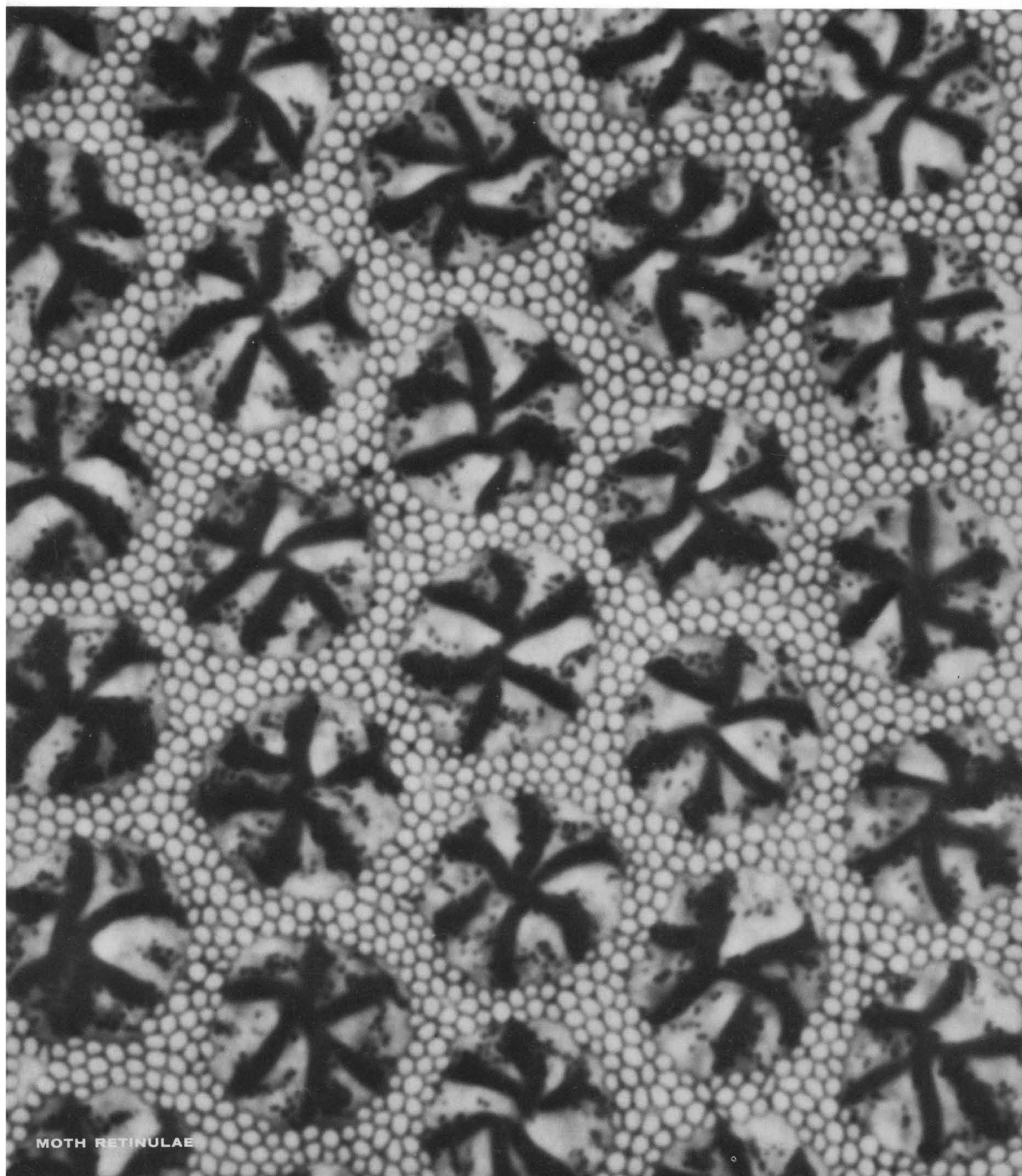


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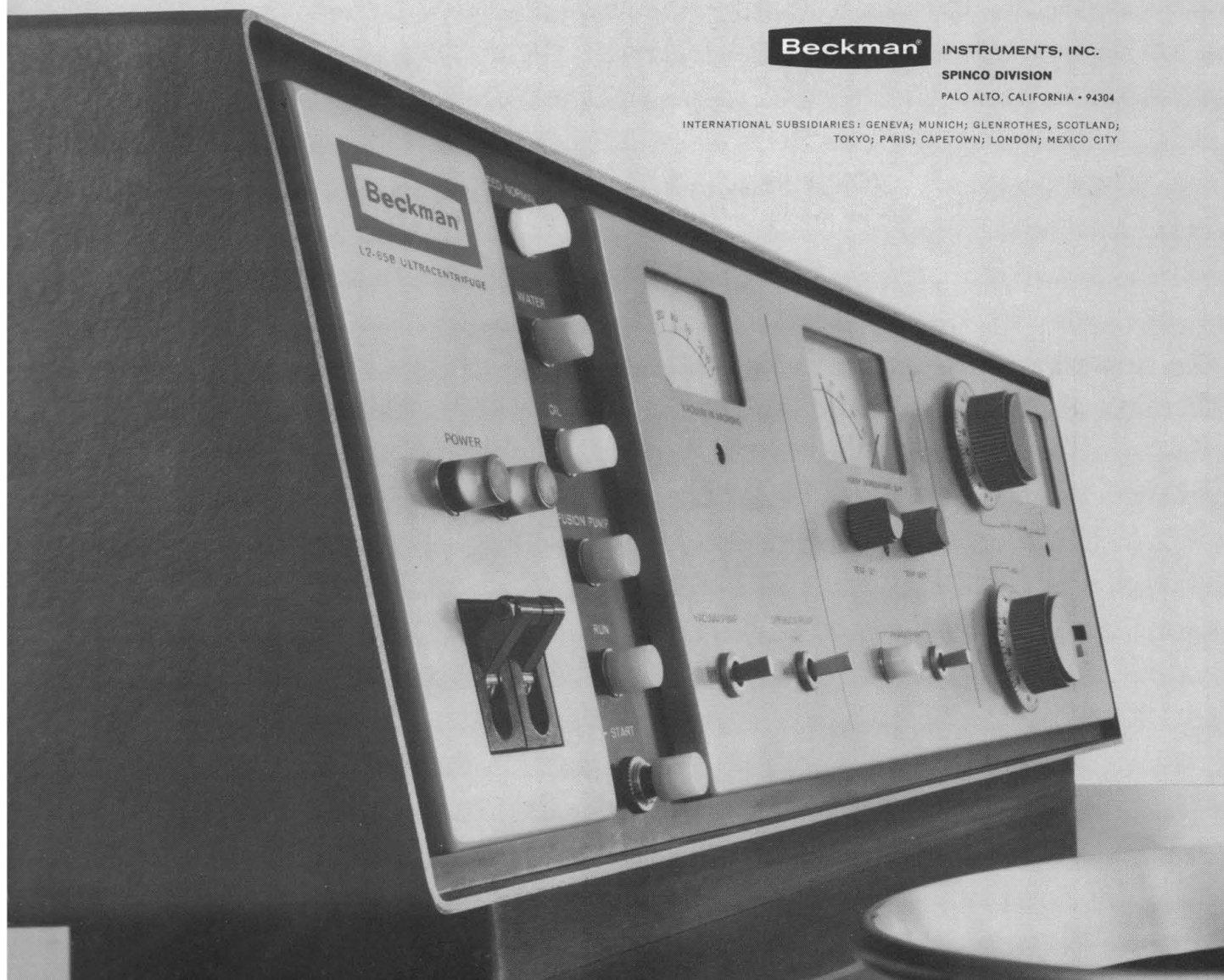
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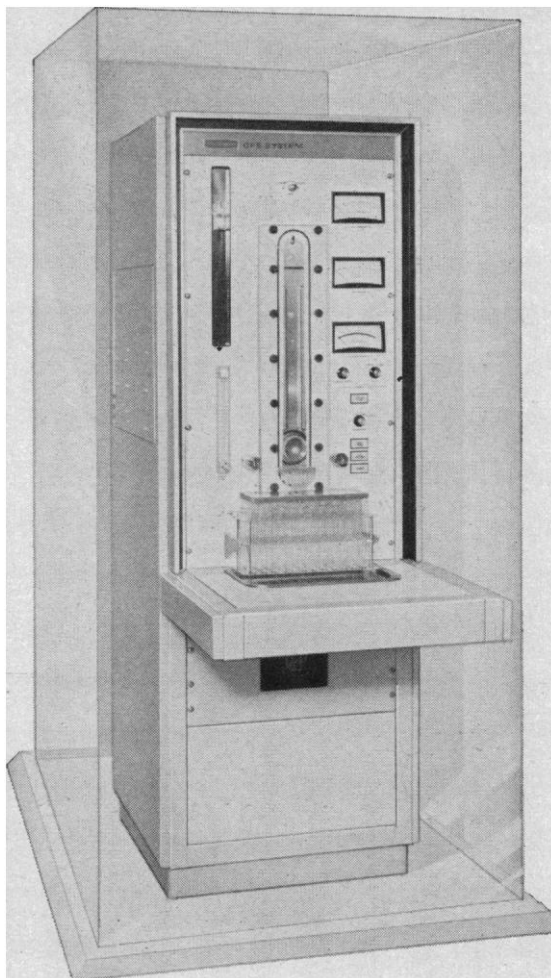
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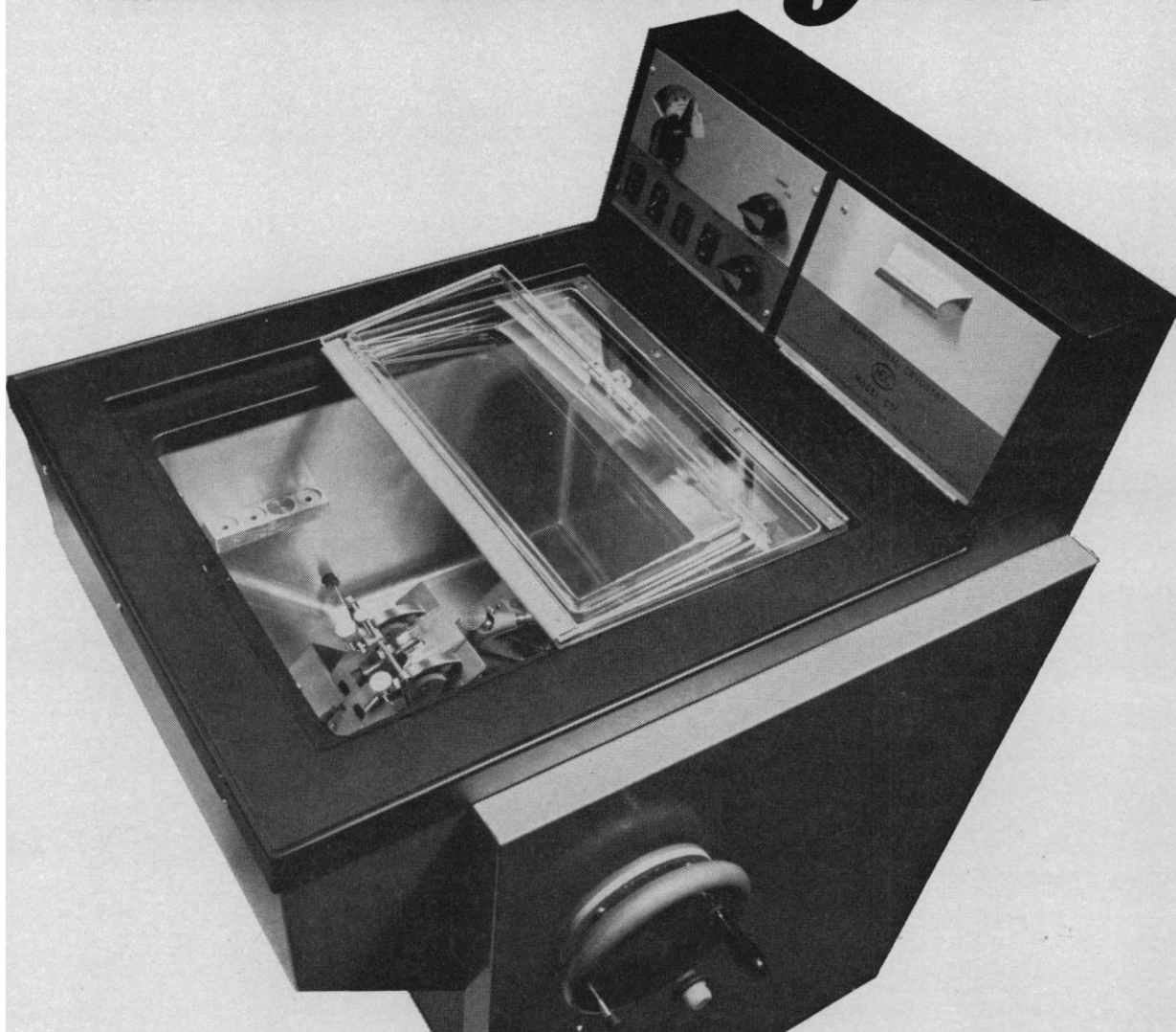
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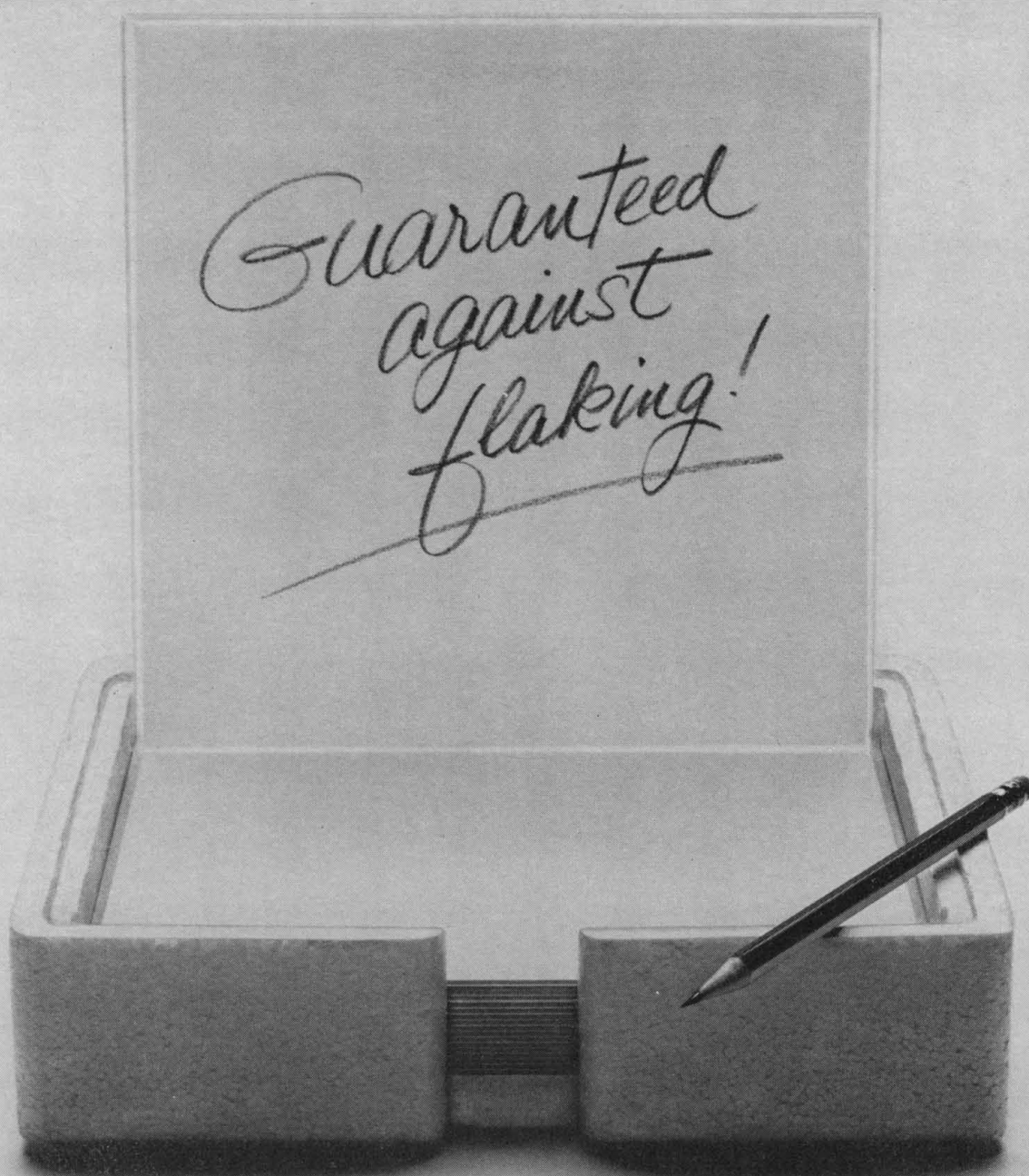


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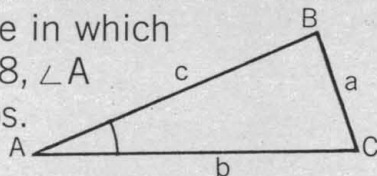
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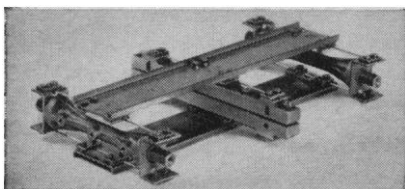
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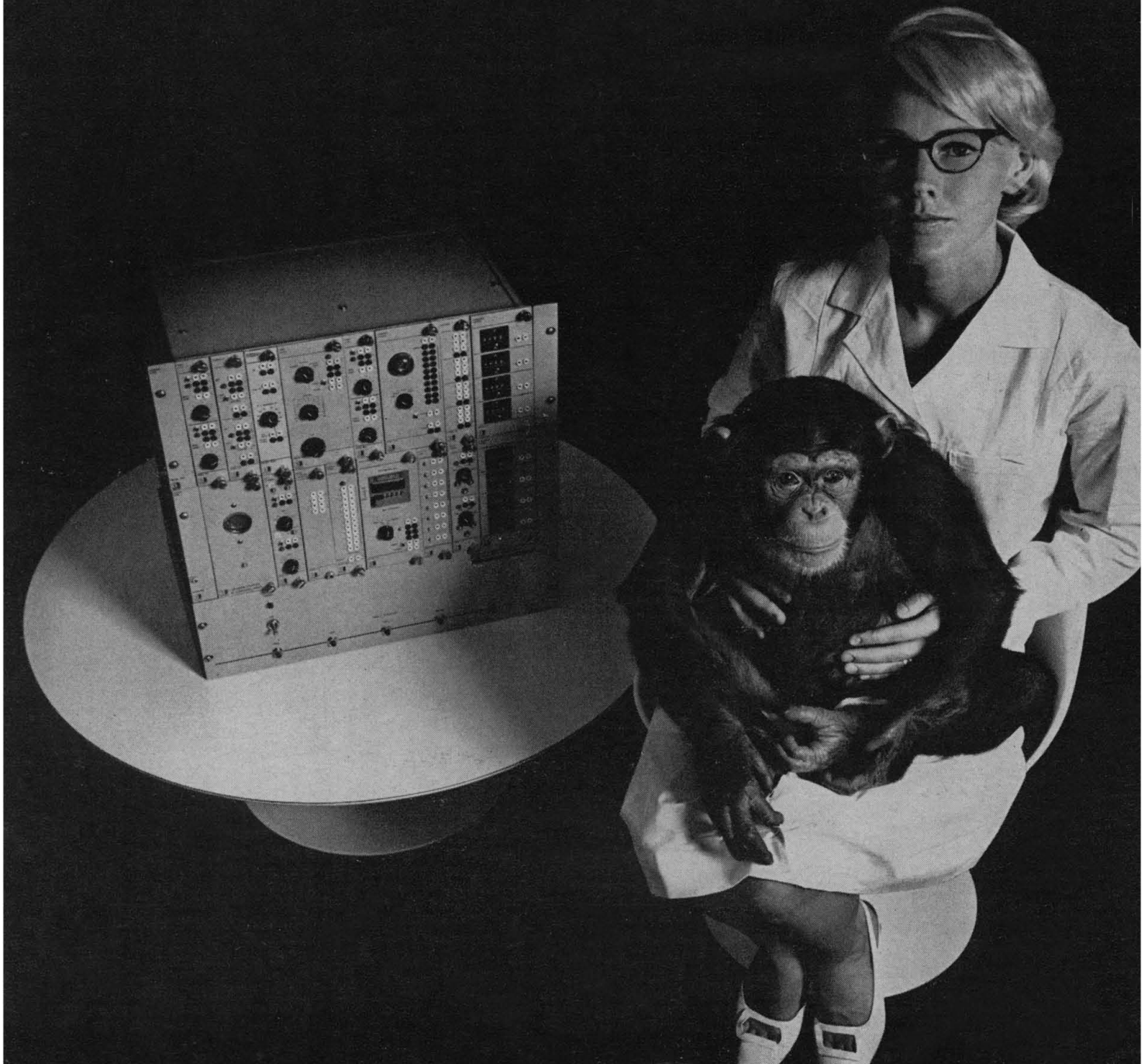


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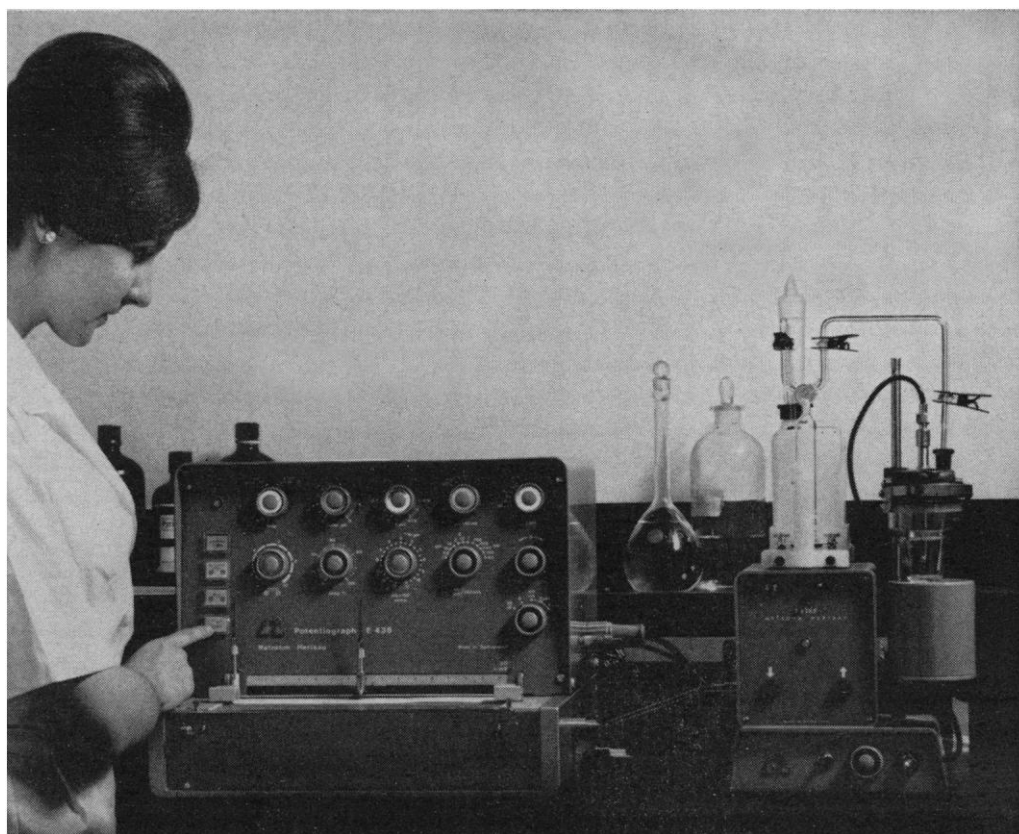
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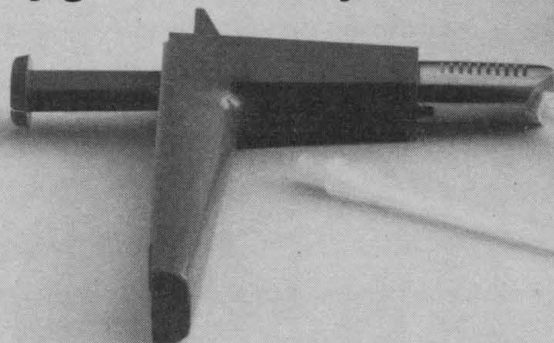
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
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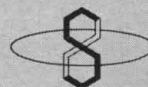
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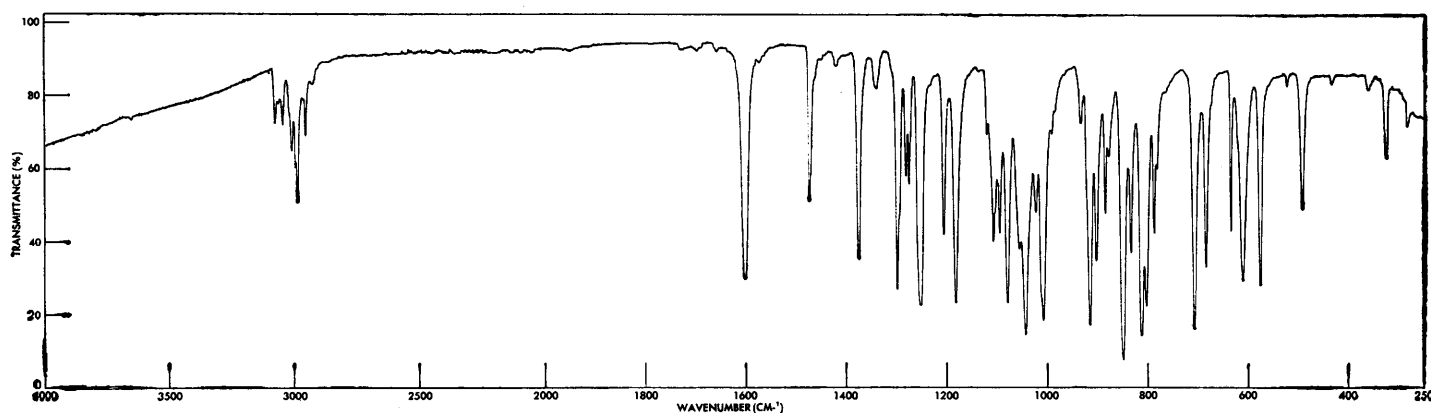
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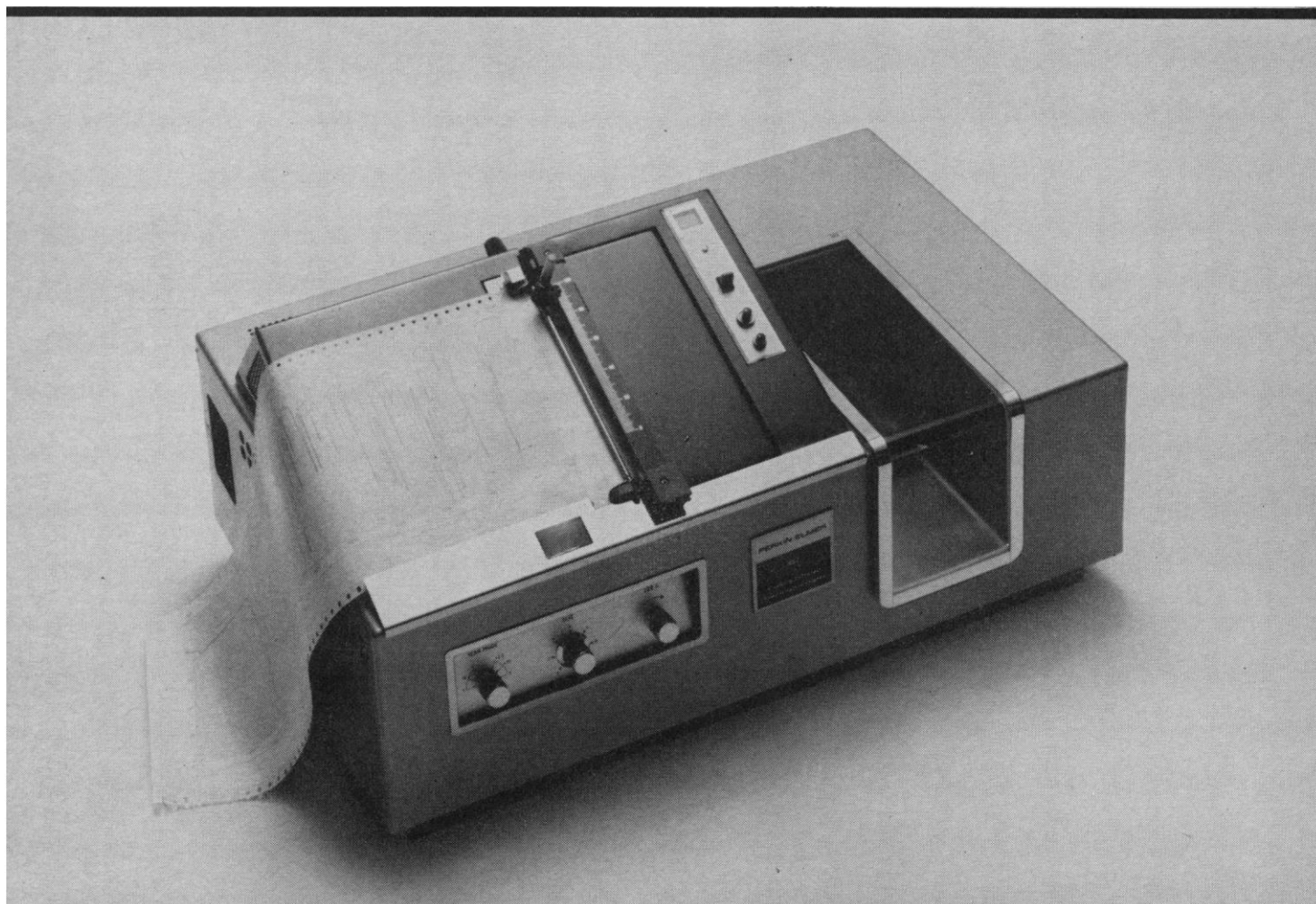
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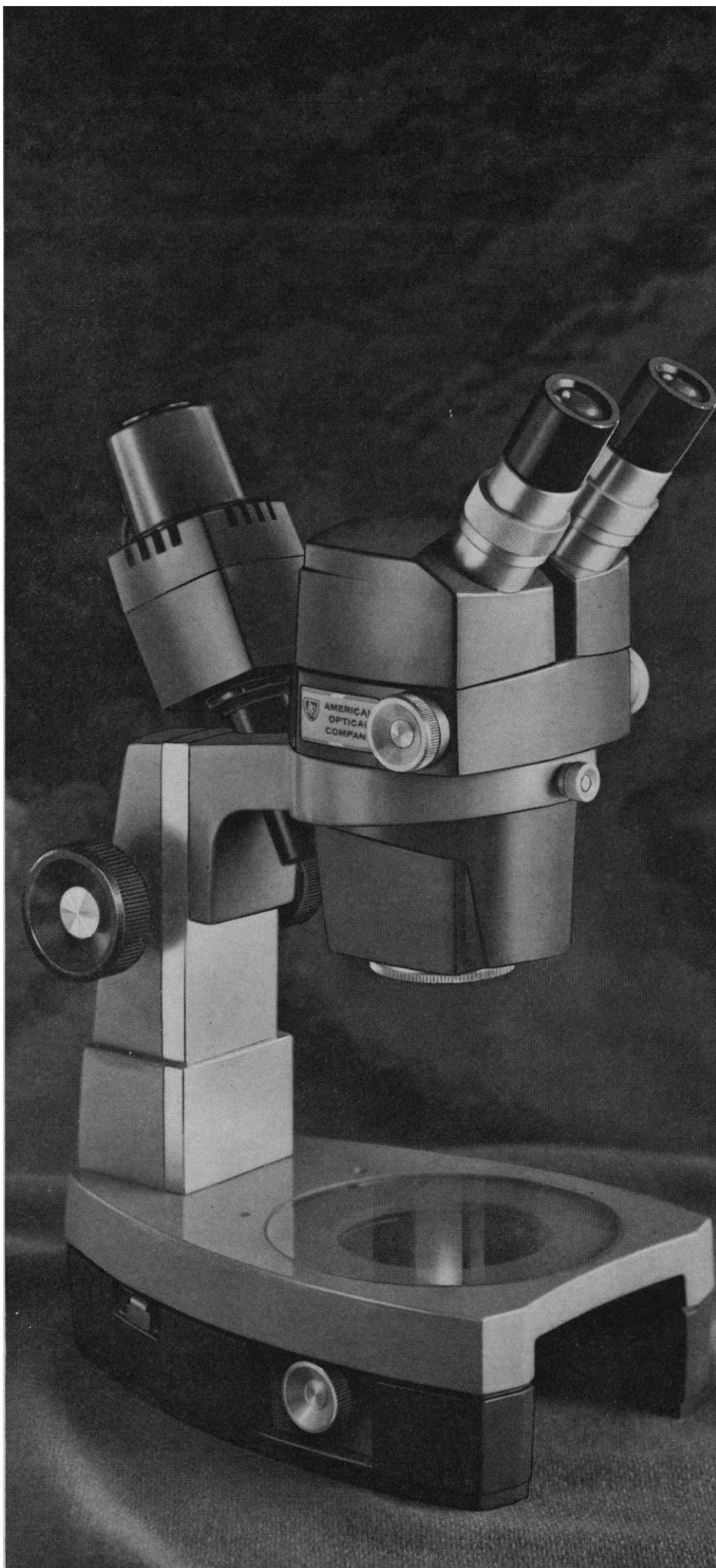
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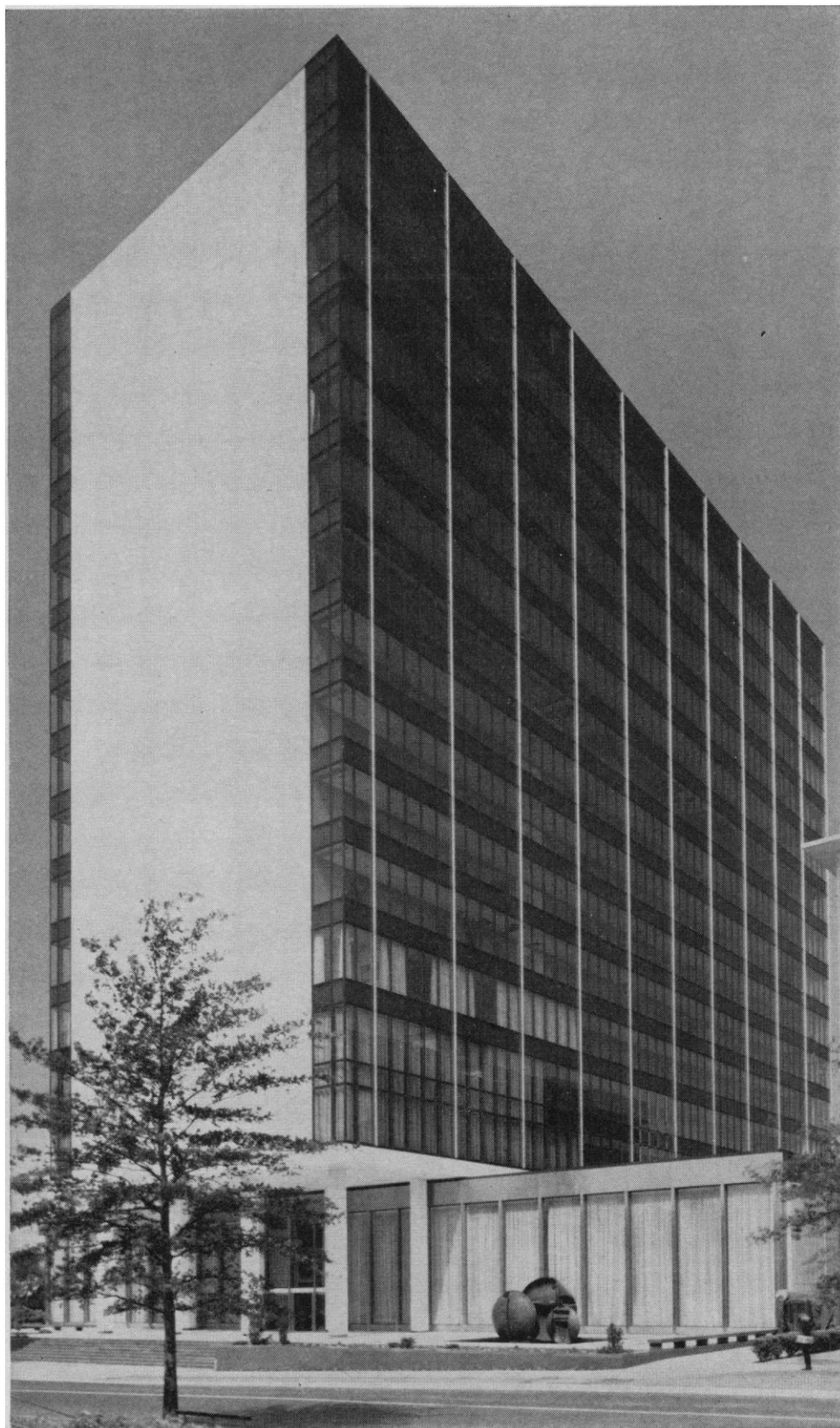
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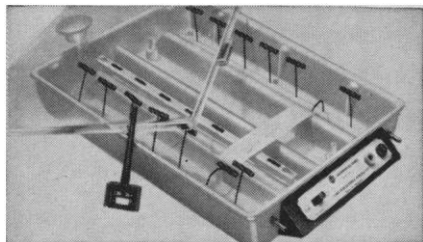


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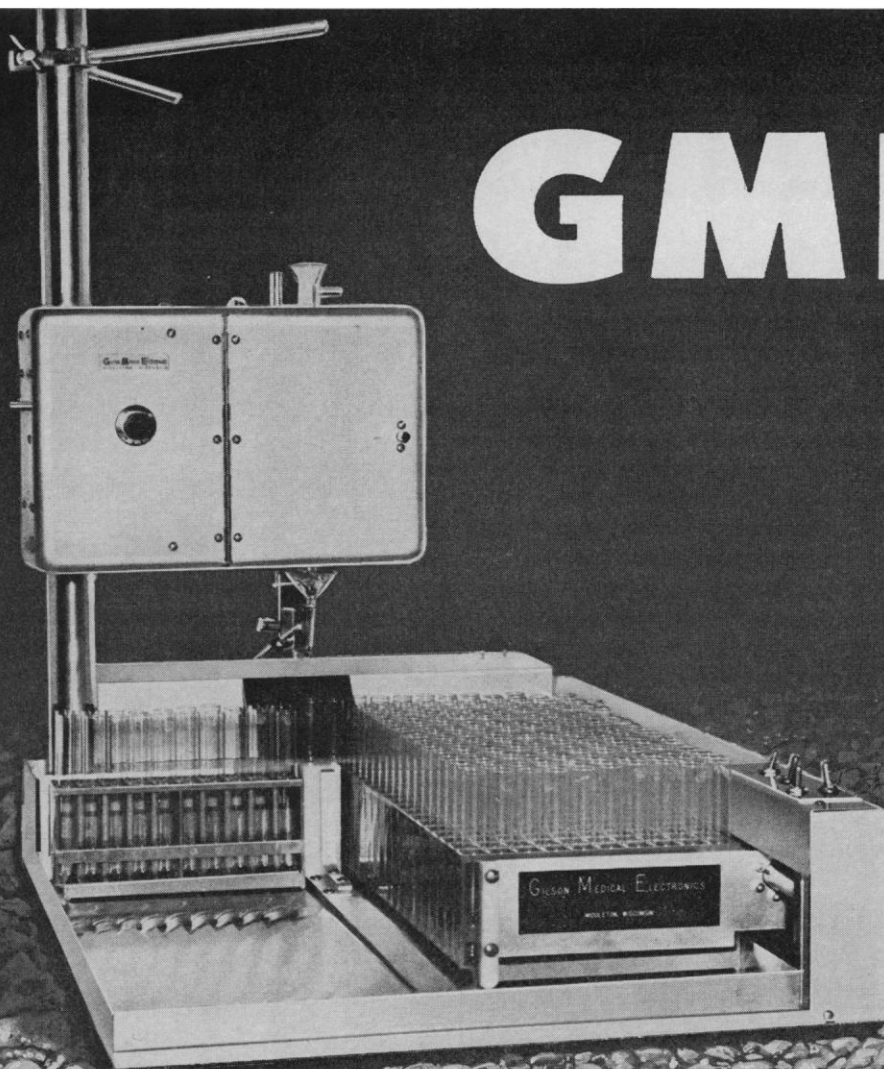
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## Technology Assessment

Should the U.S. build the SST, the commercial supersonic airplane? Arguments over this question illustrate why members of Congress want to increase congressional competence to assess the consequences of technological developments and proposals. The noise of early airplanes was no more annoying than their payloads were profitable. But now the physiological and social costs of the SST's continent-wide and ocean-wide sonic boom must be weighed against its effects on transportation efficiency and on the nation's balance of payments. Decisions about the SST must be made after the country has awakened to the undesirable consequences of other technological developments: pollution, health hazards to man and animals, killed lakes, lost estuaries, noise, and ugliness. We have long known the benefits of advancing technology. Recently we have become more acutely aware that some of the consequences are undesirable. We know, too, that the increasing scale and scope of technological power increase both the potential benefits and the potential harm. What, congressmen are asking, can Congress do to become better able to assess the consequences of technology?

The question should be considered not as a new kind of problem but as a new example of an old problem. What Congress needs in deciding about the SST or other technological matters is essentially what it needs in deciding about taxes, military affairs, education, or other matters with which it deals: ability to ask the right questions and ability to evaluate critically the information it receives from advocates and opponents of proposed actions.

The necessary competence cannot be secured by assigning technology to a committee of each House, as agricultural or tax matters are assigned; the uses and the effects of technology are too pervasive. So other solutions are being discussed: special committees, a joint committee of the two Houses, an ancillary agency similar to the Science Policy Research Division of the Legislative Reference Service, and others (*Science*, 18 August).

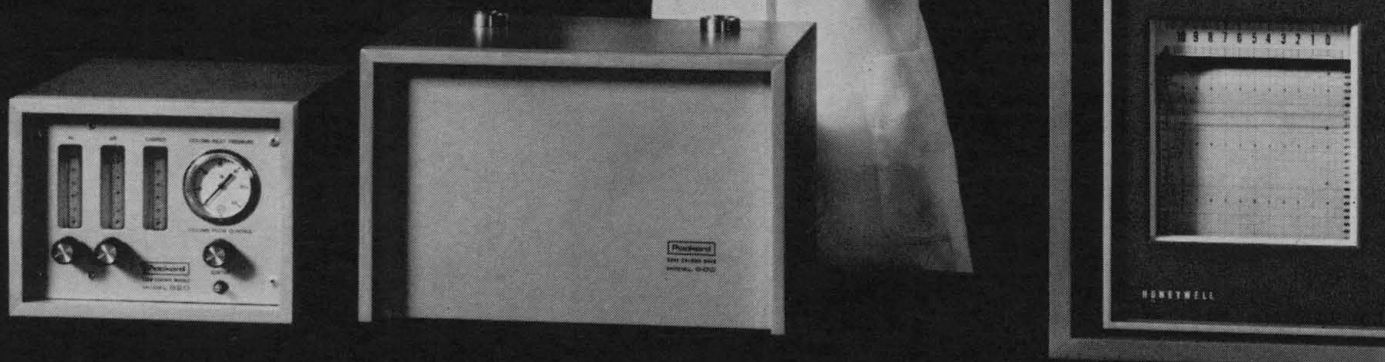
Last month the House Committee on Science and Astronautics met with ten invited consultants for a seminar on technology assessment. The participants did not try to agree on the means to be adopted, but they did agree that Congress needs a greater competence of its own in order to weigh and balance the arguments of the advocates and opponents of a particular proposal and the work of the many public and private bodies that are already engaged in some kinds of technology assessment.

Two characteristics of the new means—whatever form it takes—seem clear. First, the professional competence required will not be confined to technology itself. Social and economic and even moral and esthetic values must be considered. The relations of the federal government with industry, with states and communities, and with other nations will sometimes have to be considered, and new legal or social policies may be necessary. Broader wisdom than is to be found in any one specialty will be required.

Second, the new agency will inevitably become involved with national goals. Congress is not alone in setting national goals, but Congress has great influence in determining priorities and time schedules and in allocating national resources. If decisions on these matters are to be made realistically, attention must often be given to the state and trends and potentialities of technology. Moreover, at least some of the criteria for evaluating a technological proposal must be based on analysis of how it is likely to support or to interfere with the attainment of accepted goals. Congressional assessment cannot ask only, "Where is technology taking us?" but must also ask, "How can technology help us get where we want to go?"—DAEL WOLFLE

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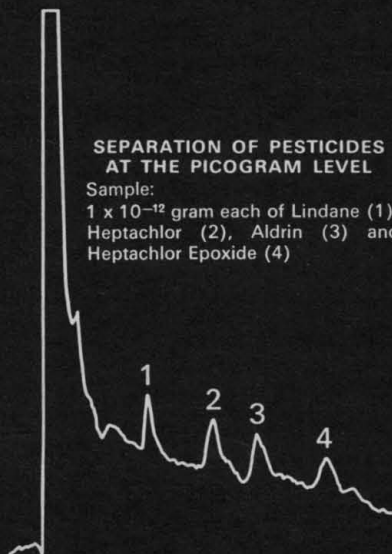
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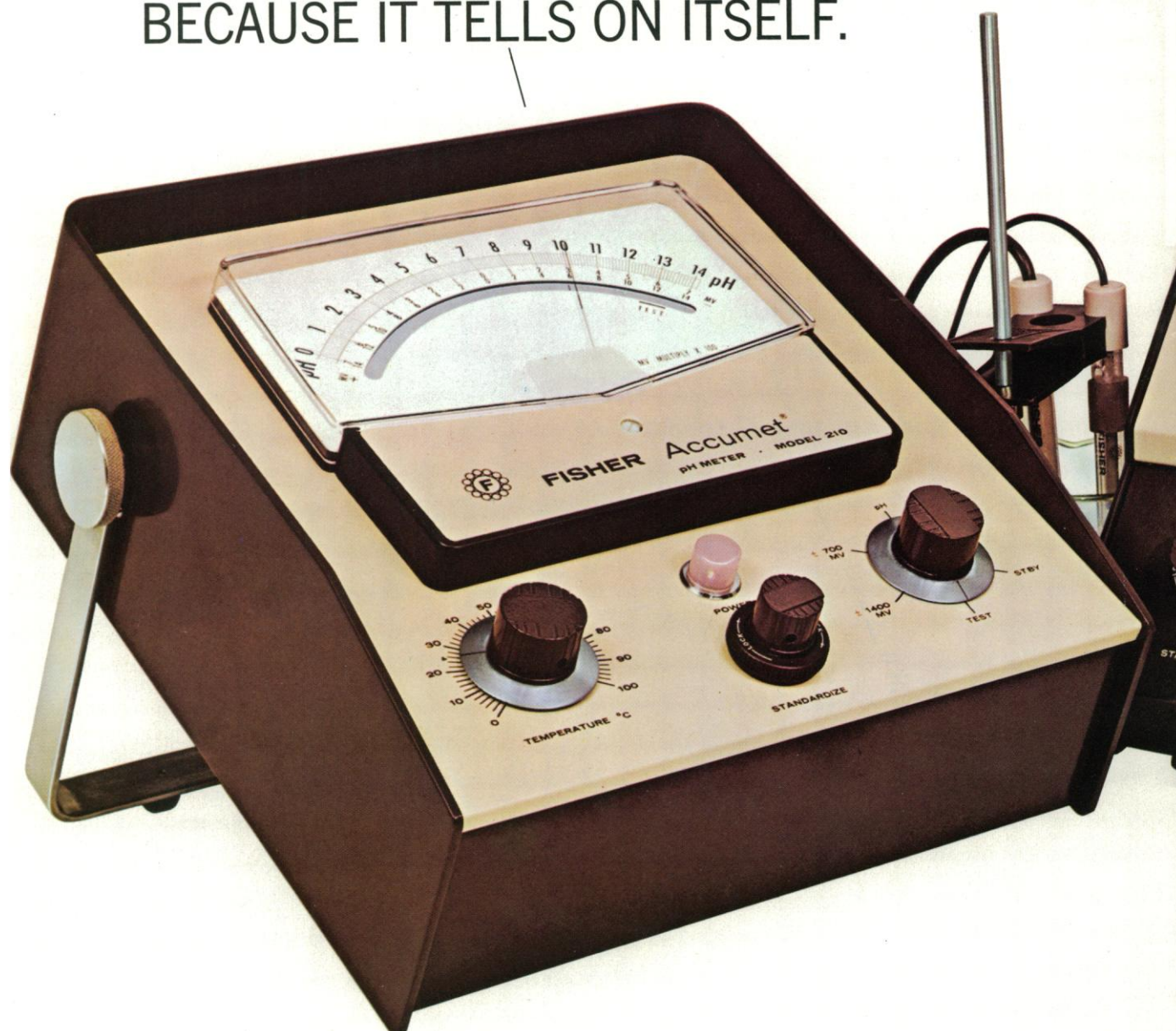
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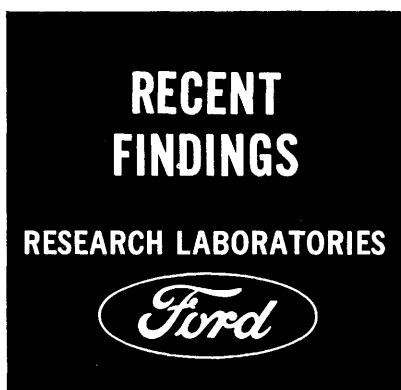
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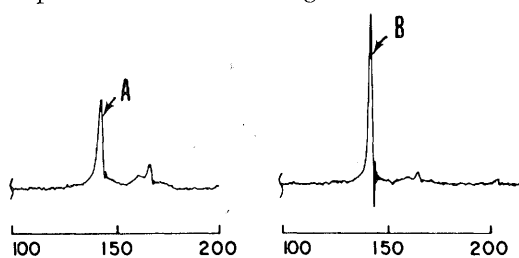


Figure 1

A. Methylene resonance of nonane ( $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{20}$ ) in carbon tetrachloride solution at  $35^\circ\text{C}$ . B. Methylene resonance of eicosane ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{42}$ ) in carbon tetrachloride solution at  $35^\circ\text{C}$ .

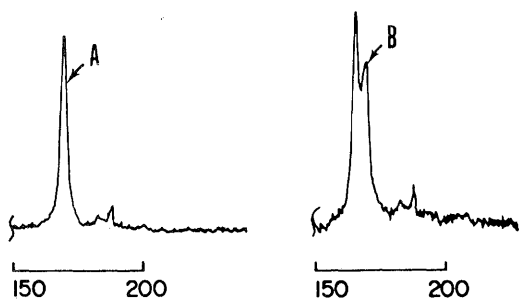


Figure 2

A. Methylene resonance of hexadecane ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{34}$ ) in  $\alpha$ -chloronaphthalene solution at  $35^\circ\text{C}$ . B. Methylene resonance of tetracosane ( $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{50}$ ) in  $\alpha$ -chloronaphthalene solution at  $35^\circ\text{C}$ . • Note: that the tetracosane resonance is split though the hexadecane has a single peak.

Except for penultimate groups, the  $\text{CH}_2$  resonance of the normal paraffins is expected to be a singlet. Figure 1.

In certain aromatic solvents, this  $\text{CH}_2$  resonance becomes more complex (provided that the chain length of the molecule is sufficiently long). Figure 2.

The complexity in the NMR spectrum tends to disappear as the temperature of the solution is raised. Figure 3.

The results enumerated above are insensitive to

the solution concentration over a wide range (0.2% to 10%).

It follows from these experiments that under certain conditions, as in Figure 2b, the carbon atoms of the chain molecules are arranged in such a way that certain  $-\text{CH}_2$ -groups are in very different chemical environments from others on the same molecule. There is no simple direct evidence which tells what causes these different chemical environments.



Figure 3

Methylene resonance of docosane ( $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{44}$ ) in  $\alpha$ -chloronaphthalene solution. A. At  $51^\circ\text{C}$ . B. At  $94^\circ\text{C}$ . At still higher temperature the peak becomes a simple singlet.

It is known that polyethylene and other polymeric molecules fold back and forth in the crystalline solid. The hypothesis that these folded chain arrangements persist in some solutions for polyethylene and the normal paraffins, which are low molecular weight polyethylene, is an attractive one. An analysis of the problem indicates that the dependence of chain folding on temperature and chain length is entirely consistent with the experiments shown in Figures 2 and 3.

The conclusion that chain folded arrangements are actually found in normal paraffin hydrocarbons is a probable one, though this may not be considered as firmly established. By implication, it would follow that similar structure may be found in other polymeric systems in solution. Further investigations are in progress to discover whether this is true, and if true, where the phenomenon is found.

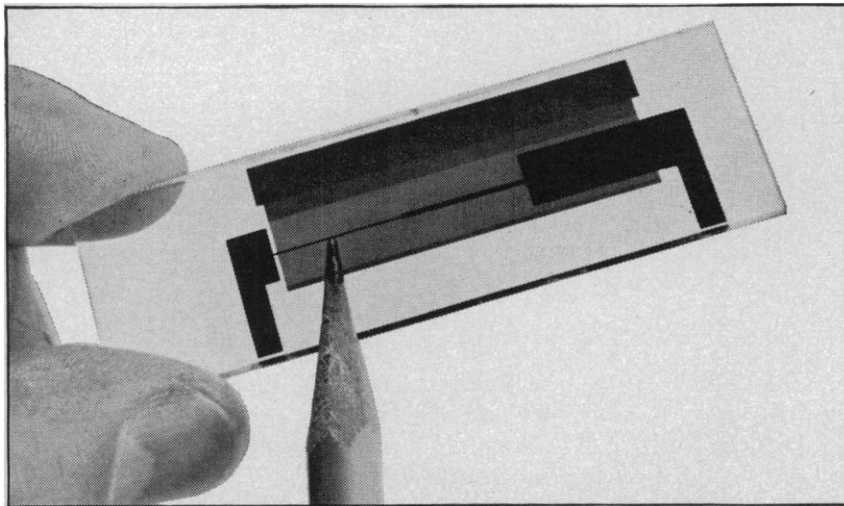
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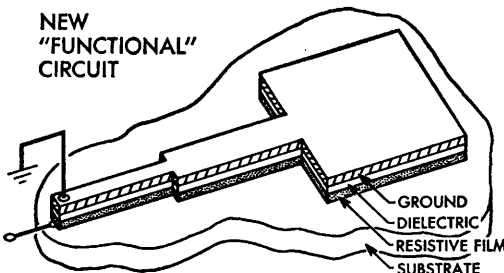
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# "Functional" Tantalum Integrated Circuits

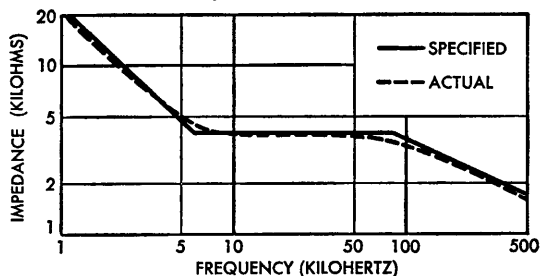
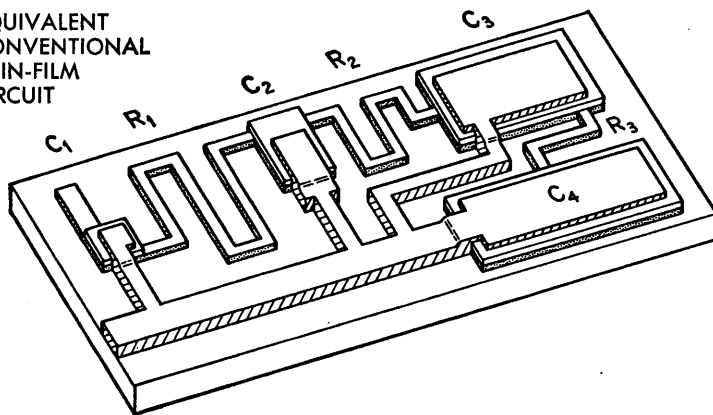


The new "functional" thin-film circuit, shown in the above photo and in the drawing, right, is a two-terminal network consisting of thin films deposited on a glass substrate. For equivalent electrical performance, a conventional thin-film circuit would require at least three resistors and four capacitors (drawing, below).

NEW  
"FUNCTIONAL"  
CIRCUIT



EQUIVALENT  
CONVENTIONAL  
THIN-FILM  
CIRCUIT



Wyndrum formulated a class of equations which relate frequency response to the geometry of the thin-film pattern. The curves, left, show the specified and actual performance of such a circuit.

As electronic systems have grown in size and complexity, tantalum integrated circuits have reduced costs while increasing reliability and performance. To obtain even further integration of circuit functions, however, engineers at Bell Telephone Laboratories have used tantalum technology to build single thin-film components equivalent to networks of thin-film resistors and capacitors.

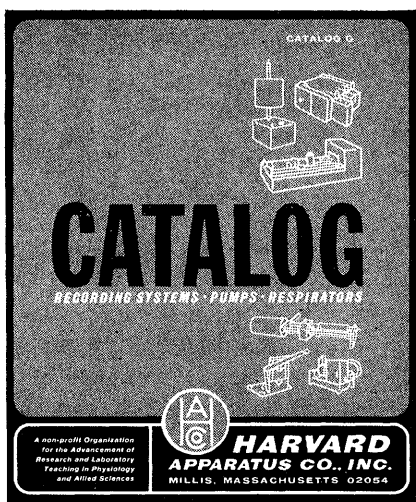
This new single, "functional" component (left) is basically a film capacitor with one electrode of resistive tantalum and a second electrode of conductive gold, separated by a dielectric layer of tantalum pentoxide. The component is made by depositing a thin film of tantalum onto a glass substrate, converting a portion of this layer to the insulating oxide, and then depositing the conductive gold electrode onto the oxide. In this arrangement, resistance and capacitance are distributed throughout the structure rather than among discrete electrical components. In addition to providing reliability and economy, this approach also offers the advantages of simpler fabrication and fewer electrical parasitics.

As an important contribution to the design of such structures, Bell Laboratories engineer Ralph W. Wyndrum, Jr., showed that it was possible to convert circuit performance specifications directly to tantalum thin-film patterns. Furthermore, he showed how appropriate geometries and film compositions could yield a wide range of impedance and transfer functions.

Wyndrum developed this synthesis technique while doing graduate work at New York University. He has advanced this technique further at Bell Laboratories, where tantalum integrated circuits were first created some ten years ago.



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ological processes of sewage treatment.

Even outlying lakes in recreational areas, such as Lake Tahoe and Lake Windermere (England), are changing at a rapid pace due to drainage from septic tanks and resort and hotel sewage (Edmondson; J. W. G. Lund, England; R. A. Vollenweider, Italy).

Speakers concurred that it is now of greatest urgency to prevent further damage to water resources and to take corrective steps to reverse present damages. Suggested preventive and corrective measures include removing nutrients from municipal, industrial, and agricultural wastes; controlling algae and aquatic plants with chemical and mechanical removal methods; and establishing shoreland corridor regulations to protect lakes from further damage.

Rohlich emphasized that significant advances in sewage treatment have been offset by the huge increase in the population; hence corrective measures now necessary—such as diverting treated sewage through long pipes around highly populated lakes or even chemical stripping for removal of nutrients—are expensive. Treated sewage has been diverted around lakes Monona, Waubesa, and Kegonsa (Wisconsin); Lake Okoboji (Iowa); Lake Washington (Seattle); four lakes in Germany, two in Austria, and one in France. Recovery of these lakes after diversion of sewage effluent has been significant and promising (Edmondson).

Machinery, some still in the idea stage, was described by D. F. Livermore (Wisconsin) for harvesting large aquatic plants which choke irrigation ditches, floodwater canals, and shallow areas of tropical and temperate lakes. Chemical poisons which accomplish a less desirable effect of killing unwanted aquatic plants were evaluated by H. F. Mulligan (Cornell). Chemicals, however, distort the structure of multi-species aquatic communities and hence are less useful in lakes than they are in agriculture, where weeds for a single crop such as wheat have to be eradicated. In addition, chemicals are more difficult to manage and to restrict to problem areas within a body of water.

Several reports dealt with the positive features of eutrophication, namely, how to utilize sewage to fertilize forests (C. F. Cooper, Michigan) and augment crops of fish (Larkin), and how to direct the biological processes to yield useful and desirable species rather than objectionable ones. In addition, farm manure, particularly phosphorus,

can be kept on the land at a profit if farmers could fluidize it and sprinkle it in spring and summer when the soil will hold it, rather than spread it on frozen land in winter (J. W. Biggar, Wisconsin).

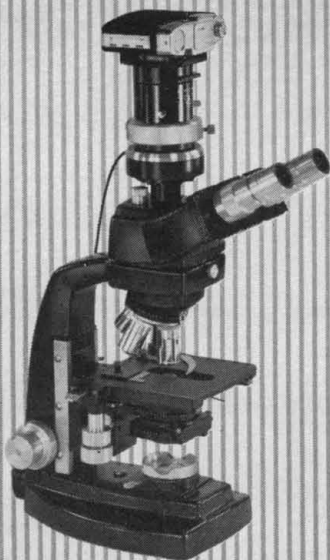
The racing processes of eutrophication are too rapid to risk delay in taking legal action, emphasized J. H. Beuscher (Wisconsin), a leader in applying new concepts of water law to the alleviation of eutrophication. He stressed the need for proper zoning ordinances and forthright public initiative in modernizing the law when the scientific data, while not complete, suggested action. A new law in Wisconsin, which he was instrumental in formulating, requires a 1000-foot setback for all cottages and buildings on lakes and a 300-foot setback on streams, together with stricter specifications for septic tank construction depending upon soil permeability. Edmondson described citizen participation in the bonding of a community for development of an expensive, \$100-million sewage diversion program around Lake Washington, Seattle.

Predicting the consequences of eutrophication would be highly desirable for decision-makers. F. E. Smith (Michigan) described new techniques for constructing mathematical models of a drainage basin to make it possible to evaluate changes which might take place as various eutrophication factors occur. Systems analysis is a powerful tool in dealing with these complex problems in which multifactor cause and effect are involved.

Scientists, engineers, and society in general will find in the forthcoming proceedings of the symposium, to be published early next year, facts about the accelerating process of eutrophication and suggestions for future action in coping with the rapidly worsening problem. It is paradoxical that the ancient night soil is still the most efficient use of man's manure; the flush toilet and sewers, which dump ever-increasing amounts of nutrients into our water resources, are a mixed blessing.

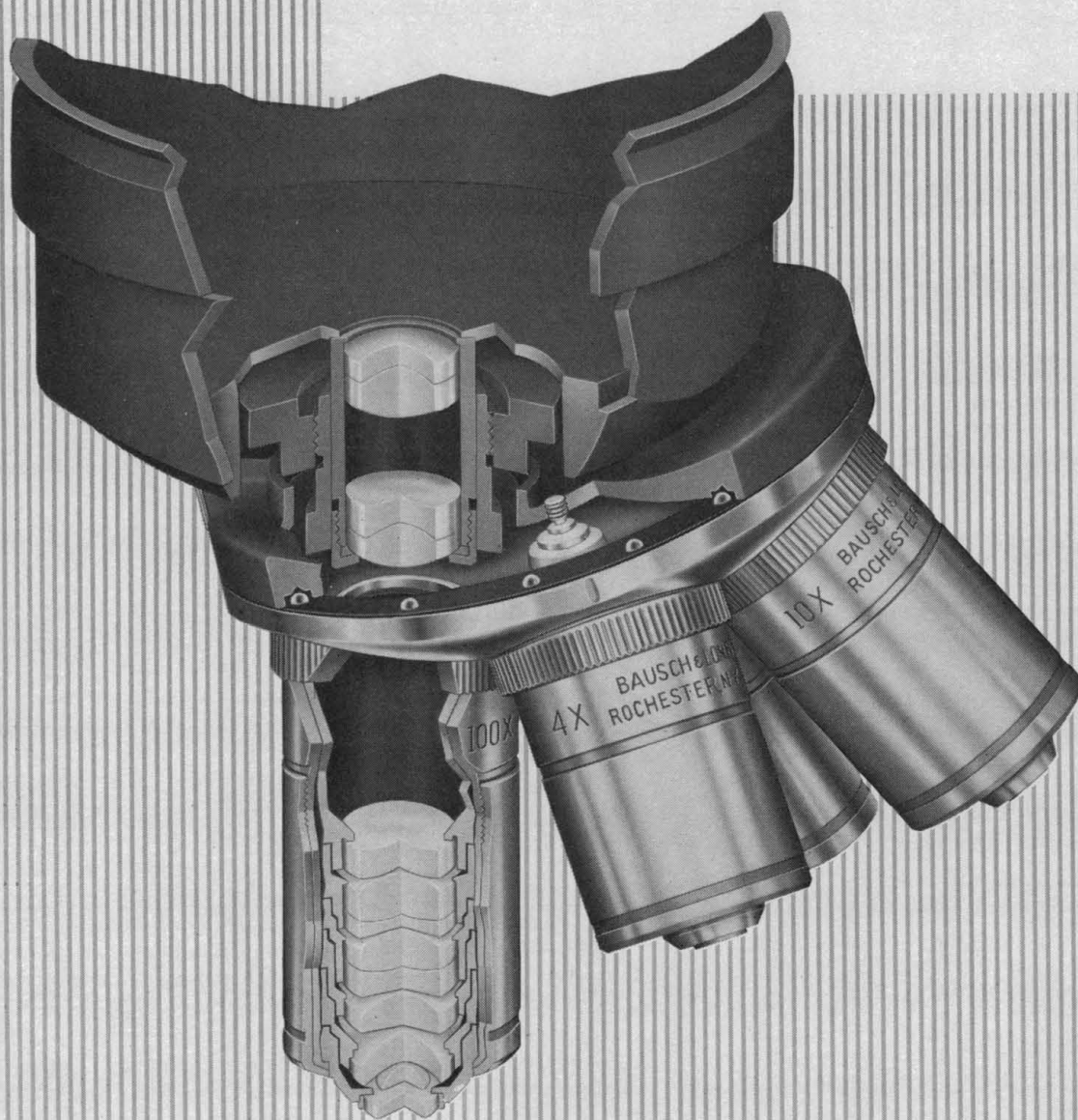
The renowned Wisconsin naturalist Aldo Leopold once said that the outstanding scientific discovery of the 20th century is not television or radio but rather the complexity of the land organism. It appears the general public, as well as the scientific community, is just beginning to realize the full impact of his statement.

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21-23. American Soc. of Cytology,  
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22-26. American Soc. of Sanitary Engi-  
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Schwartz, 228 Standard Bldg., Cleveland,  
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23-24. American College of Preventive  
Medicine, annual mtg., Miami, Fla. (J. J.  
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23-25. National Electronics Conf., Chi-  
cago, Ill. (R. J. Napolitan, 228 N. LaSalle  
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23-25. Society of Rheology, 38th an-  
nual mtg., Washington, D.C. (J. C. Miller,  
Plastics Div., Union Carbide, Bound  
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23-26. American Vacuum Soc., 14th  
natl. mtg., Kansas City, Mo. (P. J. Bryant,  
Midwest Research Inst., 425 Volker Bldg.,  
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23-27. American Inst. of Aeronautics  
and Astronautics, 4th annual mtg., Ana-  
heim, Calif. (Meetings Manager, AIAA,  
1290 Sixth Ave., New York 10019)

23-27. Drug Discovery and Develop-  
ment, symp., Hopatcong, N.J. (W. Oros-  
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23-27. American Public Health Assoc.,  
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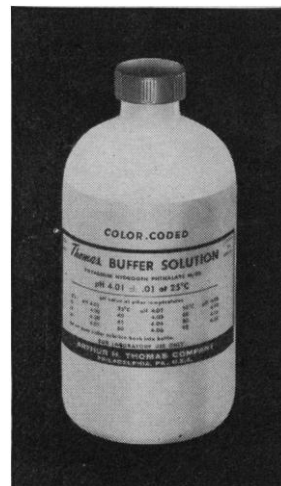
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