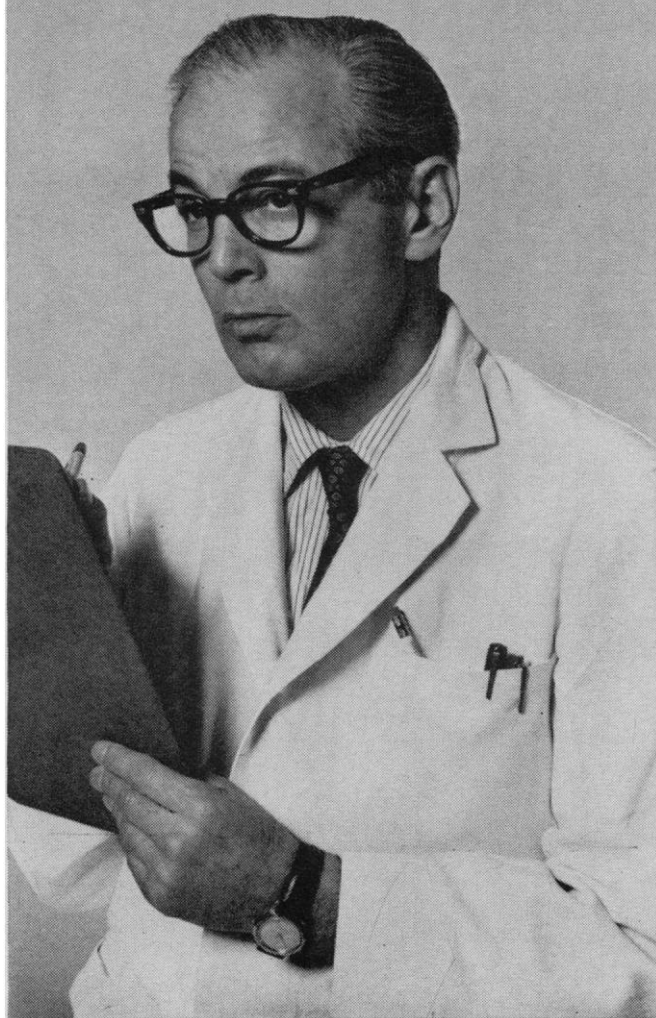
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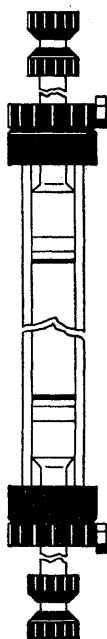


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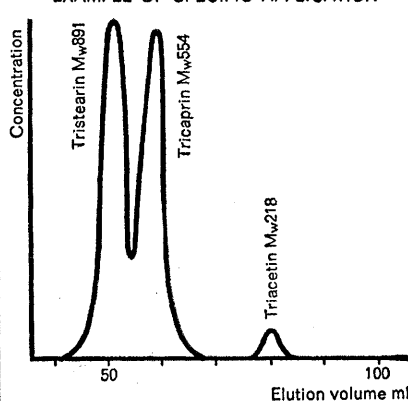
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ter," lately known as the Biochemists' Job Information Pool.

Nearly 200 positions were sent in. Several were contributed by employers. Contributions came from nearly all academic levels, from graduate students to deans, but most were from people at the postdoctoral level. Probably no more than 75 people participated directly, but I feel certain the lists were seen and used by many more. I judge the experiment a qualified success. I observed that the system needs constant promotion and explanation. Advertising space in scientific journals would insure its smooth operation.

I have tried to interest graduate students in taking over the service, since it is mostly for their benefit and because I have had my fun with it, but most seem to prefer to rely heavily on patronage. It may be that they consider the quality of the leads given them by their sponsor at graduation as a sort of final grade, and grades are important if one has few other criteria for judging his worth.

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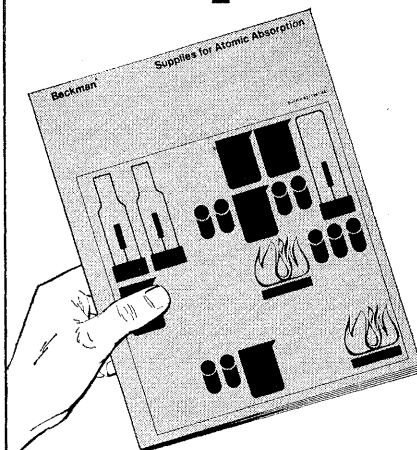
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Worthiness of Wit

In contrast to Bowne (Letters, 7 July) I am encouraged and heartened to see the human touch, emotion, in a scientific journal. Of course, there are places from which emotion must be edited, but I have yet to see any misplaced emotion in *Science*. The monotonous format of customary scientific literature should not be that of *Science*, for it is a magazine as well as a journal, and a magazine must have some wit to spark its readership. Allowing a little fun in

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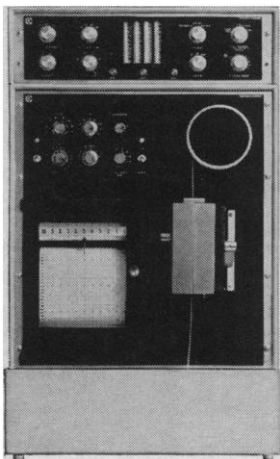
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the letters columns is in the interest of science and scientists, as well as of the few fuddy-duddies, in spite of what they say. Further, the humor in Bowne's letter is a definite step forward.

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Conflict in Medical Ethics?

Despite Levy's objections to the ethics of his military assignment, the oath taken by military officers does not conflict with the ethics of the medical profession. (News and Comment, 9 June, p. 1346).

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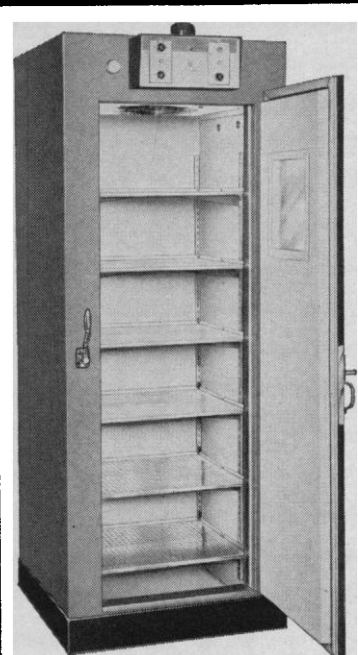
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In "The fuzziness of 'fuzz'" J. F. A. McManus wittily criticizes a new expression used in electron microscopy and electron microscopical jargon in general (Letters, 4 Aug.). I wonder, first, if it is of any use to attempt to eradicate jargon and, second, how reasonable McManus' criticism is.

With regard to my first question, it is interesting to note that there is almost no human activity—in science, technology, or sports—in which a particular jargon is not used. This is not necessarily an evil, as one example may

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The second question arises by applying McManus' criterion to the word "cell," which was just plain jargon when used by Hooke three centuries ago. As Webster says, "cell" comes from the Latin "cella," meaning small room. It is obvious that to compare the cell (even cork cell walls) with a little room "... should be discouraged by editors because of the inappropriate application of a word describing something seen with the naked eye to structures visible only with the ... microscope," to use McManus' words.

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Math: Erratum

In my letter, "College math for 11-year-olds" (28 July), I stated that "it was apparent after a while that parabolas and hyperbolas could sometimes fall into circles and ellipses or vice versa." This is not true! Under any nonsingular linear transformation parabolas become parabolas, hyperbolas become hyperbolas, and ellipses become ellipses (or circles).

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Reprint Philosophy

It is time to bring up a relatively neglected aspect of the reprint problem, mentioned by Clark in her letter, "Reprints unlimited" (17 Feb.) but not acknowledged by Mota, "Economics of reprints" (12 May).

As grant support (foundation or government) of university research approaches 100 percent, it is well to remember that papers are still being published by authors with no such support. Being numbered among the grantless, I like to believe that some of us publish meritorious papers for which there will be reprint demand. I cannot follow Mota's suggestion and "have

[my] institution pay for as many reprints as [I] consider necessary." My institution, being small and underfunded, does not pay for any reprints of papers published in outside journals. The printer's bill for my reprints is paid with my personal check.

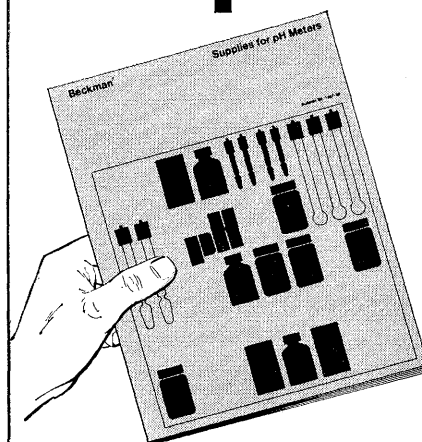
The "convenient number" to which Mota alludes, therefore, cannot always be the total number that *might* be of use to somebody, but sometimes (even in 1967) must be the number the author can afford. Also, many papers in great demand predate the era of subsidized research. Of my own publications, the one that has been most frequently requested appeared in 1951. I was a graduate student at the time, and \$14 for 100 reprints made a large impact in my budget. If I had been able to afford them, I would now be well into the third hundred, sending reprints only when requested and not on the scattergun principle advocated by Mota.

I am well acquainted with the additional problem described by Clark—the influx of reprint requests after a paper has been listed in an abstracting journal. I have also noticed that I get clusters of requests on identical postcards from single university departments, indicating that a professor has asked his students to read the paper, and perhaps suggested that they write me for reprints. I sometimes suspect that students do this as the easy way out, rather than take the trouble of going to the library and finding the paper in the original journal.

My usual procedure is to send reprints in response to any request, as long as I have a reasonably good stock left (say one-fourth of the original printing). After that I am more cautious. If, like Clark, I am concerned about the reprints being sent only to those who have a real need for them, I invest a few minutes in typing out a postcard, stating that I have only a few copies left and asking the requester to explain more fully his interest in obtaining the paper. If he really wants it, he'll write again. In fact, by learning in this way the specific interests of my correspondent, I am sometimes able to send him other papers of mine that had not come to his attention, and direct him to additional pertinent literature. In a few instances, this has developed into a long-lasting and mutually profitable correspondence.

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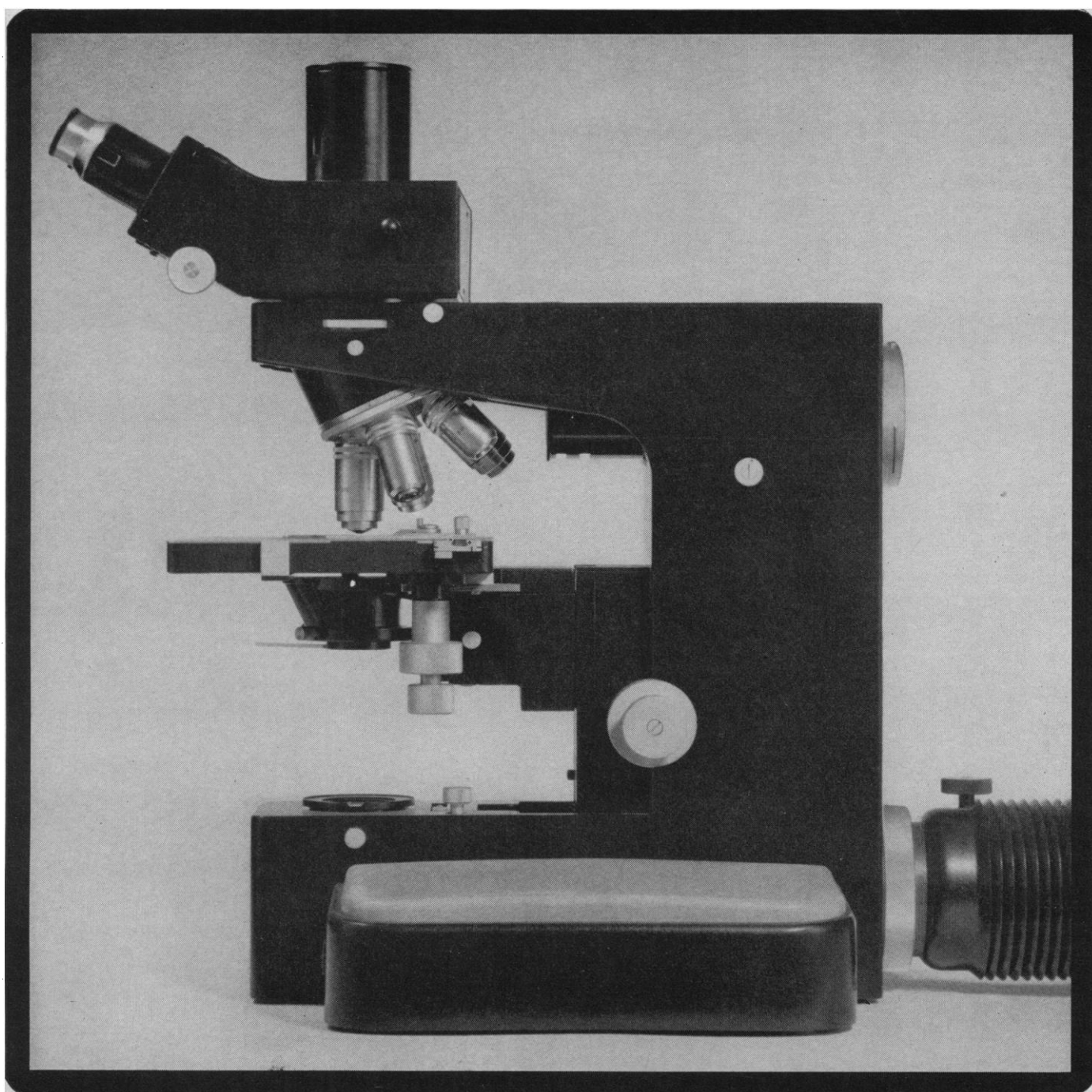
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Faculty Recruitment

A recent National Science Foundation report* projects an easier period of recruiting new members for science and engineering faculties. The students' view of the same projections is that new Ph.D.'s who want academic positions will probably not have as many offers to choose from as recent Ph.D.'s have had. Specifically, the NSF projections indicate that, in order to keep up with enrollment growth and avoid diminishing the percentage of faculty members holding the doctor's degree, colleges and universities needed to add 28,000 Ph.D.'s to their faculties in engineering and in the biological, physical, and social sciences in the 2 years 1965-66 and 1966-67. The 12,000 new Ph.D.'s in science and engineering available for faculty appointments in those years left a gap of 16,000 positions unfilled or filled by non-Ph.D.'s. In contrast, in the 8 years from 1967-68 through 1974-75, the colleges and universities will need 81,000 additional Ph.D.'s, and there will be 79,000 new ones seeking academic appointments.

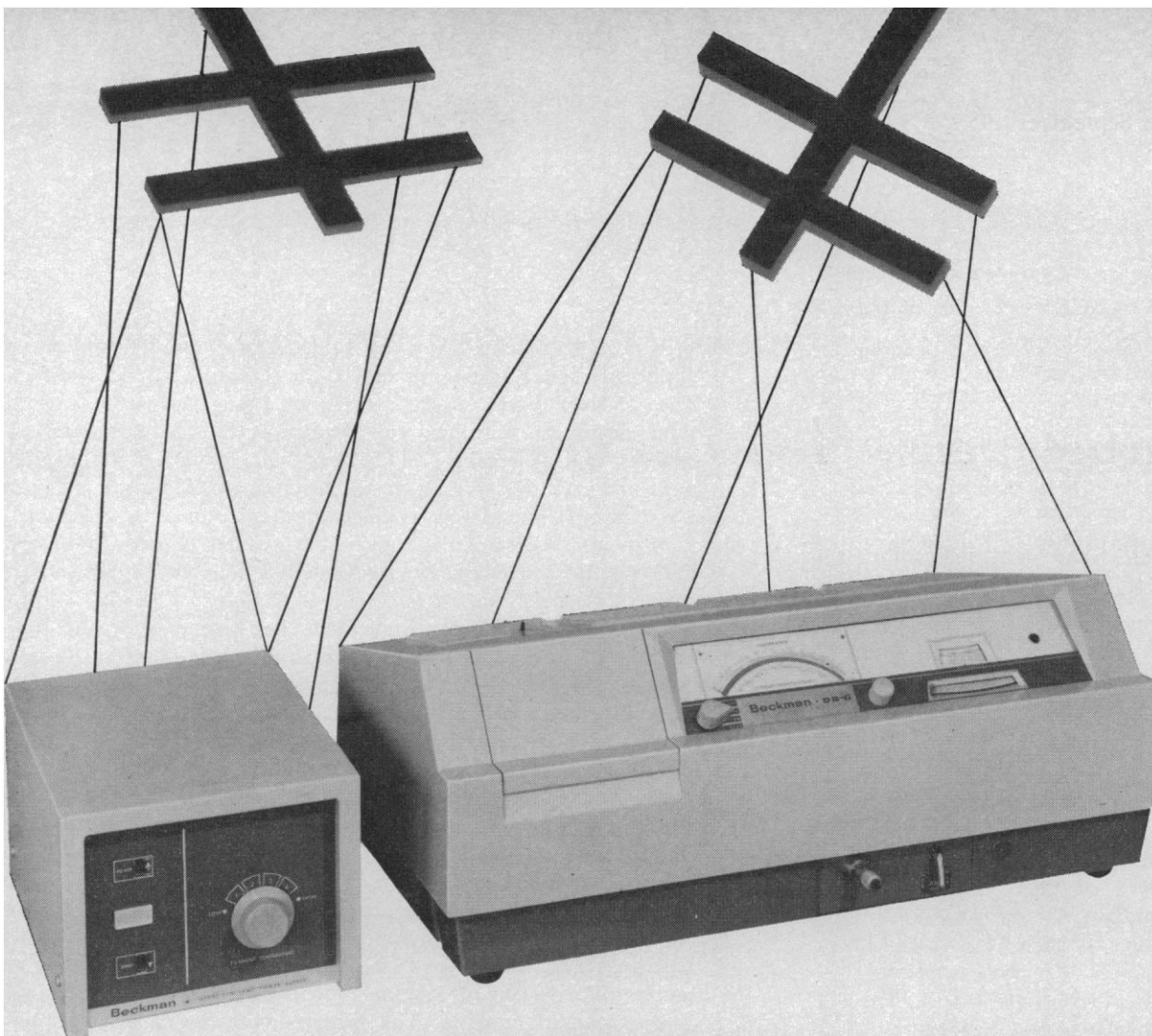
Projections of this nature are always based upon certain assumptions. A major one in this case is that about half of all new Ph.D.'s in science and engineering will want academic appointments. Another is that existing enrollment trends will require doubling the number of teachers of science and engineering between 1964-65 and 1974-75. The additional numbers required for research (both full-time and part-time) were projected on the assumption that the 1965 ratio of faculty research time to teaching time would continue through 1975; NSF chose to make this assumption instead of making independent projections of how research budgets would increase. The third component of total requirements is the need for administrative staff. This need was projected to continue at the 1965 level of 12 percent of teaching and research needs.

One of the uses of projections is to focus attention on the feasibility or desirability of making the underlying assumptions come true. An interesting example is the research projection. Translated into dollar terms, it means that funds for academic research (exclusive of contract research centers) will have to increase from \$1.9 billion in 1965 to \$4.9 billion in 1975 if the ratio of research time to teaching time is as high in 1975 as it was in 1965. If the actual increase is less rapid, the demand for new Ph.D.'s is likely to fall below the projected figures.

Various factors might make the projections inaccurate. For example, Selective Service policies concerning induction of graduate students after the summer of 1968 are still unknown. They could diminish both the need for additional graduate faculty and the number of new Ph.D.'s conferred.

After 1975, the rate of increase of undergraduate enrollment will slow down, and so will the need for faculty expansion. These trends, which are supported by studies of the Department of Labor and the Commission on Human Resources and Advanced Education, make it appear that after 1975 the number of new Ph.D.'s available for faculty appointment is likely to exceed the number required by major employers. The sellers' market of recent years will not, however, suddenly become a buyers' market, for junior colleges and small undergraduate institutions should have an opportunity to improve the quality of their faculties, and nonacademic needs are expanding. New Ph.D.'s in science and engineering are too valuable to become a surplus commodity, but the federal and other arrangements that have increased graduate enrollment now offer universities hope for a little easier recruiting than they have experienced in recent years.—DAEL WOLFE

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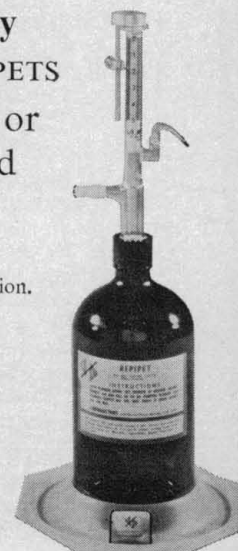
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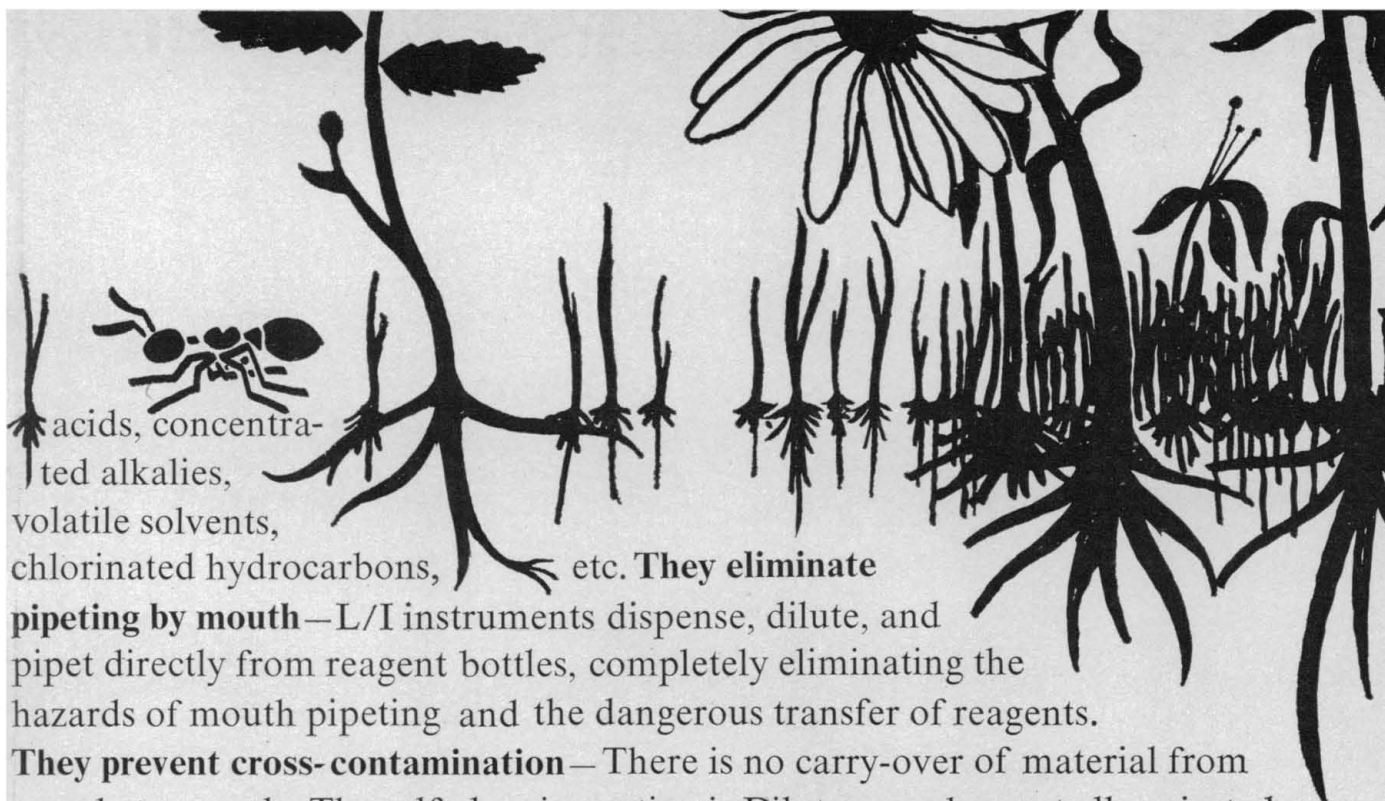
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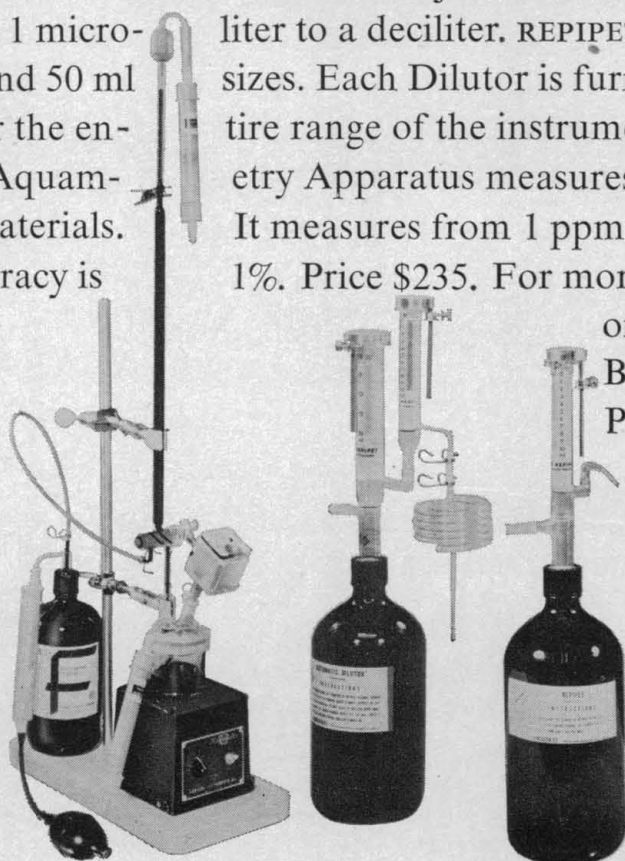
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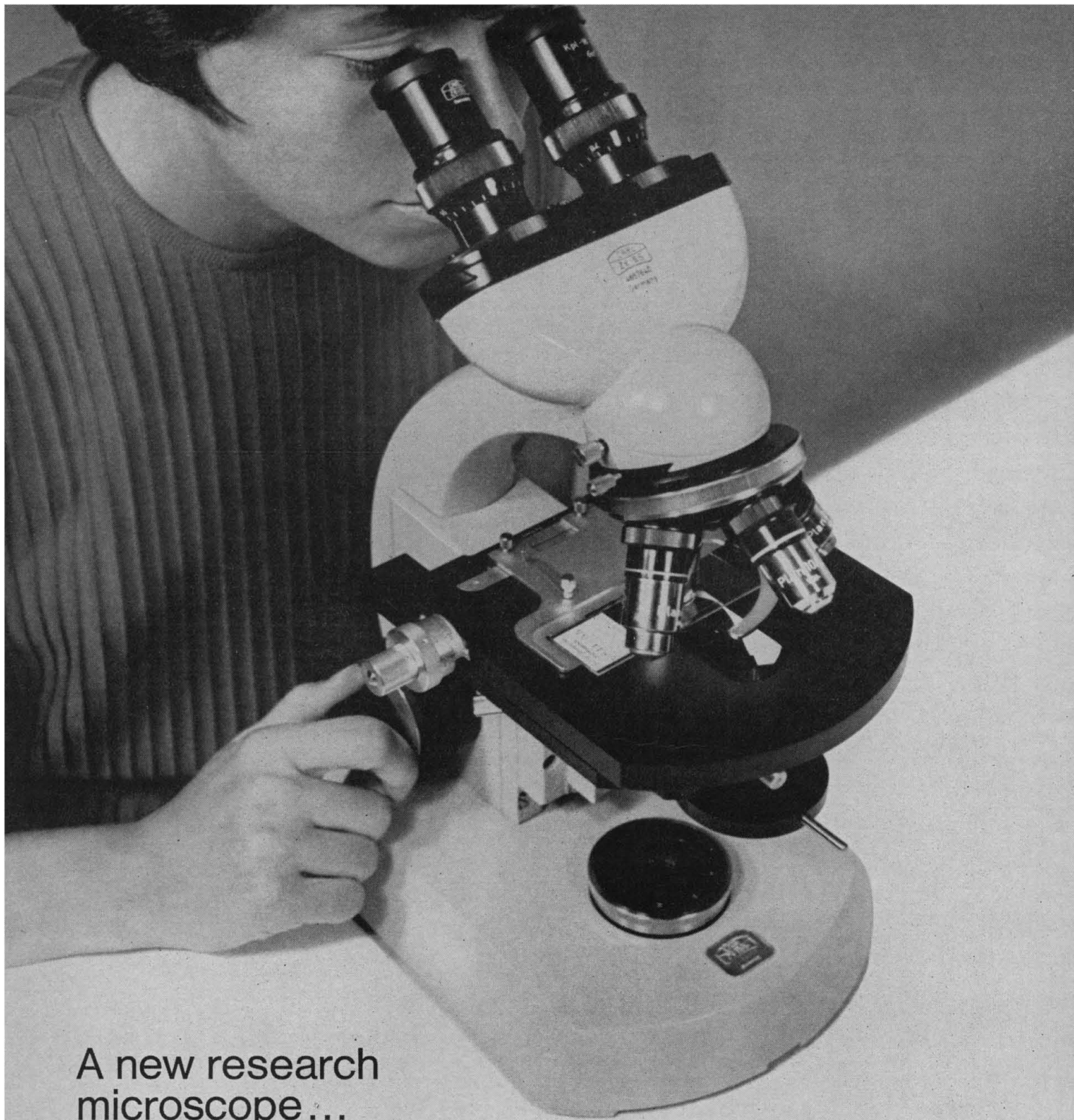
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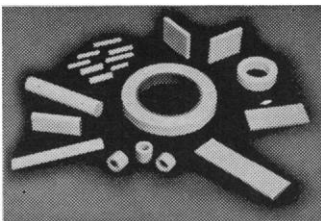
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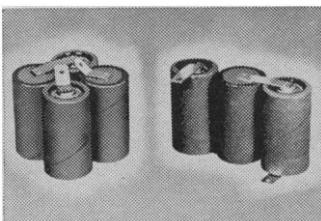
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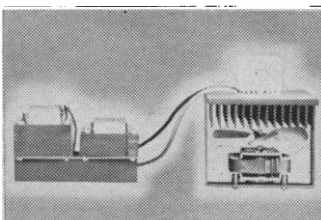
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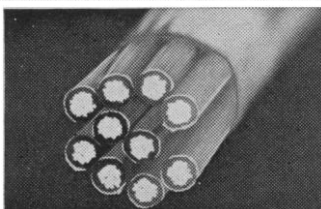
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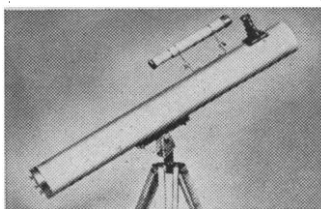
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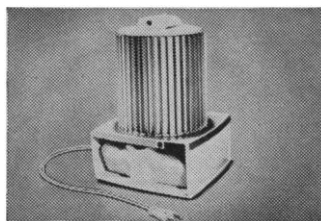
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York at Buffalo, 31 May–1 June 1967, for purposes of comparing these three-dimensional structures and assessing the chemical properties of the enzyme and its mechanism of action in light of the new structural information.

There were three crystallographic contributions: by D. Harker and G. Kartha of Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI), by H. W. Wyckoff and F. M. Richards (Yale), and by C. H. Carlisle (Birkbeck College, London). Harker and Kartha described their crystallization and x-ray diffraction analysis of ribonuclease A; described the isomorphous replacements with heavy atoms used at RPMI for phasing; and presented their model of the enzyme at a resolution of 2 angstroms. C. H. Carlisle, using the same system but a different set of heavy atom derivatives of the protein, briefly compared his lower resolution map with that of Harker *et al.* Carlisle showed several electron density diagrams which differed from those of the RPMI group. These differences were attributed to the lower resolution of the London map; Carlisle explained that these small differences should disappear when their map is at a 2-angstrom resolution. The Yale group described a unique approach to the three-dimensional structure of ribonuclease. Treatment of ribonuclease A with a protease, subtilisin, yields ribonuclease S-protein + S-peptide (the 21 amino acids from the NH_2 -terminus). This is crystallized from 75 percent saturated $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ and placed in a diffractometer flow cell where small molecule and heavy atom replacements can occur, thus allowing for the needed phasing atoms and for assay of the ribonuclease S which is enzymatically active, without disturbing the crystal structure. This work has yielded a 3-angstrom resolution model.

In all three x-ray diffraction analyses, the peptide backbone appeared quite similar. A hydrophilic region was connected, by three partial chains, to a hydrophobic region, containing a cystine isolated octapeptide loop; these two regions surround a cleft for substrate. In the Yale model, the S-peptide, not covalently linked to the remaining enzyme, is slightly displaced from its position in ribonuclease A. There is very little α -helix either in ribonuclease A or S crystals. Neither the RPMI group nor the Yale group have sufficient resolution to identify all amino acids. The planar aromatic amino acids, cystine, and methionine are readily identified, but other R groups are

more blurred. There are a few differences between the models of Yale and RPMI regarding the exact positions of side chains though there is no difference in identification of side chains since the primary structure is known. Higher resolution x-ray maps were suggested to solve these few discrepancies, but Richards made the point that unconstrained side chains, for example at the periphery of the molecule, would appear blurred even at a 1-angstrom resolution. One important problem that higher resolution maps might solve, however, is the nature and position of atoms in amino acid side chains which interact with pyrimidines and confer specificity to ribonuclease. The crystallographers were unable to tell what changes occurred in enzyme conformation on binding of substrate since all the x-ray work had been done with H_2PO_4^- , or nucleotides, or SO_4^{2-} bound to ribonuclease. The answer is important to the mechanism of ribonuclease action. Such a conformational change could provide the needed activation energy for the catalytic reaction. However, the answer may be difficult to obtain since crystallization of anion-free ribonuclease has not been achieved and such powerful approaches to isomorphous replacement as those used by the Yale group would not be directly applicable in x-ray diffractometry of substrate-free ribonuclease.

As a bridge between the crystallography and work on the mechanism of ribonuclease action, H. A. Scheraga described his current work on computing of most probable structures of macromolecules based on the assumption of minimum total energy in the molecule of interest with approximations of the contributions from different types of interaction. Results of these calculations are reflected in bond angles.

A plot of the $\text{H-C}^\alpha\text{-C}^1$ bond angles versus $\text{H-C}^\alpha\text{-N}$ bond angles gives an energy contour map which can be used in defining the total energy of a conformation as well as the handedness of the macromolecule. Random access to the entire energy map is employed for the purpose of avoiding determination of incorrect energy minima among the many inflections. Such calculations of most probable conformation have been carried out on gramicidin-S, on oxytocin, on ribonuclease S-peptide, and the octapeptide loop of ribonuclease A. Results on S-peptide showed considerable similarity to the crystallographic models. At present, en-

zymes of known sequence, such as lysozyme, are being calculated.

If calculated conformations generated by the computer agree well with those determined by diffractometry, then the computer approach will enable relatively rapid synthesis of three-dimensional structures of macromolecules whose monomer sequences are known. However, a healthy skepticism seems warranted, as noted in discussion of this paper by G. H. Ramachandran, until Scheraga is able to solve the known structures of a number of large heteropolymers. On the other hand, if the minimal energy computations do have predictive value, a major advance will have been made in determining heteropolymer structure and in making correlations between structure and function.

The greatest number of contributions to the symposium concerned studies of ribonuclease chemistry and mechanism of action. J. Bello correlated a large body of chemical evidence with the RPMI model. Thus, the involvement of histidines-12, and -119, and lysine-41 in the active center was confirmed in the model by the close proximity of these residues to the $H_2PO_4^-$ in the substrate cleft; the participation of these residues in ribonuclease A binding and catalysis was discussed by a number of contributors. The dimerization of the enzyme by looping of two S-peptide moieties to two adjacent enzyme molecules is seen to be feasible from the model; A. M. Crestfield presented detailed analysis of his active center work based on hybrid dimers. The presence and identification of easily titratable and buried tyrosines in ribonuclease could also be explained in terms of the model. Finally, the anionic stabilization of the enzyme to urea denaturation was correlated with the model where a number of cationic sites from various parts of the polypeptide chain occur near the substrate cleft.

Another approach to the chemical study of the active center as well as the first systematic study of amino acid replacement in an enzyme was reported by F. Finn and K. Hofmann. These workers have synthesized the S-peptide and a number of S-peptide analogs and have tested enzymic activity after mixing with S-protein. The first 13 amino acids in the S-peptide (S-peptide-1-13), when mixed with S-protein in a ratio of 200 to 1, results in full enzyme activity. A ratio of 1 to 1 of S-peptide-1-14 and S-protein is fully active. Addition of ami-

no acids 15-21, in order, to the S-peptide did not increase activity, thus indicating that these amino acids are not involved either in the binding of S-peptide to S-protein or in the catalytic activity of the complex. Methionine-13 is involved in one or both of these functions since conversion of this residue to sulfone or sulfoxide reduces enzyme activity toward RNA but not toward pyrimidine-2',3'-cyclic phosphate substrate. All changes in histidine-12 abolish enzyme activity, thus confirming results of others. Replacement of arginine-10 with ornithine or lysine does not affect activity nor does replacement of glutamic-9 with lysine (bovine versus rat ribonuclease). Phenylalanine-8 can be replaced with tyrosine without affecting activity, but the enzyme is inactive when this residue is replaced by nonaromatic amino acids. This type of systematic study of a synthetically accessible polypeptide essential to enzyme activity is a highly informative and powerful approach in investigating enzyme mechanisms. Its general utility remains in doubt until other enzymes are found which can be converted into two reversibly dissociable pieces, each of which is essential for enzyme activity and one of which is small enough to be synthesized chemically.

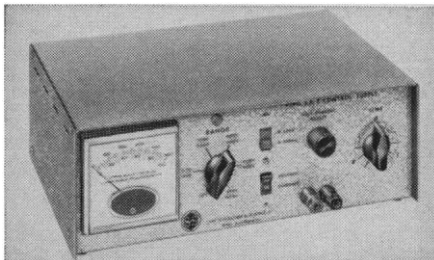
G. G. Hammes described his work on perturbation analysis of ribonuclease reactions with methods involving temperature-jump and stopped-flow-temperature-jump. With very rapid perturbation and spectroscopic analysis of relaxation to a steady state, enzymic reactions as short as 1 microsecond can be analyzed and the number of intermediates in the reaction observed. Hammes has found five different relaxation times between pyrimidine-2',3'-cyclic phosphate and the 3'-phosphomonoester, indicating at least five intermediate enzyme-substrate and enzyme-product complexes. Also, studying relaxation times as a function of pH, three ionizable groups at, or at least influencing, the active center were identified with pK 's of 5, 6, and 6.7, probably corresponding to three histidines.

From the known chemical reactivity of ribonuclease, the kinetic studies, and the enzyme model, it was possible for Hammes to deduce a plausible, if highly tentative, molecular mechanism for transesterification and -2',3'-cyclic phosphate hydrolysis. Binding was the first step, followed by two separable enzyme conformational changes, and then

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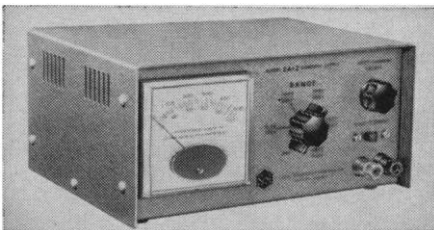
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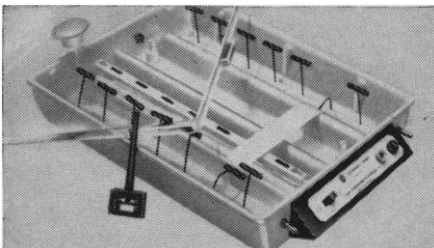
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by dissociation. After binding, protonation of two enzyme bases, histidines -12, and -119, occurs in the transesterification step. A reversal of the process follows, water replacing the expelled 5'-OH with polynucleotides, thus hydrolyzing the -2'3'-cyclic phosphate in the overall general acid-base catalysis. B. R. Rabin presented a similar hypothesis, based on the same general information. His theory differed only in that one of the two histidines is protonated and the other unprotonated at the beginning with the sequential transesterification and hydrolysis involving deprotonation of the first histidine and protonation of the second, followed by a direct reversal. The other amino acid residues known to be involved in the active center are presumably involved in the binding of substrate. There seemed little to choose between these two similar alternative mechanisms except, as noted by Hammes, that the former was esthetically more pleasing and presented no difficulty of low rate constants due to particular histidines being protonated or unprotonated initially. Rabin countered with the observation that the Hammes mechanism did not involve water binding or activation which are thought, by some, to occur in ribonuclease.

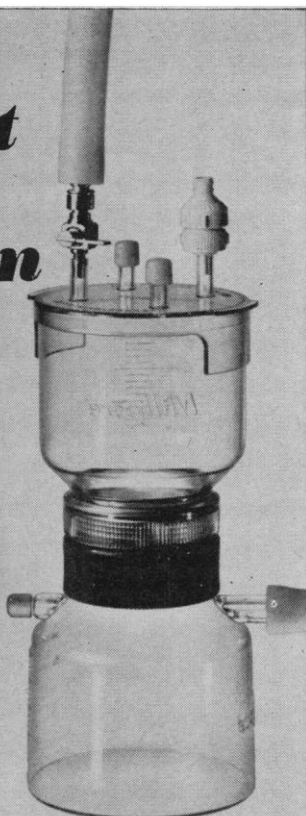
A third alternative mechanism was presented by H. Witzel based on his studies of the binding and hydrolysis of a large number of base analog nucleoside-2',3'-cyclic phosphates. The pyrimidine -N³-C²=O appears to be required and Witzel hypothesized that the carbonyl functions as the general base regenerated by exchange with water. The major function of the enzyme in this mechanism is to stabilize transition-state pentacovalent phosphorus dianion at all stages of the reaction, with the pyrimidine ring supplying all reactive requirements. Though no evidence against this mechanism was presented, it did not appear to explain the need for all the known amino acid residues of the active center region.

E. A. Barnard showed that bromoacetate alkylation of one methionine (apparently methionine-29) occurs sharply at pH 6.2. Since the methionine-29 side-chain is buried in the ribonuclease A (but not S) model, this increased reactivity was suggested as being associated with a histidine ionization and conformational change. Barnard felt that the latter might be responsible for the pH 6 relaxation time observed by Hammes. This conformational change and the changed methionine reactivity

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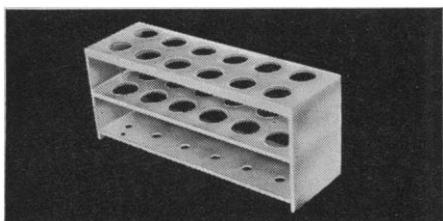
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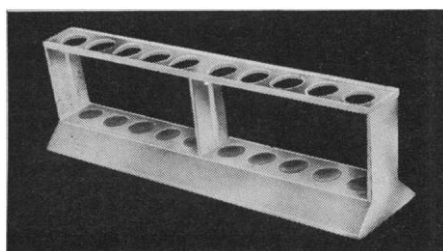
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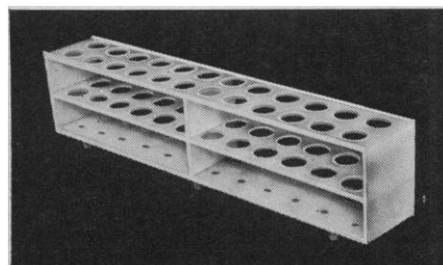
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could be explained by movement of the S-peptide region.

There was much discussion of the mechanisms of ribonuclease A but no general consensus on which, if any, of those presented was most consistent with the model. Further work with close correlation to the three-dimensional structure will be required to resolve this problem.

Several papers were presented concerning derivatives of ribonuclease A and ribonucleases isolated from other sources. S. Beychok presented a study of the circular dichroic (CD) spectra of normal, reduced, and reoxidized ribonuclease A. The original work of Anfinsen on spontaneous recovery of enzyme activity after air reoxidation of inactive, reduced ribonuclease A appeared to represent spontaneous recovery of native conformation, and further suggested that all higher structural orders were completely dependent on the primary structure. The near-ultraviolet CD spectrum of ribonuclease A contains two bands (λ_{max} 240 $m\mu$ and 275 $m\mu$) initially assigned to tyrosine. Further work showed the 275- $m\mu$ band to be complex, possibly including cystine disulfide bonds which may have two screw senses differentiated by CD. On reduction of the disulfides, the 275- $m\mu$ band is markedly changed. After air reoxidation, when about 90 percent of initial enzyme activity is recovered, the CD spectrum is still different from the native enzyme unless the reoxidation is carried out in the presence of 2-mercaptoethanol. This evidence for a different conformation in reoxidized ribonuclease suggests that proteins do not necessarily assume a unique lowest-energy state and, further, that a single unique conformation may not be a necessary attribute of an active enzyme. These conclusions were sharply contested by H. A. Scheraga and by R. F. Goldberger. These findings may have important theoretical implications.

E. A. Barnard, M. Gold, and E. N. Zendzian have isolated and partially purified exocrine ribonucleases from a large number of vertebrates. They have assessed the activity per unit weight of pancreas and some chemical properties of these enzymes. Surprisingly, only certain groups, for example ruminants, had much pancreatic ribonuclease. As a result of this work, a hypothesis was presented concerning the biological significance of pancreatic ribonucleases. Reactivity and substrate specificity studies of ribonucleases from the main vertebrate classes showed the

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enzymes to have a number of active center similarities, thus suggesting that pancreatic enzymes are homologous.

Studies of porcine pancreatic ribonuclease were presented by C. H. W. Hirs and V. N. Reinhold. They have purified the enzyme but have found that it is molecularly inhomogeneous. These ribonucleases are glycoproteins and the inhomogeneity arises from a variable amount of polysaccharide around a constant protein core. All these enzymes contain 125 amino acids and have eight half-cystines. The protein core has other compositional similarities to bovine ribonuclease A.

K. Takahashi contrasted the primary structure and early mechanistic studies of ribonuclease T_1 with A. There is little analogy between primary structures despite highly analogous transesterification and -2',3'-cyclic phosphate hydrolysis (of guanosine-3'-phosphodiester). The single lysine in T_1 is not required for activity. Reaction with bromoacetate did inactivate the enzyme, but histidine was not alkylated; only esterification of glutamate-58 occurred. Thus, present evidence suggests that the two ribonucleases may have different catalytic mechanisms. It appeared that, despite the recent major advances in knowledge of the structure of ribonuclease A and the mechanistic implications of these findings, there is still a great deal of work to be done on the structure and mechanism of other ribonucleases and considerable informative work to be done on ribonuclease A as well.

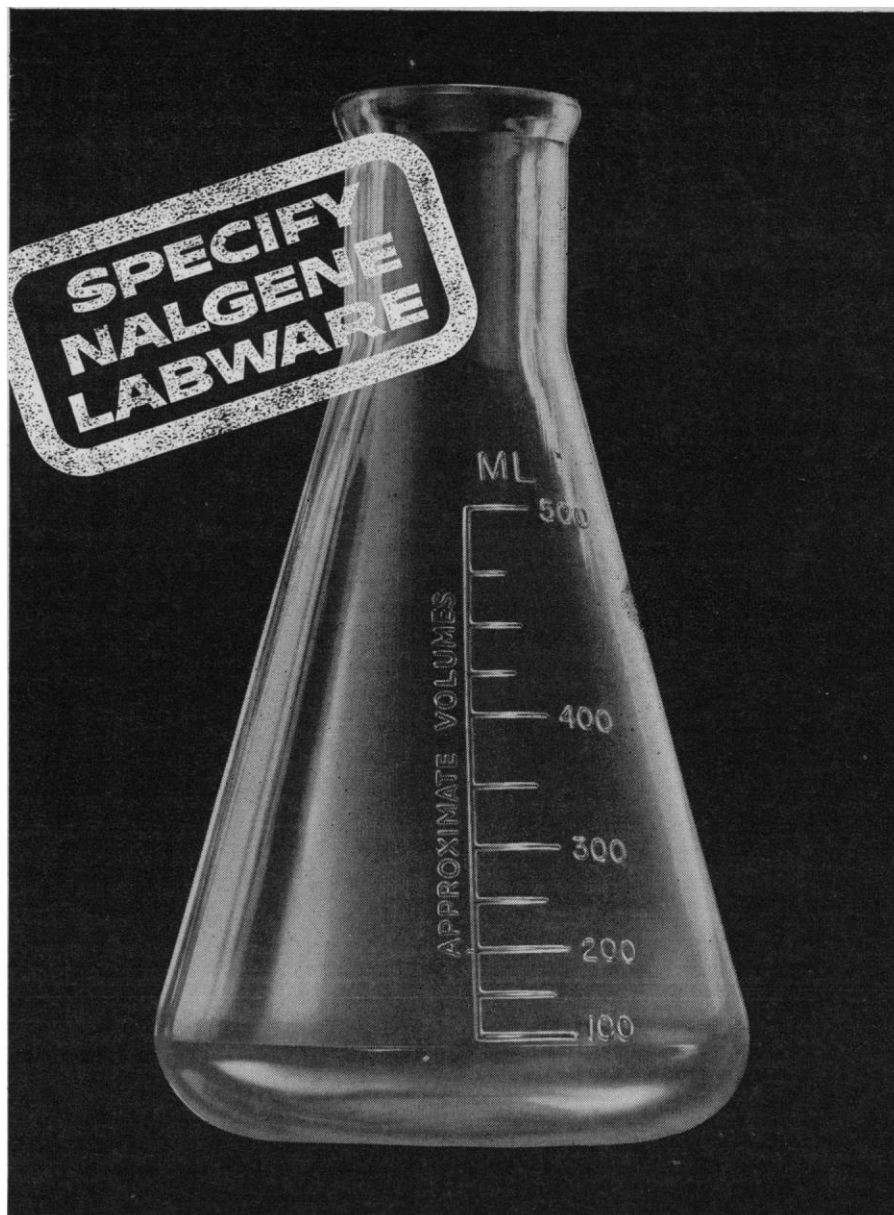
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Cell Synchrony

Recent advances in the synchronization of cell division was the topic at the 2nd International Conference on Cell Synchrony, held 27-29 April 1967, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The program was divided into five sessions: (i) Genetic studies in cell synchrony (H. O. Halvorson, University of Wisconsin, chairman); (ii) Developmental aspects of cell synchrony (D. T. Lindsay, Uni-



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versity of Georgia, chairman); (iii) Regulation and control in synchronized cells (T. W. James, University of California at Los Angeles, chairman); (iv) Biochemistry and physiology of synchronized cells (G. G. Holz, Jr., State University of New York at Syracuse, chairman); and (v) Macromolecular aspects of cell division synchrony (I. L. Cameron, State University of New York at Syracuse, chairman).

A number of contributors examined the proposal that the bacterial chromosome has a single fixed site from which replication proceeds in one direction. Since somewhat conflicting results were reported for cells artificially synchronized by different methods, a study of the replication of the bacterial chromosome during normal, steady-state growth was of particular interest. T. Nagata (Harvard University) analyzed *Escherichia coli* cells pulse-labeled with ^3H -thymidine during exponential growth and then transferred to an isotopically heavy medium. He found that the density of ^3H -labeled DNA shifted from that of light DNA to hybrid DNA after 0.8 to 1.1 generations and that a similar shift occurred in the second and third generations. Thus the chromo-

some has a fixed point and direction of replication for several generations during normal, steady-state growth.

Another means of studying cells during normal, steady-state growth was presented by C. E. Helmstetter (Roswell Park Memorial Institute). *Escherichia coli* cells were labeled during exponential growth, and "young" cells were collected by detachment from the surface of a membrane. His results indicated that (i) replication of the entire chromosome took 40 minutes, (ii) completion of chromosome replication preceded cell division by 20 minutes, and (iii) replication of one chromosome could begin and end in different cell-division cycles.

A somewhat different approach for studying the control of cell division in bacteria was reported by W. D. Fisher (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) on mutants of *E. coli*. A short film showed three different cell-division mutants of *E. coli* K-12 isolated by H. I. Adler (ORNL). Cytokinesis in one of these strains is blocked by x-rays, and is reversed by addition of extracts from normal cells.

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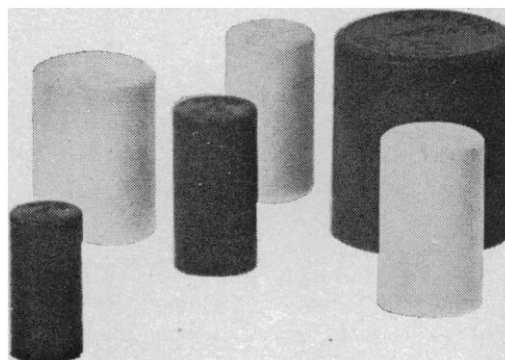
synchronized cells. P. Tauro, from Halvorson's laboratory (University of Wisconsin), reported on the analysis of ordered enzyme synthesis in synchronized budding yeast cells and showed that each structural gene has a defined period of enzyme synthesis. He brought up the interesting question of the relation of the position of structural genes to the time of their expression during the cell cycle and also of whether the yeast genome is transcribed in a sequential manner. J. M. Mitchison (University of Edinburgh) elaborated further on enzyme synthesis in synchronized fission yeast. He emphasized that while certain structural genes showed a defined period of enzyme synthesis others showed a constant rate of synthesis with a doubling at some time in the cell cycle. To account for the second pattern of synthesis, Mitchison proposed a model in which there is a delay between the replication and transcription of the yeast genome. W. D. Donachie (Hammersmith Hospital, London) presented data showing that several induced enzymes in synchronized bacteria show a doubling in rate of synthesis at a given time during the cell division cycle. The time of rate-

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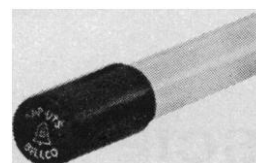
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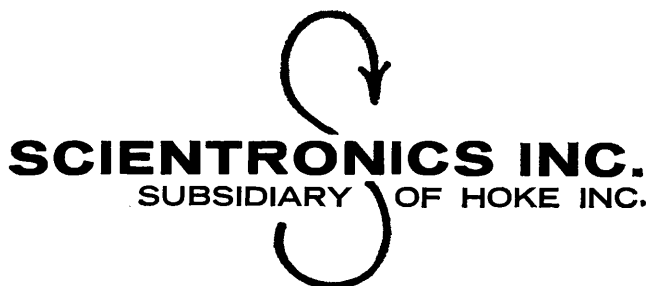
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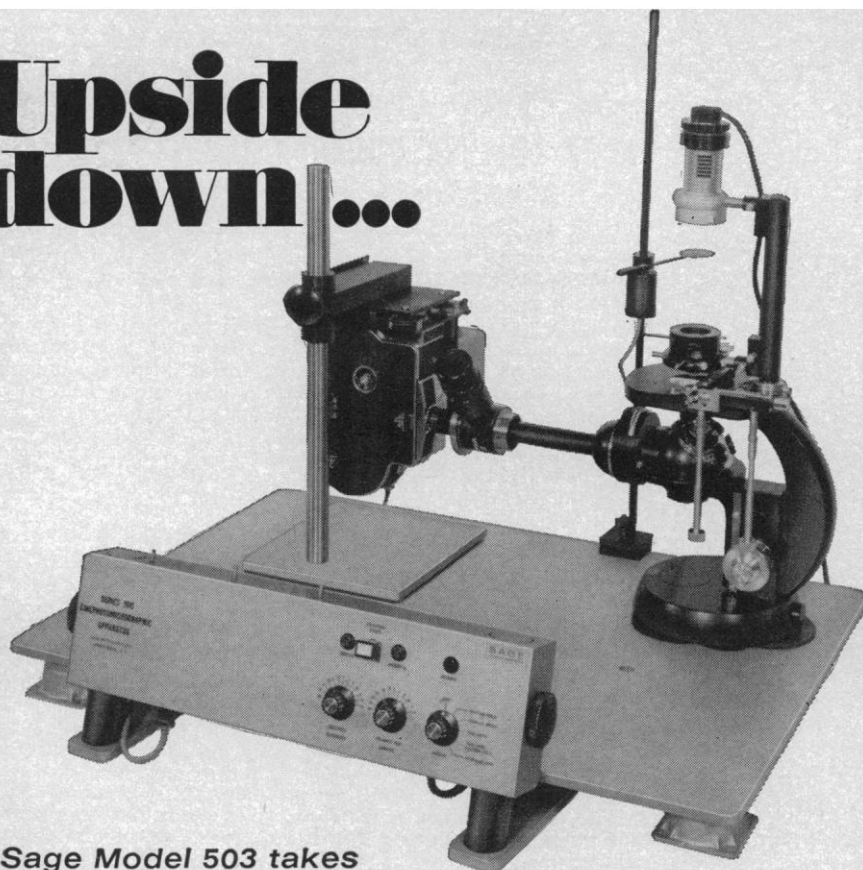
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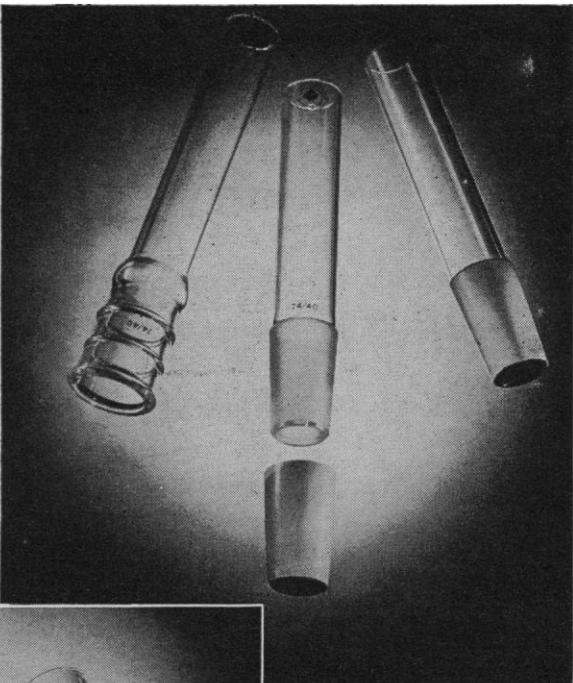
Several papers examined the biochemical events associated with cell division and differentiation. P. R. Gross (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) reported on controls of rate of protein synthesis during early development of sea urchin eggs, and gave evidence that

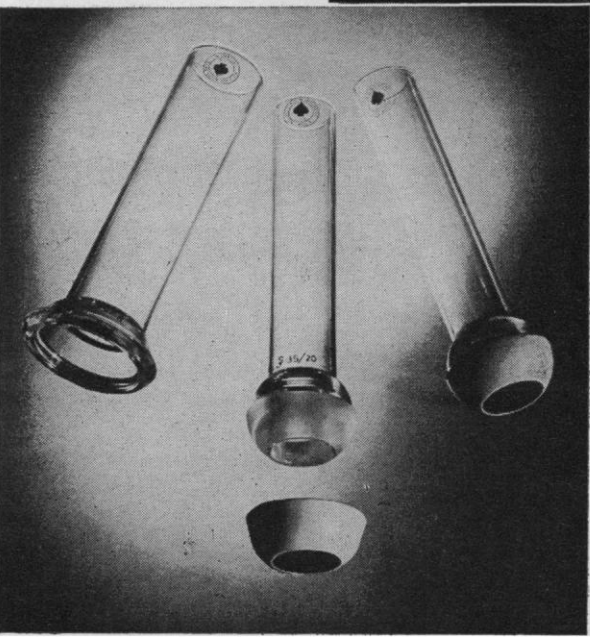
mRNA is stored in eggs and renewed mRNA synthesis occurs only after several successive cell divisions. Data presented by R. M. Iverson (University of Miami at Coral Gables) supported the idea of an increase in protein synthesis and in polysomes after fertilization in sea urchin eggs in the absence of mRNA synthesis. This was further evidence that mRNA is stored in eggs. David Epel (Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford University) reported on "early" structural and respiratory changes occurring within seconds after fertilization and "late" initiation of protein synthesis occurring about 10 minutes after fertilization. This increase in protein synthesis was attributed to an increased rate of translation of pre-existing mRNA.

The induction of synchrony in mammalian cells by various inhibitors of macromolecular synthesis received considerable attention. W. K. Sinclair (Argonne National Laboratory) demonstrated that the toxicity of various drugs is related to the stage of the cell cycle. For instance, cycloheximide (an inhibitor of protein synthesis) is more toxic to G_1 cells, less toxic to cells in S phase, and even less toxic to G_2 cells. D. F. Petersen (Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory) also reported on various inhibitors of biosynthesis of macromolecules in Chinese hamster cells. He was able to show specifically that cells removed from cycloheximide after varying intervals still have the capacity to divide, indicating indirectly that mRNA which directs the synthesis of proteins is relatively stable over long periods of time. Furthermore, he has shown that synthesis of essential RNA is inhibited when protein synthesis is shut off. P. N. Rao (University of Kentucky) reported on synchrony in HeLa cells by means of reversal of thymidine and colcemide blocks. While reversal of colcemide blocks could be obtained in HeLa cells, he showed that this was true only when the drug was added in low concentrations and within specific time limits after prolonged treatment.

In summarizing the conference J. M. Mitchison (University of Edinburgh) stressed the need of understanding the events in the early stages of the cell cycle which play important roles in the control of cell division. He mentioned the more recent interest in the study of the relations of biochemical events to physiological events involved in the study of cell division. In particular, he stressed the need of a better understanding of the end products of

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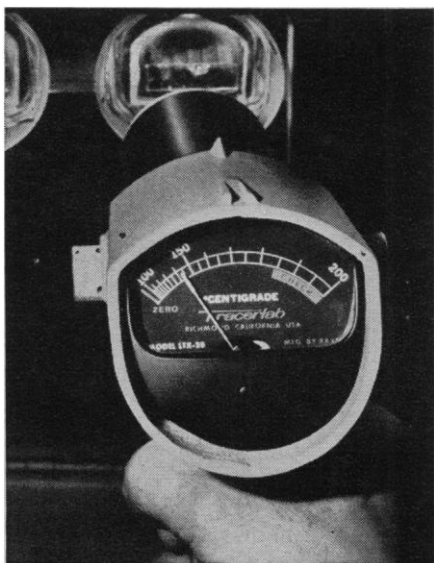
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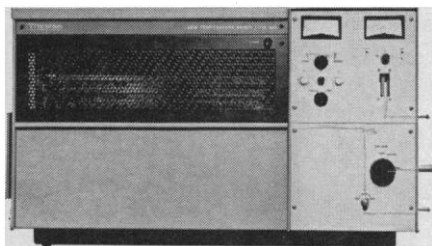
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genetic translation in cells. He further pointed out the need for new morphological or biochemical markers, or both, associated with the different metabolic states, especially during interphase. He contrasted natural synchrony with induced synchrony and pointed out some of the problems associated with the different methods of synchrony.

The conference was held under the joint sponsorship of the Biology Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Duke University. It was attended by 130 investigators from Canada, England, Scotland, Germany, Japan, Russia, and the United States and dealt with recent advances in the synchronization of cell division. Fifty-one papers were presented, and discussions were interspersed throughout the entire program.

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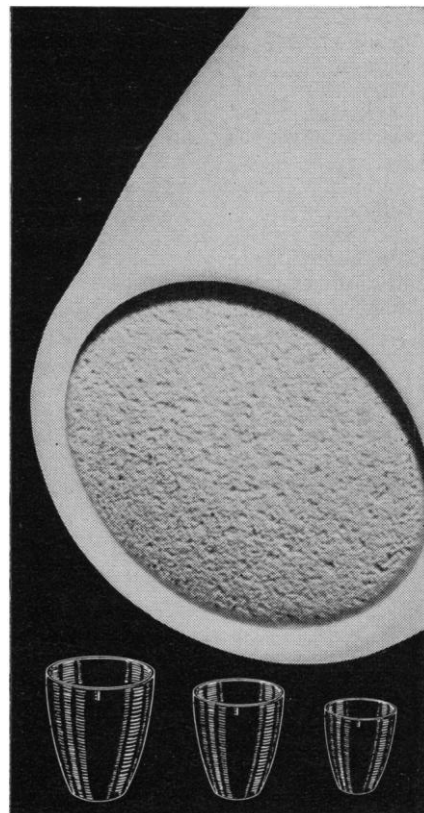
Cardiopulmonary Problems in Children, Chicago, Ill., 21–23 Sept. (American College of Chest Physicians, 112 E. Chestnut St., Chicago 60611)

Cancer Chemotherapy, Houston, Tex., 18–29 Sept. The chemistry, pharmacology, and clinical application of the antimetabolites, hormones and miscellaneous newer drugs will be reviewed. (E. Frei, 6723 Bertner Ave., Houston 77025)

Modern Aspects of Communication Theory, Austin, Tex., 25–29 Sept. Fee: \$175. (D. E. Griffith, College of Engineering, University of Texas, Austin 78712)

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17-20. **Petroleum Mechanical Engineering**, conf., Philadelphia, Pa. (A. B. Conlin, Jr., ASME, 345 E. 47 St., New York 10017)

18-20. **Electrical Insulation and Dielectric Phenomena**, conf., Pocono Manor, Pa. (Col. R. A. Cliffe, Conf. on EIDP, National Acad. of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.)

18-20. **Society of Logistics Engineers**, 2nd annual conv., Washington, D.C. (J. L. Carpenter, Jr., Martin-Marietta, Friendship Intern. Airport, Baltimore, Md.)

18-20. **Standards Engineers Soc.**, 16th annual mtg., Detroit, Mich. (B. J. Powell, Bendix Corp., Res. Lab. Div., Southfield, Mich. 48076)

18-21. **Marine Corrosion**, seminar, Wrightsville Beach, N.C. (T. P. May, Box 656, Wrightsville Beach)

18-21. **Pulp and Paper**, 22nd engineering conf., Atlanta, Ga. (H. B. Harris, Jr., Union Camp Corp., Savannah, Ga.)

18-22. **Localized Excitations in Solids**, Los Angeles, Calif. (A. A. Maradudin, Dept. of Physics, Univ. of California, Irvine 92664)

19-22. **Pulsed High-Density Plasmas**, conf., Los Alamos, N.M. (F. L. Ribe, Los Alamos Scientific Lab., Box 1663, Los Alamos 87544)

21-24. **American Medical Writers' Assoc.**, annual mtg., Chicago, Ill. (E. G. Dailey, AMWA, Box 267, Arlington, Va.)

22-30. **American Soc. of Clinical Pathologists** and College of American Pathologists, joint annual mtg., Chicago, Ill. (M. Damron, ASCP, 445 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago 60611)

25-27. **Environmental Effects on Aircraft and Propulsion Systems**, 7th annual conf., Princeton, N.J. (H. F. Sander, IES, 940 E. Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect, Ill.)

25-28. **Association of Iron and Steel Engineers**, annual conv., Chicago, Ill. (T. J. Ess, AISE, 1010 Empire Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222)

25-28. **Human Factors Soc.**, 11th annual mtg., Boston, Mass. (P. G. Ronco, Systems Bldg., Tufts Univ., Medford, Mass.)

26-28. **Survival and Flight Equipment Assoc.**, 5th natl. symp., San Diego, Calif. (J. Dolan, 939 Nolan Way, Chula Vista, Calif.)

26-29. **American Roentgen Ray Soc.**, annual mtg., Washington, D.C. (T. F. Leigh, ARRS, Emory Univ. Clinic, Atlanta, Ga. 30322)

27-29. **American Assoc. of Petroleum Geologists**, mid-continent section mtg., Wichita, Kan. (R. J. Gutru, Beardmore Drilling Co., 700 One Twenty Bldg., Wichita 67202)

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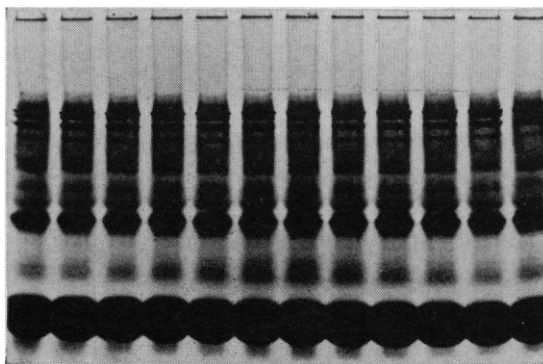
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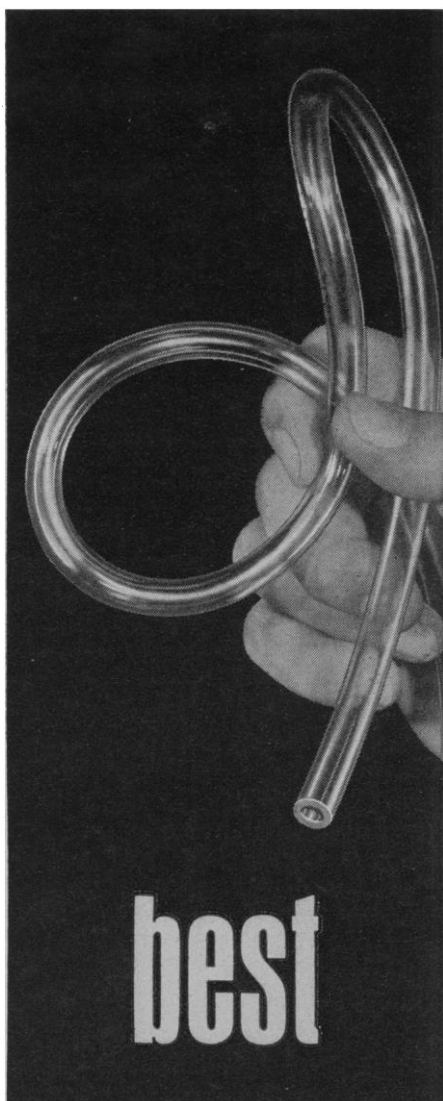
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28-30. **Cervix Uteri**, symp., Miami, Fla. (J. W. Scott, 701 du Pont Bldg., Miami 33131)

29-3. **American Soc. of Anesthesiologists**, annual mtg., Las Vegas, Nev. (W. S. Marinko, ASA, 515 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge, Ill. 60608)

International and Foreign Meetings

7-9. **Analytical Chemistry**, symp., Sackville, Canada. (T. H. G. Michael, Chemical Inst. of Canada, 151 Slater St., Ottawa 4)

10-14. **American Soc. of Psychosomatic Dentistry and Medicine**, 18th annual mtg., Mont Gabriel, Canada. (L. Wollman, ASPDM, 2177½ Seneca St., Buffalo, N.Y.)

10-15. **Illuminating Engineering Soc.**, conf., Montreal, Canada. (A. D. Hinckley, IES, 345 E. 47 St., New York 10017)

11-15. **Cybernetics**, 5th intern. congr., Namur, Belgium. (International Assoc. for Cybernetics, 13 Rue Basse-Marcelle, Namur)

11-15. **High Energy Accelerators**, 6th intern. conf., Cambridge, Mass. (W. A. Shurcliff, Cambridge Electron Accelerator, 42 Oxford St., Cambridge 02138)

11-15. **Information Theory**, Inst. of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, intern. symp., San Remo, Italy. (D. Schilling, Polytechnic Inst. of Brooklyn, 333 Jay St., Brooklyn, N.Y.)

13-15. **American Fisheries Soc.**, 97th annual mtg., Toronto, Canada. (R. F. Hutton, AFS, Suite 1040, Washington Bldg., 15th and New York Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.)

17-20. **High Temperature**, 3rd intern. symp., Asilomar, Calif. (Dept. 366, Stanford Research Inst., 333 Ravenwood Ave., Menlo Park, Calif. 94025)

17-23. **Neuro-Genetics and Neuroophthalmology**, 2nd intern. congr., Montreal, P.Q., Canada. (A. Barbeau, Section de Neurologie, Univ. of Montreal, Montreal)

18-19. **American Assoc. of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta**, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. (F. Widmoyer, Dept. of Horticulture, New Mexico State Univ., University Park)

18-20. **Buoy Technology**, 2nd intern. symp., Washington, D.C. (M. H. Simons, MTS, 1030 15th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005)

20-23. **Use of Radioactive Isotopes in Pharmacology**, intern. conf., Geneva, Switzerland. (B. Glasson, School of Medicine, Univ. of Geneva, 1211 Geneva 4)

24-27. **American Inst. of Chemical Engineers** and Mexican Inst. of Chemical Engineers, joint mtg., Mexico City. (J. Henry, AIChE, 345 E. 47 St., New York)

24-30. **International Astronautical Federation**, 18th annual congr., Belgrade, Yugoslavia. (American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 1920 Sixth Ave., New York 10019)

25-29. **Mass Spectrometry**, intern. conf., West Berlin, Germany. (Geschäftsstelle der Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, z Hd von Herrn Dr. W. Fritsche, 6 Frankfurt/Main, Postfach 9075, Germany)

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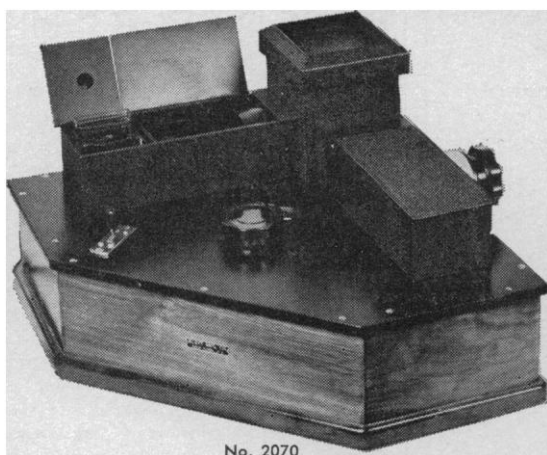
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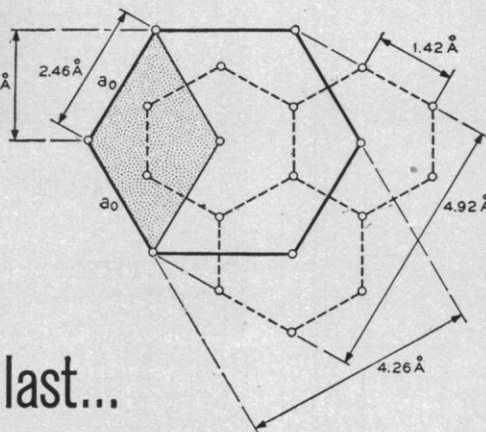
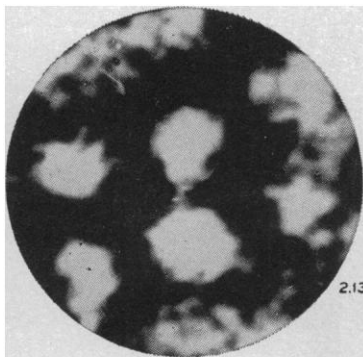
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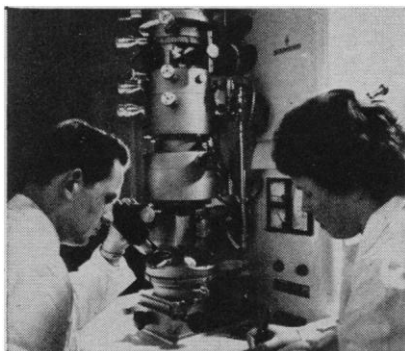


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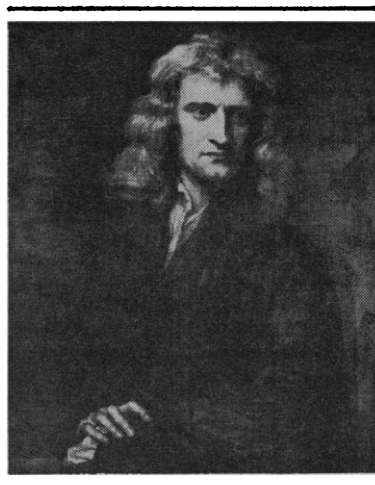
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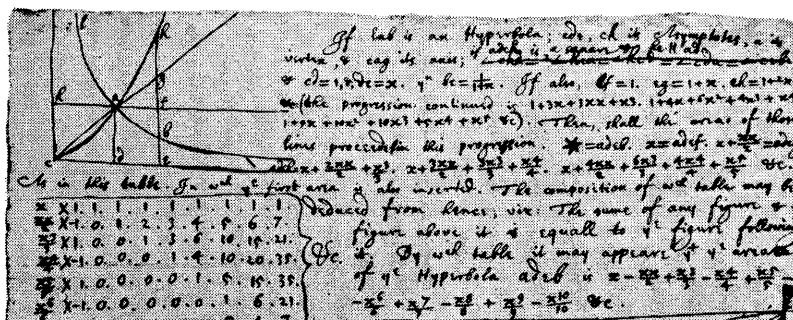
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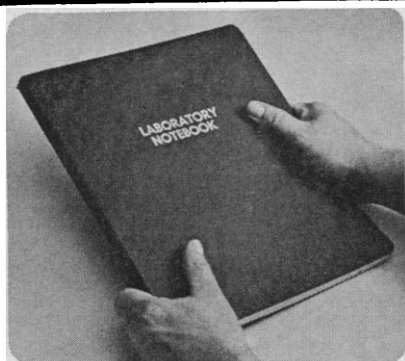


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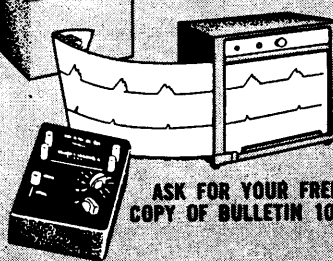
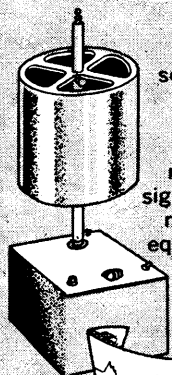
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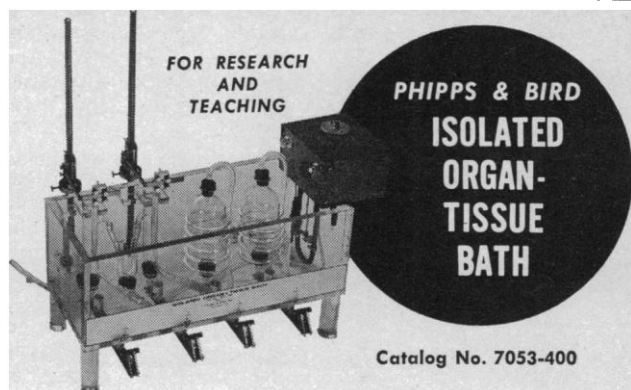
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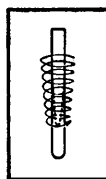
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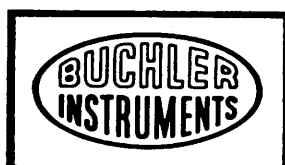
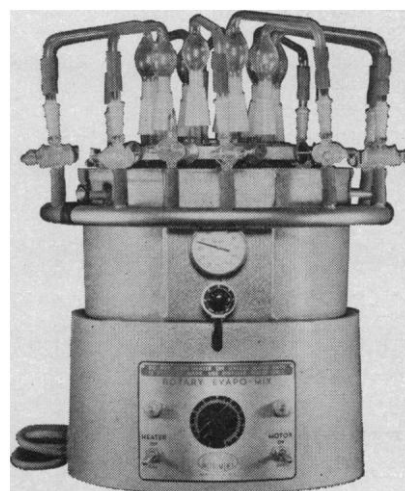
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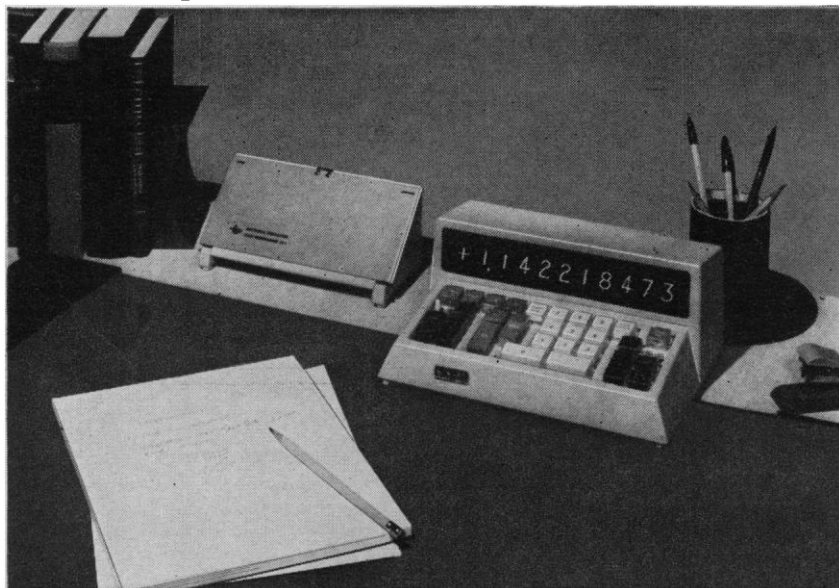
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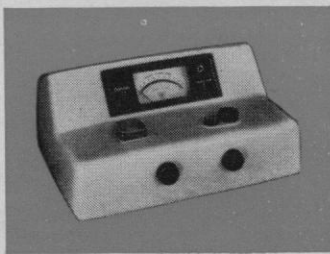
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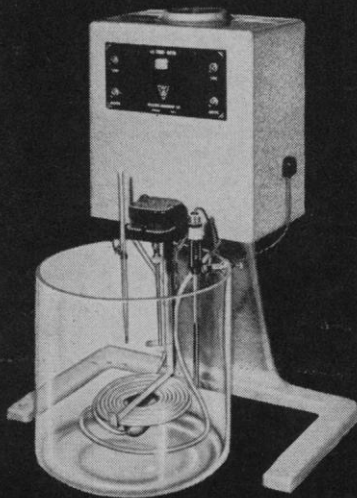
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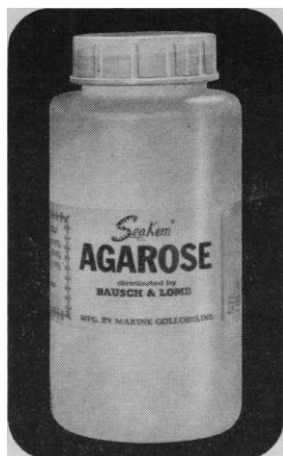
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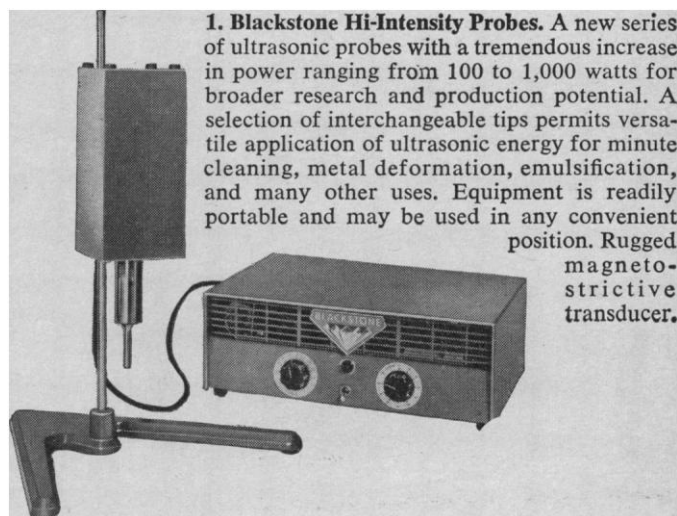
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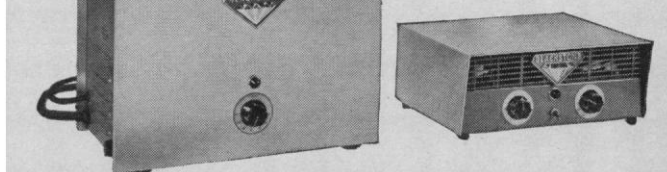
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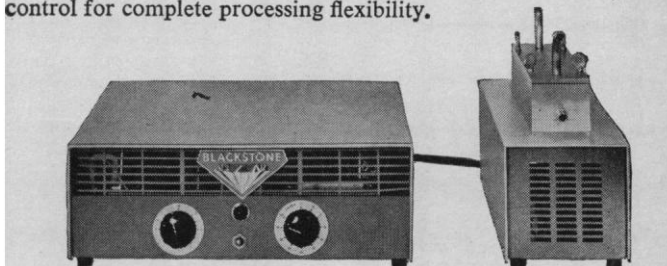


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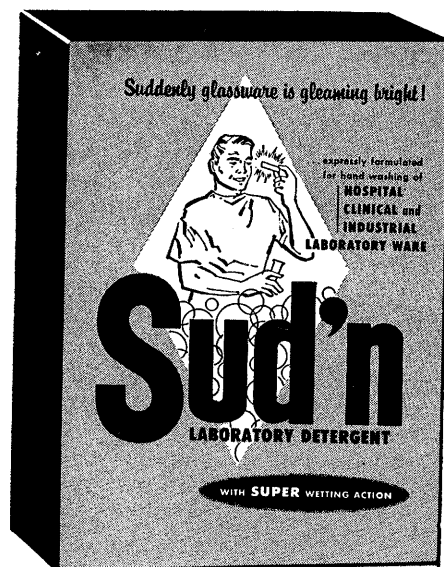


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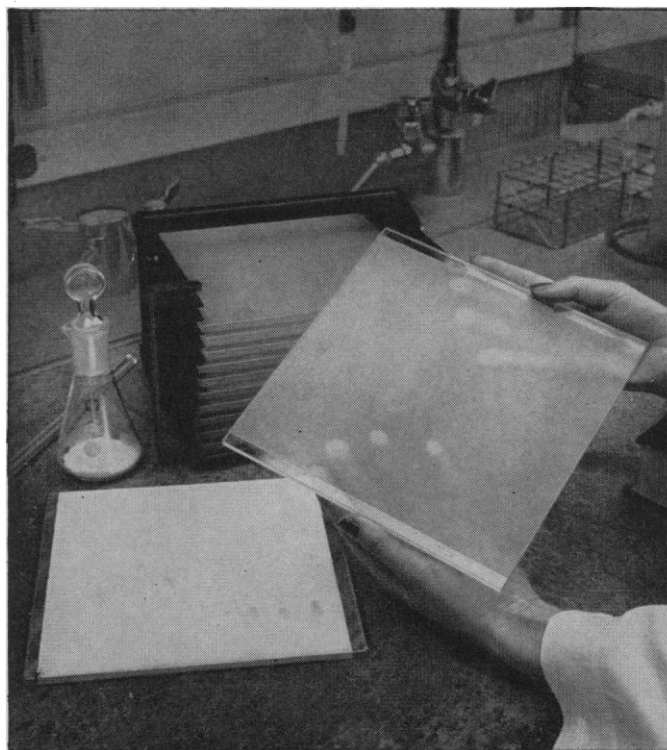
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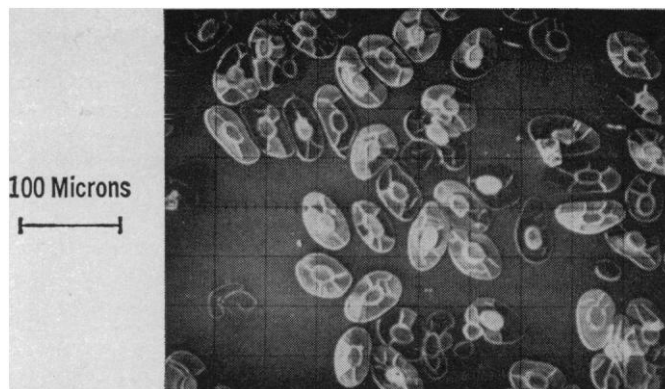
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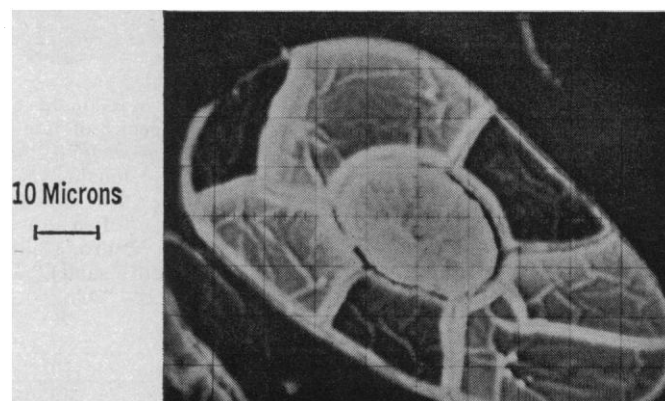
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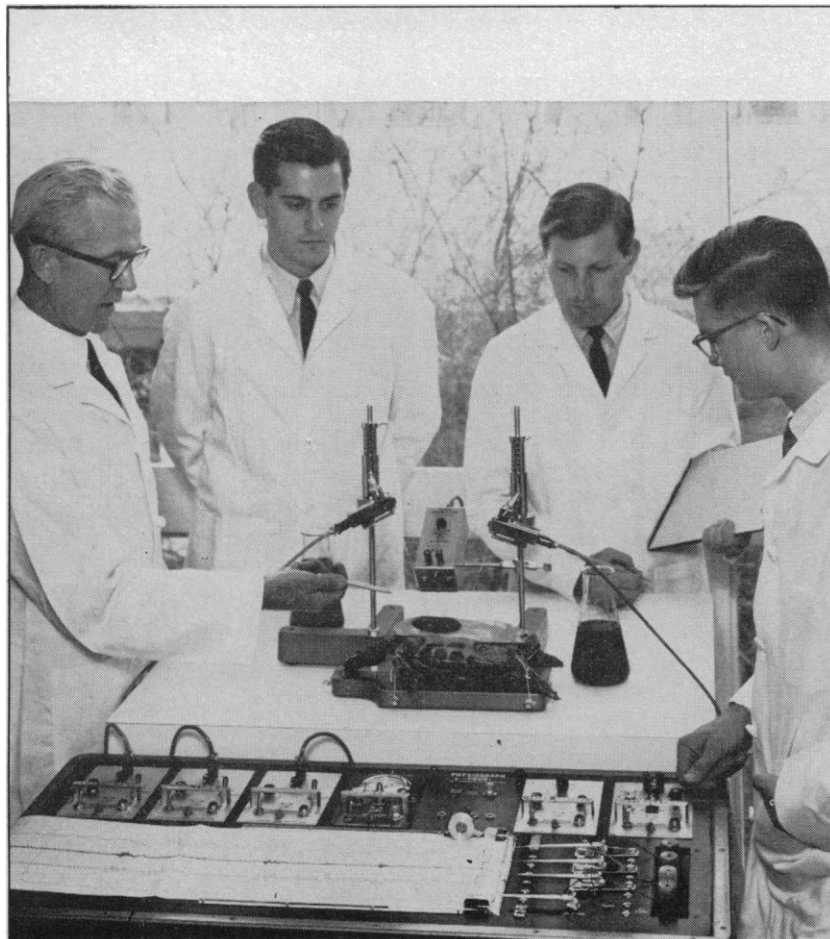
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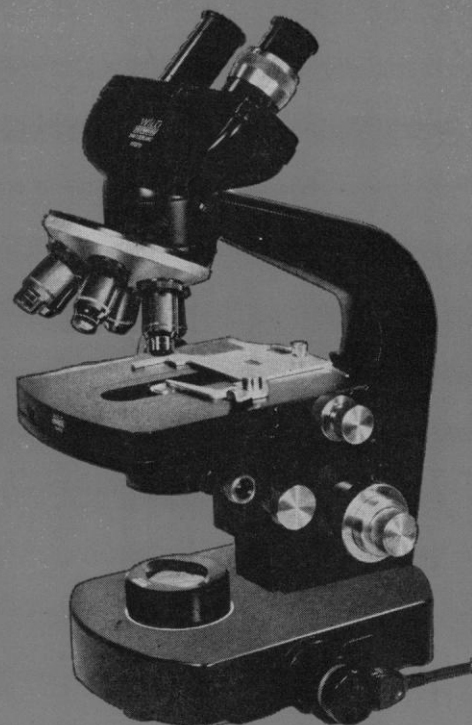
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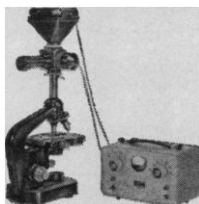
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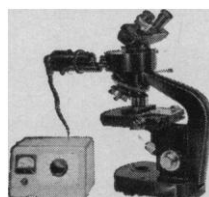
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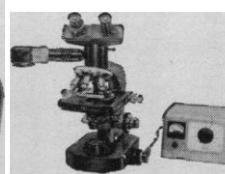
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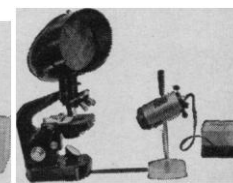
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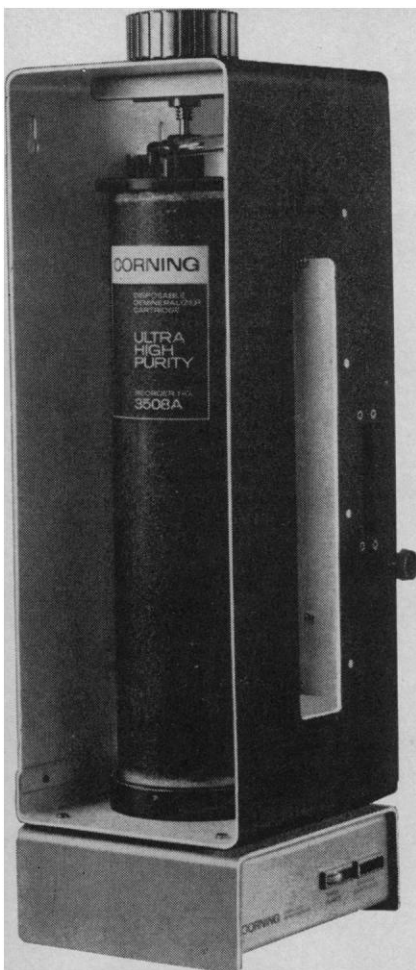
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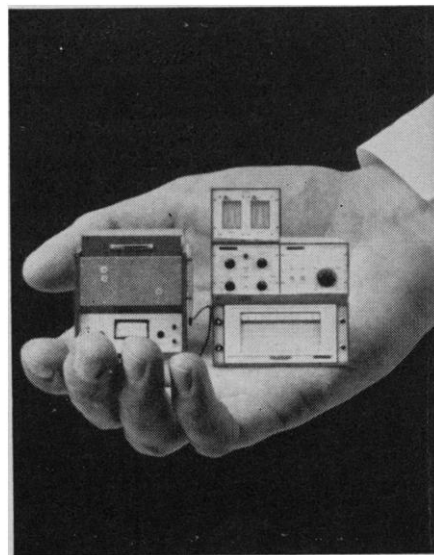
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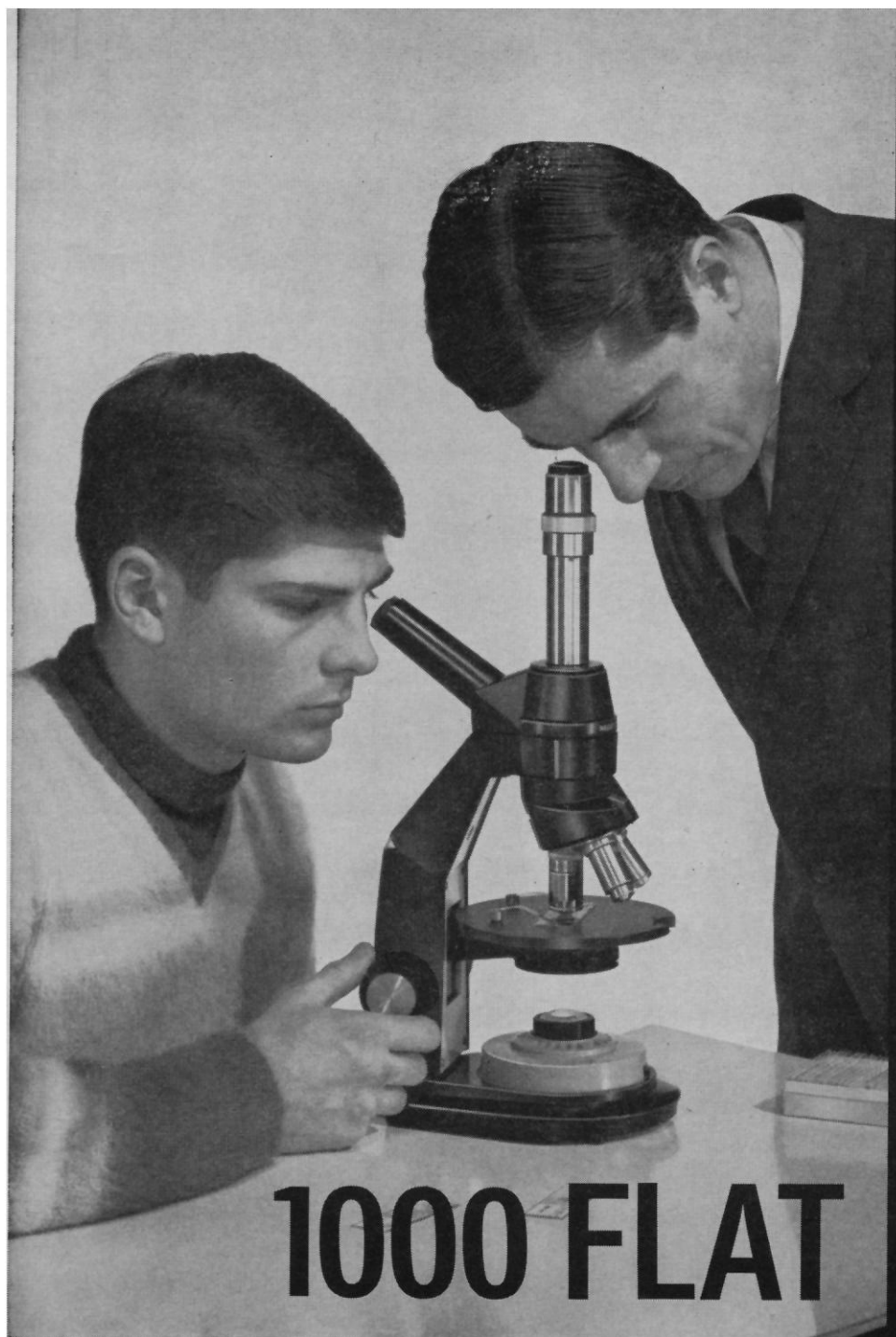
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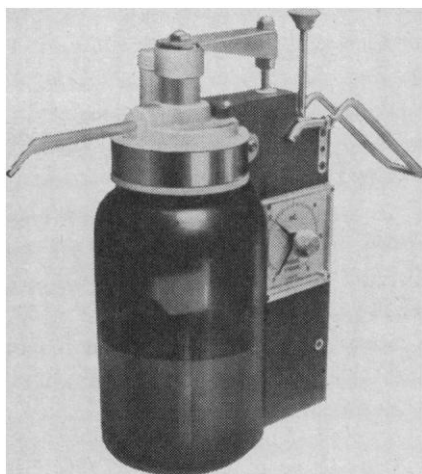
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