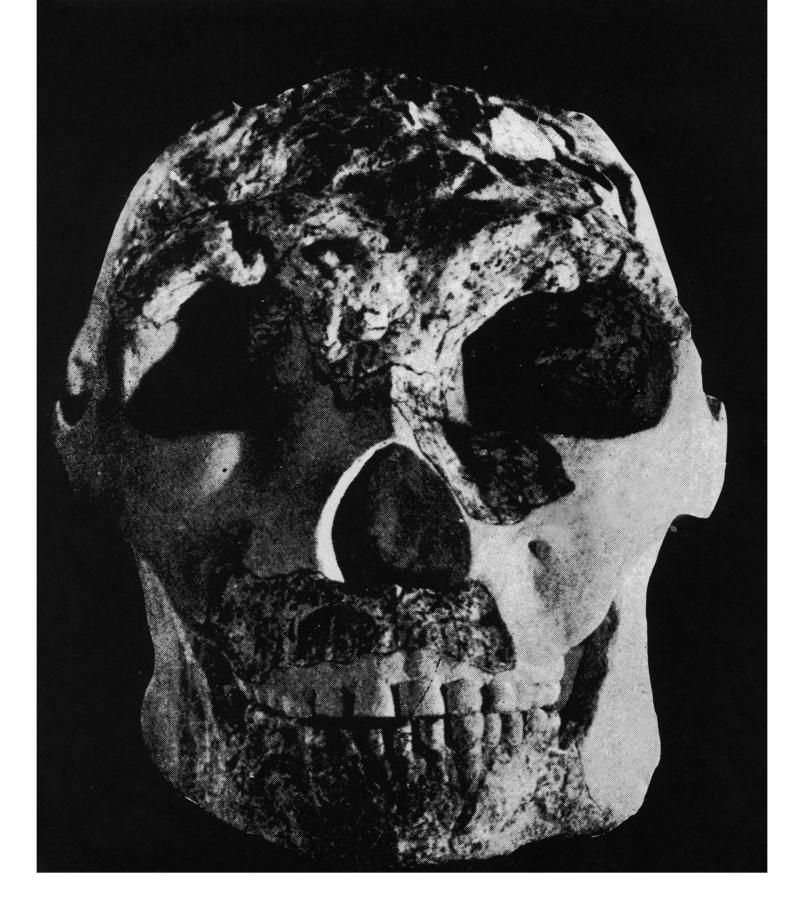
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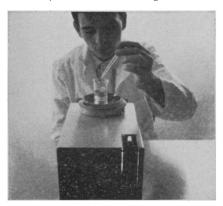
# **WEIGHT WATCHERS:**

# These Mettler balances can help reduce your weighing problems

If you have weight problems, chances are they can be solved with one of these three Mettler balances. Two are top-loaders, one an analytical. Collectively, they solve virtually any weighing problem in the laboratory. Individually, they perform their special jobs with unique speed, ease and precision.

#### Weight Watching Has Never Been Easier

The Mettler P1200, a well established and versatile top-loading balance, now has digital readout. This feature permits even relatively unskilled operators to obtain accurate results without misinterpretation or reading errors.



The P1200 will tackle weighings to 1200 grams (plus 100-gram tare), and give you a precision of  $\pm 5$  mg. That's better than one part in 250,000. But despite its capabilities for handling the bigger weighing jobs, the P1200 will also complete a weighing in just three seconds. It will also checkweigh to plus or minus values as fast as you can place an object on the scale, and without referring to scale readout. Powdery, granular or liquid substances can be filled rapidly by the use of a filling guide which shows the approximate weight on the pan throughout the entire weighing operation. This eliminates time-consuming interruptions for reading the balance.

#### Remove Grams — Positively

The P160, another top-loader, weighs unknowns to 160 grams with a precision of ±1 mg. In addition to having all the features of the P1200, it is ideally suited for weight loss studies. It has a reverse scale which gives a



positive reading as weight decreases in drying, evaporation and residue determination studies. This feature eliminates time-consuming calculations and the possibility of arithmetical errors. It also simplifies gravimetric titrations (for more information on the advantages of gravimetric titrimetry, write for Bulletin M-1014A).

## A Well-Balanced Balance

Slight changes in the balance level of the P1200 and the P160 (as in all Mettler top-loaders) are automatically compensated for by a zero point restoration feature. We call it Mettler Levelmatic. If your balance is out of plumb beyond its compensation range, you won't be able to make a weight reading because the readout is automatically obscured. Because Levelmatic automatically compensates for most shifts in zero position, it is rarely necessary to re-zero the balance before weighing.

#### Have Your Cake and Eat It

If you need an analytical balance to watch your weight, consider the Mettler H20... it's really two balances in one. It gives you the 160.1-gram capacity of a macro-analytical balance, and the ±0.01 mg precision of a semimicro instrument. The H20 readout, like the P1200 and P160, is digital. It also has a high-speed filling guide, and an optional accessory will let you weigh objects below the balance; for example, to make specific gravity measurements by weighing objects submerged in liquids.

Because of the unrestricted optical taring feature of the H20, you can tare off the weight of your container in seconds, and begin weighing-in with readout at zero. You can't make a weighing mistake. If you're adding several components, you can dial back to zero for each one.



## Some Food For Thought

In case you have a weighing requirement that can't be solved by one of these three balances, Mettler has 35 more models ranging from top-loaders that weigh to 13 kilos all the way through analyticals to ultra micro instruments with precision of  $\pm 0.1~\mu g$ . We'll bet a gram-cracker that one of these will fill the bill. To arrange for a free demonstration or trial, or for further particulars, write to Mettler Instrument Corporation, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.



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There are five different instantly interchangeable film magazines which allow you to make 12 or 16 exposures on 120 film, 24 exposures on 220 film, and 70 expovenience of being able to change either film type or format in mid-

The Hasselblad System not only has multiple lenses and maga zines, it also consists of multiple Hasselblads. The standard Hassel-blad is the 500C. It accepts all 8 Hasselblad lenses, and has a ground glass reflex viewing screen which shows your 3-dimensional pictures in 2 dimensions. And naturally, the lens, magazine, focusing hood, and winding knob of the 500C are instantly interchangeable.

The second camera in The Hasselblad System is the Super Wide C equipped with a 38mm, 90° angle of view Zeiss Biogon f/4.5 lens. The superb optics of the lens assures distortion-free horizontal and vertical delineation, with sharpness of image from corner to corner of the negative area, even at full aperture. (Depth of field at an aperture of f/22 is from 12 inches to infinity).

The third camera is the electrically driven Hasselblad 500EL. This camera automatically advances the film and cocks the shutter, permitting a rapid series of exposures, either by use of the camera release or long release

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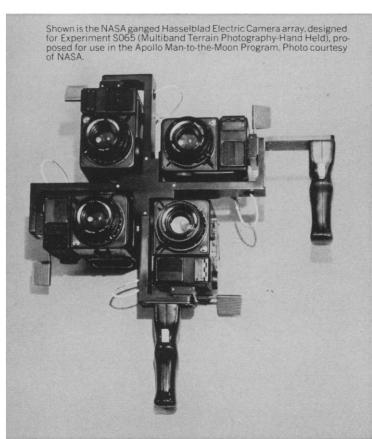
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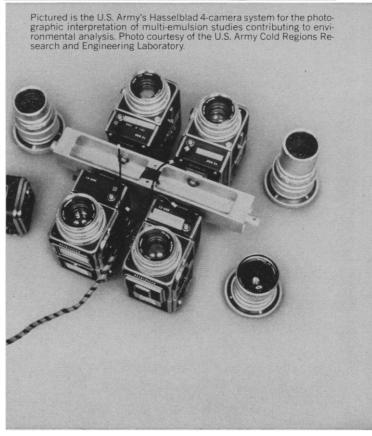
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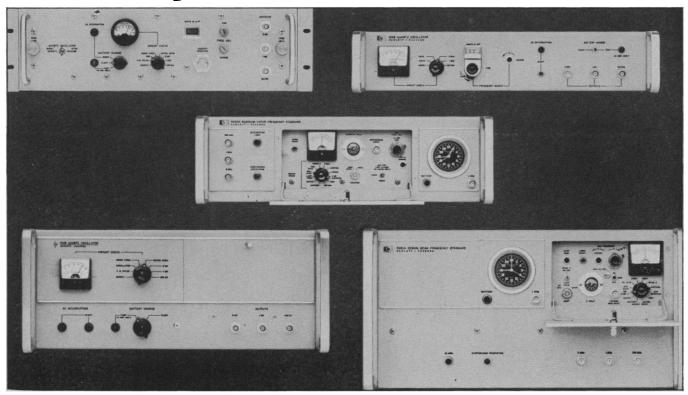
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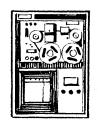
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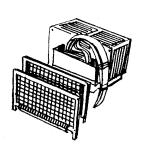
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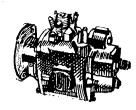












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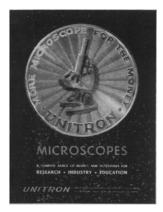
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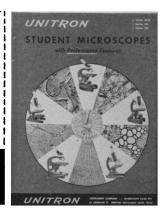




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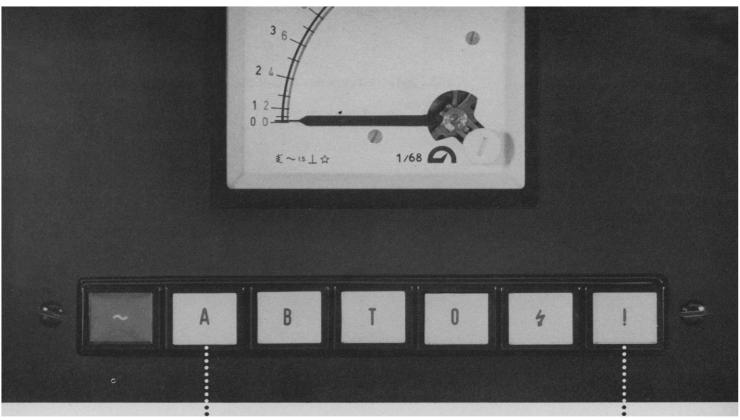
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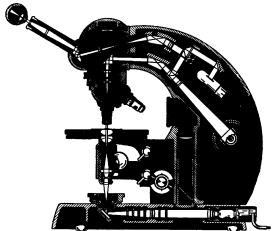


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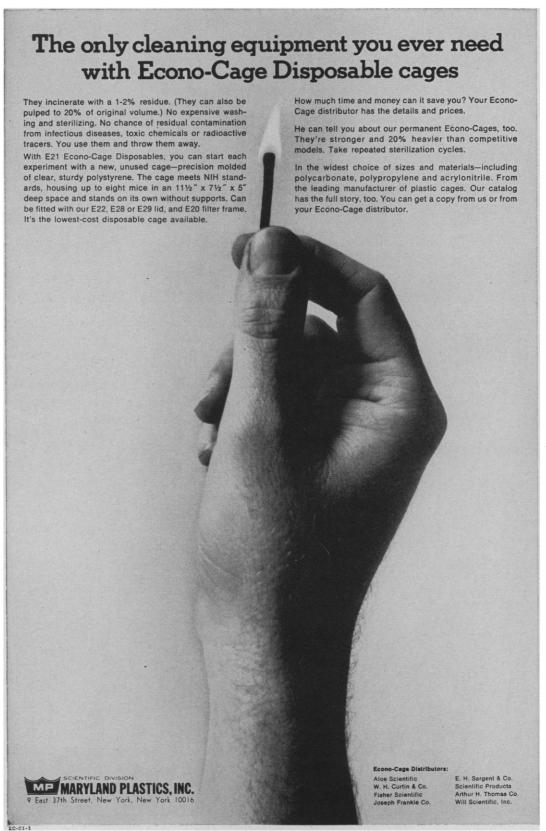
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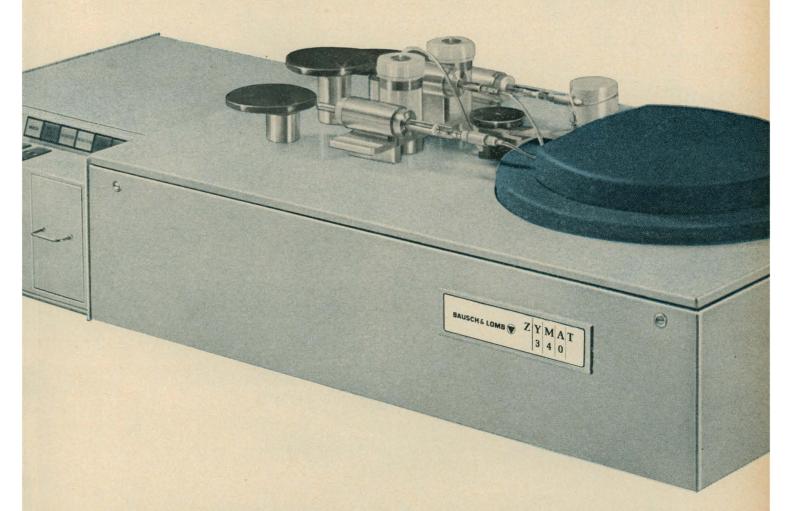




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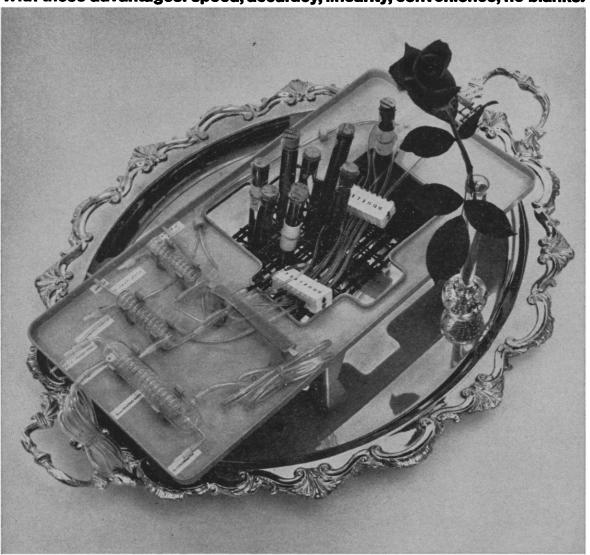
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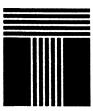
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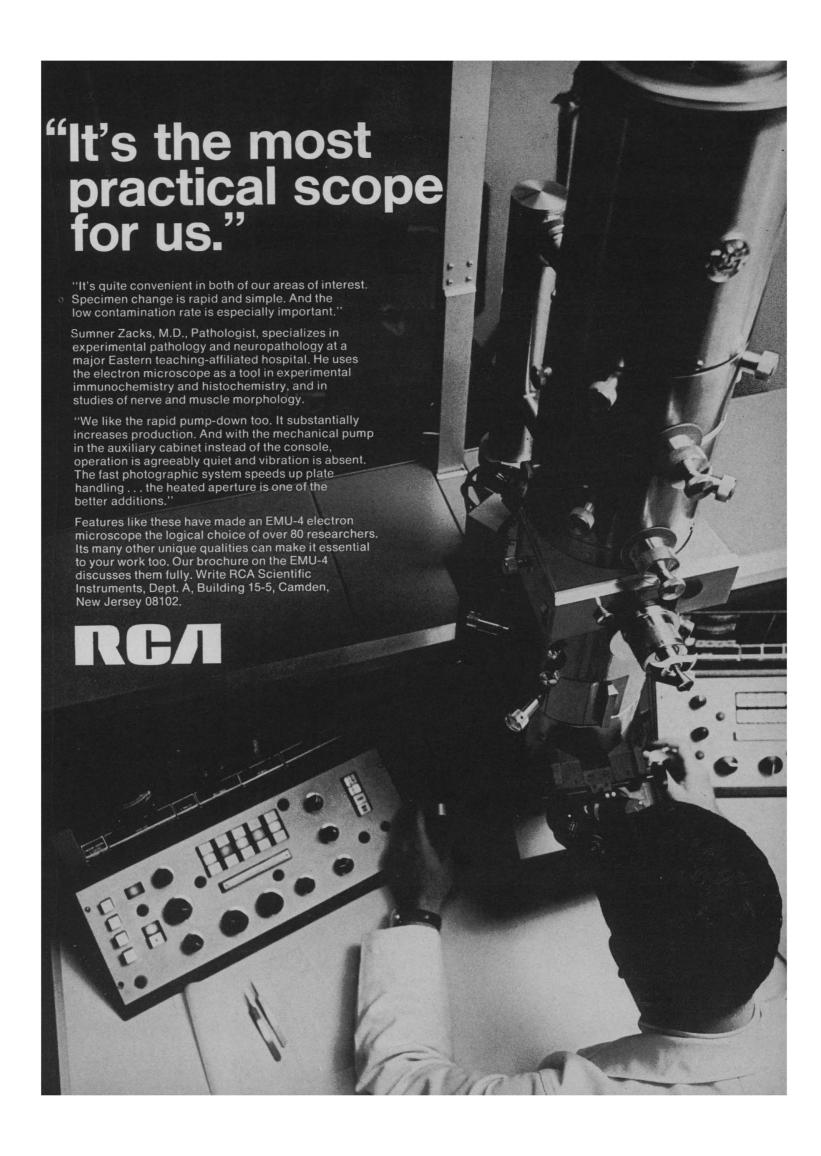
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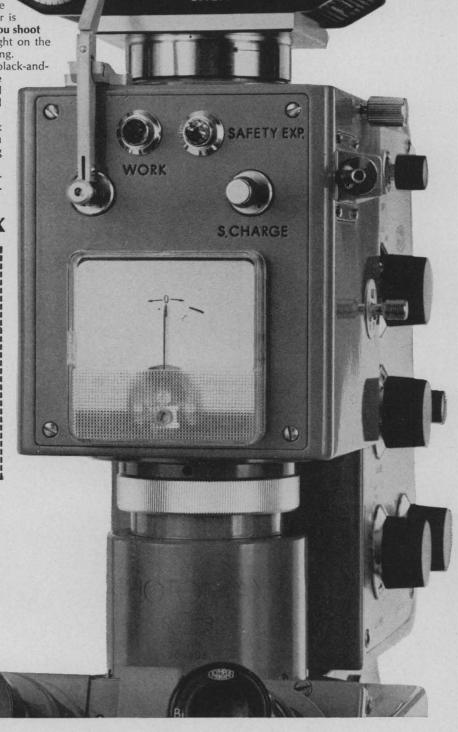
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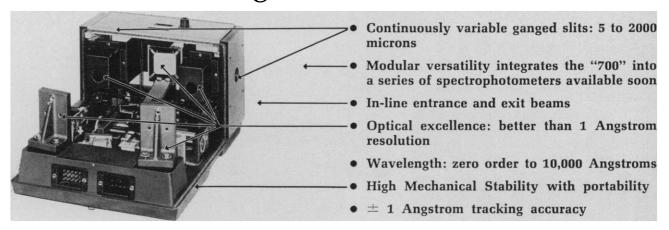
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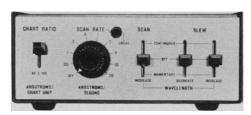


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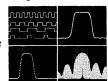
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It is now possible to record the *loga-rithm* of absorbance as a function of wavelength. With the proper external recorder, of course.

But before we detail for you some of the advantages of log-absorbance recording, a few fundamentals.

# We discuss here some of the advantages of recording the logarithm of absorbance...

To begin, the term absorbance (A) is defined thus:

#### A=ecl

where c is the concentration of sample in the absorption cell,

I is the *light-path* (the inside distance between front and back windows of the cell), and

e is a numerical coefficient.

The fact is that e is a characteristic of each compound or substance. It

But watch what happens with our original equation,

when we take the logarithm of both sides.

Since the logarithm of a product is the sum of the logarithms of its factors

# such as for "fingerprinting" a compound...

Now when we plot log A versus wavelength (figure 2), we immediately see our three 1:2:5 samples are represented by curves that have identical shapes. Each curve is that of log e displaced along the log A axis by the amount log cl. And each curve is separated by intervals that correspond to the 1:2:5 ratio of cl.

Here's where the "fingerprinting" of compounds comes in. Reference files of log A recordings facilitate the identification of unknown compounds by making it easy to compare their log A curves to those already on file. Large files of this sort are used in organic synthesis.

Now, a new topic: log A recording is also a valuable technique in studies of the kinetics of first-order reactions.

A few manipulations of this basic equation yield:

$$t = \left[\frac{2.303}{k} \log c\right] - \left[\frac{2.303}{k} \log (c-x)\right]$$

Wherein we note that the first term in brackets is a constant and, therefore, the reaction time, t, is directly proportional to the second bracketed term, log (c-x)/k.

Since (c-x) is the concentration at time t, it will be proportional to the absorbance, A. And log (c-x) will likewise be proportional to log A.

# and for quickly determining reaction rates...

As long as the reaction is first-order, both log (c-x) and log A will be linear with time. So when we plot log A versus time at a fixed wavelength for a first-order reaction of a dye fading, we get the curve shown in figure 3.

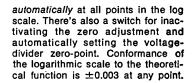
The linearity of the curve in figure 3, in itself, tells us that this is a first-order equation. And where the linear section of the curve terminates (at the right of the curve) indicates a departure from strict first-order reaction. Finally, the rate constant, k, can be determined from the slope of the linear section.

These applications—for fingerprinting a compound and for studying the kinetics of first-order reactions—are but two to which log A recording is eminently suited. Other applications

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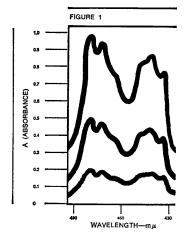
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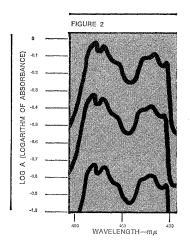
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is dependent on temperature and wavelength, but independent of either the concentration, c, or the light-path length, I.

If we plot A versus wavelength for three samples of the same substance in concentrations in the ratio 1:2:5, we get the curves shown in figure 1. There is, unhappily, no basic correspondence among them.



For proof of this statement, we resort once again to a basic equation:

$$-\frac{dc}{dt} = kc$$

where  $-\frac{dc}{dt}$  is the rate at which the concentration is decreasing with time.

k is the velocity or rate constant, and

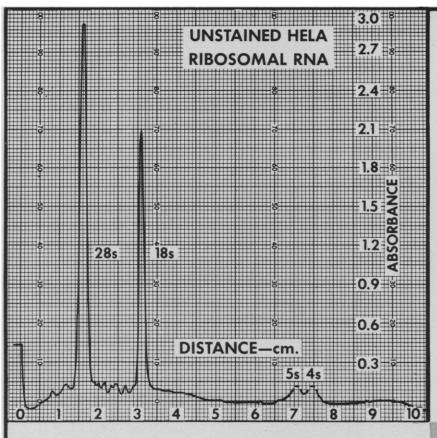
include the precise specification of color and the measurements of small differences in color.

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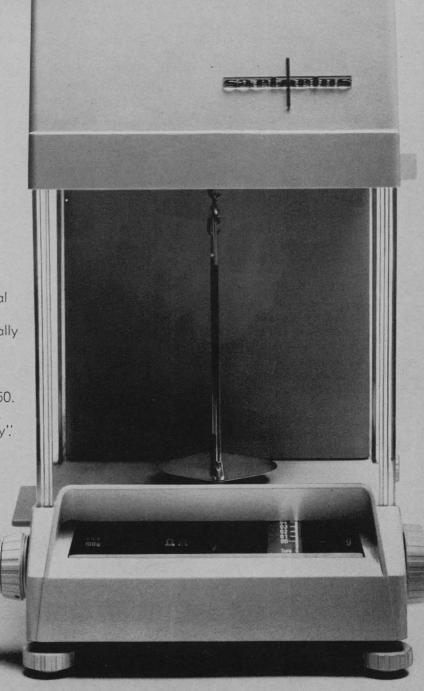
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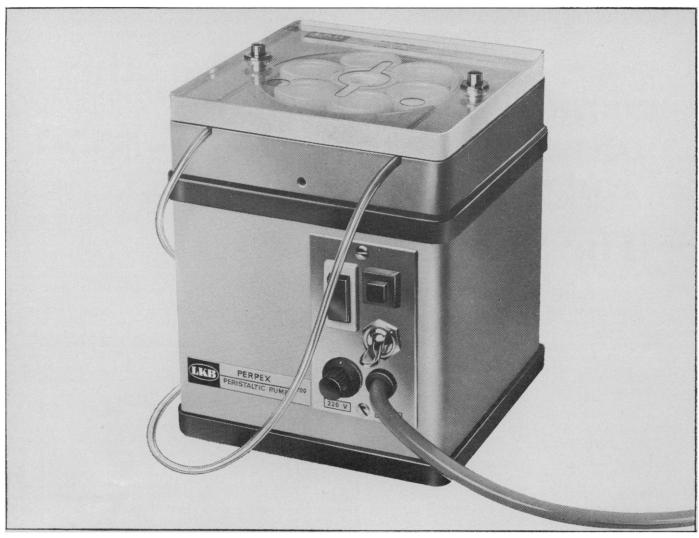
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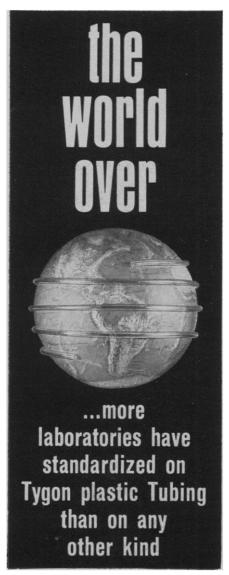
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While the Indo-West Pacific region serves as the primary evolutionary and distributional center for the tropical marine world, the Western Atlantic region may be said to rank second in importance. Its geographic area is larger, its habitat diversity is greater, and its fauna is considerably richer than each of the remaining two tropical regions (the Eastern Pacific and the Eastern Atlantic). In general, we know that species from a richer ecosystem will prove to be competitively superior to those from a poorer one. For this reason, it is expected that most of the Western Atlantic species would be able to dominate their Eastern Pacific relatives.

It seems reasonable to assume that a sea-level canal would eventually permit the migration of more than 6000 Western Atlantic species into the Eastern Pacific and also the movement of more than 4000 species in the opposite direction. For the tropical Eastern Pacific, it may be predicted that its fauna would be temporarily enriched but that the resulting competition would soon bring about a widespread extinction among the native species. The elimination of species would continue until the total number in the area returned to about its original level. There is little doubt that the tropical Western Atlantic fauna would suffer far less. With the exception of a few species that may be ecologically distinct, the level of competition would probably be such that the invaders would not be able to establish permanent colonies.

Let us not be concerned about preparation for a great biological experiment. The important question is: Should the sea-level canal project be undertaken at all? Are we prepared to assume the responsibility for the irrevocable destruction of several thousand unique species in the Eastern Pacific? Shall we, on the one hand, continue to expend public funds in an effort to save a few endangered species such as the whooping crane and the tule elk and, on the other hand, expend other public funds for a project that will result in the greatest extinction of species the world has ever seen? We must realize that the sea-level canal program poses a conservation problem of an entirely new order of magnitude.

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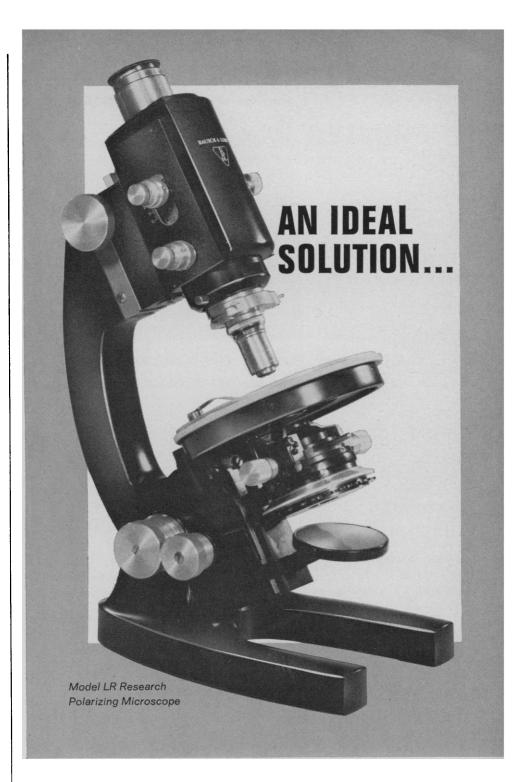
In the discussion of "Relevance in testing" by W. W. Turnbull, Devaney (Letters, 23 Aug.) suggests, "Relevance should pertain to the 50-odd years after college, not to the 4 to 8 years in college." He reaches this conclusion from his observation that a cross section of American leaders reveals only a small percentage of "straight A" students.

The weakness in this argument is the necessary assumption that current American leaders are the best suited to the job of leadership. In an absolute sense, this weakness cannot be overcome since comparative experience will never be available. One can speculate in this direction, however, and might conclude that the decision as to what is relevant in testing requires a determination of ends and objectives. If leadership is involved in a consideration of relevance of testing, the criterion should be success in leading, not simply attainment of a position of leadership.

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## Japanese View on Defoliation

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As ecologists, we share a world responsibility to prevent the destruction of nature by the thoughtless action of humans. At the 15th general meeting of the Ecological Society of Japan held at Ueda City, 2 June 1968, we resolved to demand that the United States immediately stop the large-scale military use of herbicides and forest burning in Vietnam. We also hope that ecologists everywhere will support our stand and take action on it.

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(The above resolution was also signed by 121 members of the Ecological Society.)

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 Assessment of Ecological Effects of Extensive or Repeated Use of Herbicides (Midwest Research Institute, Kansas City, Mo., 1 Dec. 1967)

#### Mathematics: Pro Bono Publico

The Council of the American Mathematical Society at its meeting on 28 August asked me to forward the following comments to *Science*:

Many mathematicians were dismayed and shocked by the excerpts of the speech by Donald Hornig, the Presidential Science Adviser (19 July, p. 248). His . . . comments about mathematics and mathematicians are . . . uncalled for. Implicit in Hornig's remarks about vacations on the beaches of Rio or the Aegean Islands was a thinly veiled attack on Stephen Smale. The allegations against Smale were adequately disproved by Daniel S. Greenberg in his articles in *Science* on the Smale-NSF controversy (News and Comment, 15, 22, and 29 Sept.; 6 Oct.; and 3 Nov. 1967).

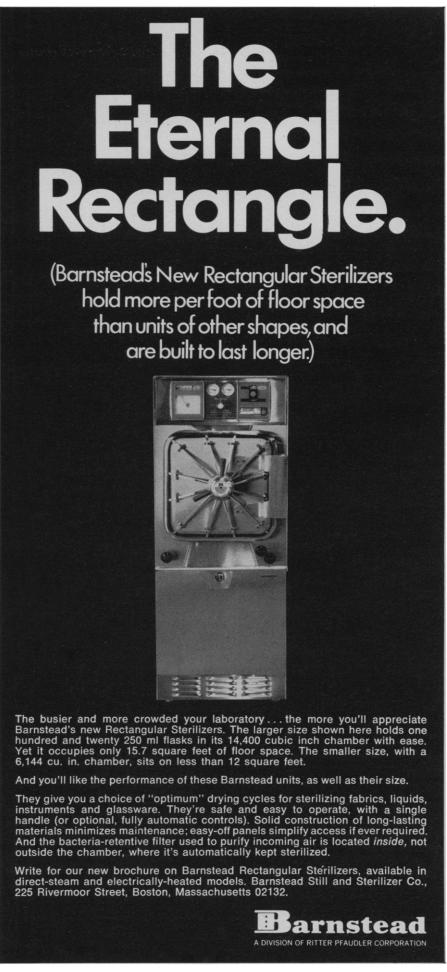
Hornig singles out mathematics in suggesting that the scientific community is one "which, insisting on its purity, will not deign to communicate with the public and justify itself. . . ." On the contrary, many branches of science have recently prepared extensive reports on their disciplines. In particular, the mathematical community, through the Committee on Support of Research in the Mathematical Sciences (COSRIMS), has just completed a comprehensive report, designed for the public and Congress, on the current problems of mathematical research and their relations to the national goals. Aware of the everincreasing need and utility of mathematics in everyday life, this same community embarked on large programs (beginning with the "new math") to improve mathematical education in the elementary and secondary schools. Surely Dr. Hornig is aware of these, and other, steps to communicate with the public.

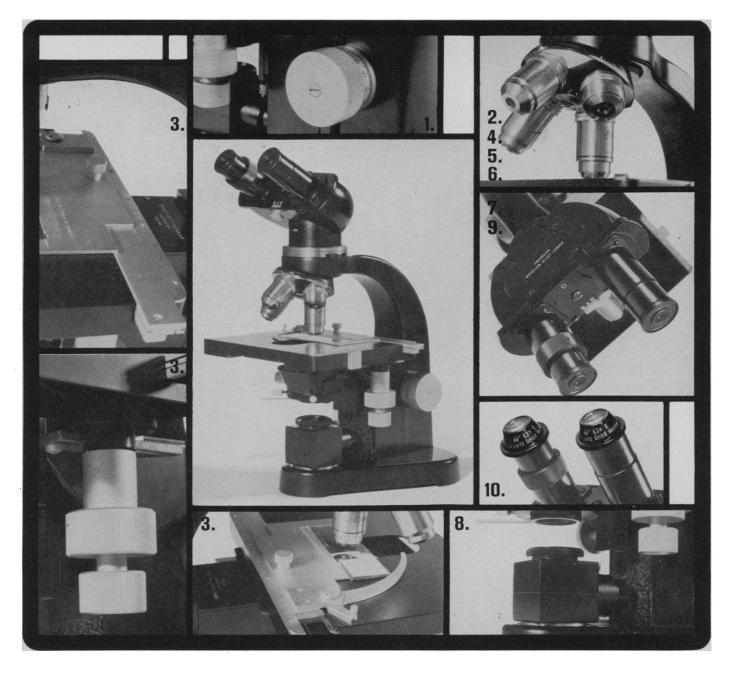
Government support has been a vital element in the rapid development of American science. Support by the NSF and other government agencies has in 10 years tripled the annual number of Ph.D.'s in mathematics. These young mathematicians have made a variety of profound and original discoveries ranging from those with direct practical applications (such as the unexpected use of logic in computing machines) to theoretical results which have attracted international acclaim (such as the work of Smale in dynamics and of Cohen in foundations). The future does involve a financial crisis which may have tragic consequences for the next generation of scientists and mathematicians. Hornig's statement is hardly a responsible contribution to the public discussion of this crisis or to the closing of the gap between working scientists and those in government concerned with science.

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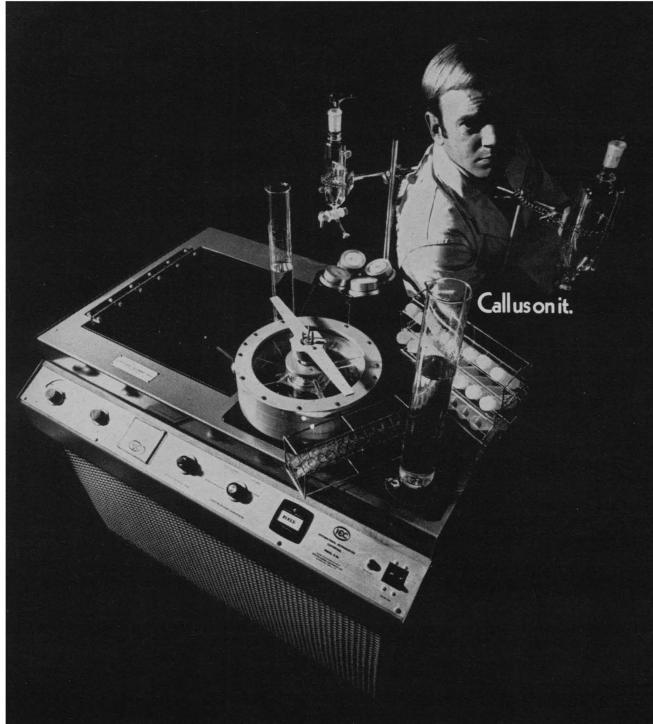
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One thing they can do is to participate more fully and continuously as citizens and neighbors in community and political life. The public that supports us as teachers needs to see that we are not strange and doubtful creatures living in another world, but friends with mutual concerns. Yet how many of us take part regularly in neighborhood or club activities outside of our college in-group? How many of us have taken on a neighbor's son, or daughter, as an intellectual protégé, sharing with him our interesting books and models and intellectual excitements? Adult teachers and scientists from 25 to 75 far outnumber the youngsters between 8 and 18 who might follow in their footsteps. Each one teach one. It would be a chain reaction.

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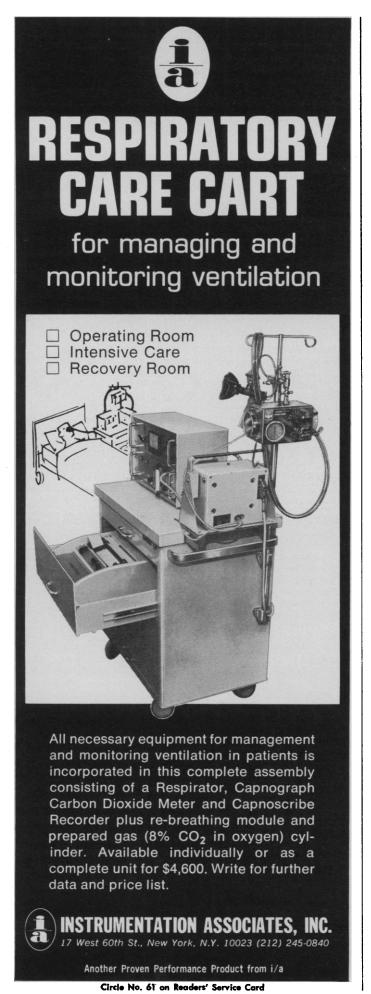
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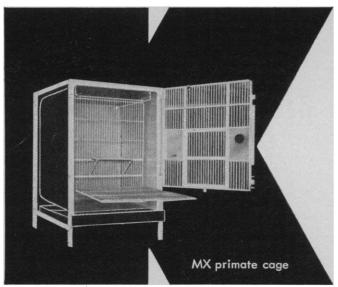
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radio-frequency ion mass spectrometer after two Aerobee rocket flights that traversed sporadic-E layers above White Sands, New Mexico, were presented. On the ascent during the first flight a minimum in the ion distribution, a factor of 5 below the ambient density in the region, was observed between two secondary maxima. Ion mass spectra taken when the rocket was within the Es layers showed it to be composed of atomic metallic ions of Na, Mg, Si, Ca, and Fe. Magnesium was the dominant ion detected in the mass spectra. Neither nitric oxide nor molecular oxygen ions were observed within the Es layer. The second flight recorded a weak Es layer. As before, Mg, Ca, and Fe ions were observed within the Es layer. Iron and magnesium ions were observed in and below but not above this layer. Nitric oxide ions were detected in the peak density region of this weak layer.

Metallic ions in the D and E regions were also detected by cryogenically pumped, quadrupole ion mass spectrometers aboard six rockets; they were launched during and after the 1965 Leonid meteor shower, at sunrise and sunset from Eglin AFB, and during the 1966 solar eclipse in Brazil. Every rocket flight that observed Es events detected metallic ions within the Es layer and, depending on the strength of the layer, observed a decrease in the molecular ion density. However, the converse is not true that the presence of metallic ions does not necessarily indicate an Es layer. Based on these rocket observations, the roles of charge transfer between the molecular ions and metallic atoms and of vertical neutral wind convergence in the formation and maintenance of metallic ion layers were discussed, but the group did not arrive at a definitive conclusion.

processes Atomic recombination which can liberate free metal atoms from solid surfaces of certain metallic compounds may play a role in liberating metallic atoms from dust layers in the ionosphere. Experiments involving the bombardment of solid films of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and other sodium salt by-products from a nitrogen discharge suggest that atomic or molecular excited species in the atmosphere may fulfill this role.

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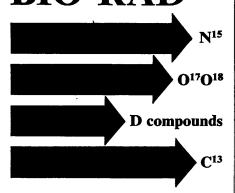
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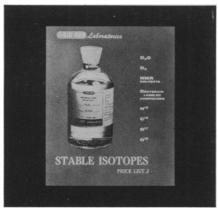


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100-km region and above. It was also pointed out that some early theoretical treatments of meteor trail deionization which invoked electron attachment are now obsolete due to the subsequent experimental discovery and rate constant measurements of associative detachment processes, particularly for  $O_2$ - + O  $\rightarrow$  $O_3 + e$ . The associative detachment at 80 km is several orders of magnitude faster than the electron attachment. Three-body metal ion association, followed by electron recombination might, however, be important in meteor trail deionization in the  $\sim$  80-km region.

Data from a new meteor-wind observation system in France, which provides returns from several hundred meteors per hour, with data at 2-km altitude spacing between 80- and 110-km altitude from each meteor, have been processed by power spectral analysis to assess prevailing and tidal components, and to anaylze the residual nontidal contributions. The major component is semidiurnal, with vertical wavelength greater than 100 km and an amplitude of 10 to 70 m/s. A downward phase velocity of the order of 10 km/hour is largely due to the semidiurnal compo-

A statistical analysis of 70 midlatitude vapor trails between 90 and 150 km showed not only a consistent zonal flow to the east below 100-km altitude, but also mean values of total velocity of 50 to 70 m/s and mean shears of 0.02 to 0.004 m/s/m, varying with altitude. The altitude variation of velocity and shear can be explained by energy injection from below and viscous dissipation within the region of a simple helical profile, rotating in 12 hours and increasing in wavelength from 20 km at 90-km altitude to 100 km at 150-km altitude.

Simultaneous rocket observations of sporadic-E electron-ion density and wind profiles were successful in relating sporadic-E layering above 105 km to wind-shear structure. Below this height, the terminal deposition zone predicted by the "corkscrew" mechanism complicates the simple association of ion layers with shears.

Those areas of wind measurements in which adequate data are not available at this time include vertical winds, daytime winds above 110 km (the upper limits of the meteor-wind technique), and horizontally spaced winds to permit convergence estimates. Incoherent backscatter studies and drift reflections from ground sites may eventually largely displace rocket studies for statistically large sample collections.



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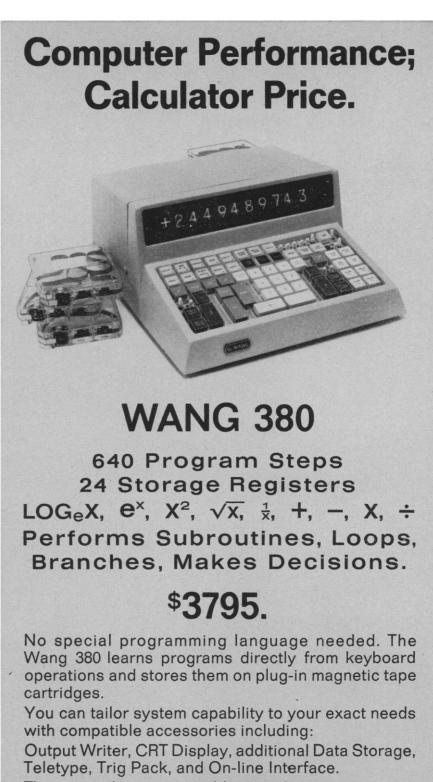
On the whole, there is substantial agreement about the processes which lead to the production of temperatezone sporadic E—that is, the layers are produced by the wind-shear mechanism and are composed mostly of long-lived metallic ions except possibly at higher altitudes when molecular ions can be involved. Most of the discussion therefore was concerned with refinements of the wind-shear theory and with the special problems associated with the production and loss of metallic ions.

Calculations of the loss rate of metallic ions into the D region due to the "corkscrew" mechanism showed that difficulties arise unless the sweeping effect is inhibited by the presence of standing waves. The main problem is that the density of metallic atoms present in the E region must be sufficient to allow ions to be produced at a rate comparable to the loss due to the "corkscrew" mechanism, and also be highly variable in order to account for the nighttime variations of fbEs.

The "corkscrew" mechanism shows that Es layers formed of long-lived ions can be expected to follow nodes in the effective neutral wind profile down to altitudes less than about 100 km. At lower altitudes the process fails quite suddenly at the point where the vertical ionization drift velocity and the descending phase velocity of the neutral wind profile become comparable.

It must be remembered that molecular ions can also play a role at higher altitudes ( $\geq 120$  km) where the vertical drift speeds of the ions can be quite large. Numerical solutions for the formation (by the wind-shear mechanism) of Es layers comprised of molecular ions showed that a uniform electric polarization field affects the rate of growth, movement, equilibrium, position, and maximum density. Particular attention was paid to the effects that might be produced by abrupt changes in the neutral gas, that is, gravity "shocks," and by electric polarization fields. Kinks in the ionization drift-velocity profile could lead to the flat-topped Es layers sometimes observed. The characteristic variations of Es occurrence according to season, time of day, and geomagnetic activity might somehow be accounted for by variations in the electric polarization field.

Concerning the effects of gravity waves, the vertical motion and the associated variations in density and temperature of the neutral gas can produce weak Es layers due to the resulting changes in the ionization production and

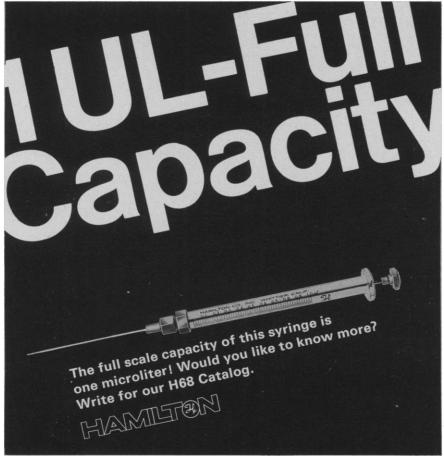


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loss rates, as well as by the redistribution processes usually considered in the wind-shear theory. The electron temperature in the E region and in Es layers can be noticeably affected by variations of the neutral temperature associated with gravity waves.

Papers on the formation of smallscale irregularities of ionization by the so-called "crossed-field" instability produced considerable argument, mainly concerning the appropriate boundary conditions and the shape of the initial perturbation to be used in the analysis. One linearized treatment of the problem appeared to show that the configuration adopted was quite stable, whereas a non-linear treatment using different initial conditions showed the explosive development of plasma turbulence after some tens of seconds. A considerable amount of further study of this problem is obviously required.

Metallic ions seem to play an important role in Es at heights lower than about 110 km, but molecular ions are important for Es at higher levels. Since the electric polarization fields play an important role in the rate of Es growth, position, and maximum density, a future investigation of this field together with a detailed theoretical attack on the field's effect on Es is very desirable. Rocket observations should be conducted simultaneously at close horizontal spacing with more accurate height resolution. In addition to measurements of ionization density and composition, it is necessary to measure other parameters such as ion temperature, neutral density, and magnetic field in the vicinity of Es blobs. Upper atmosphere wind observations during the daytime and measurements of the vertical wind are required. The character of tidal oscillations should also be examined.

In summary, the very complex phenomenon of Es needs to be attacked with a combination of all possible methods in a well-organized form, particularly with better coordination of rocket and ground-based experiments and with cooperation between different groups and disciplines.

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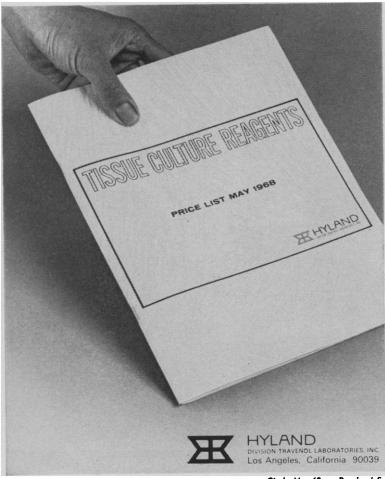
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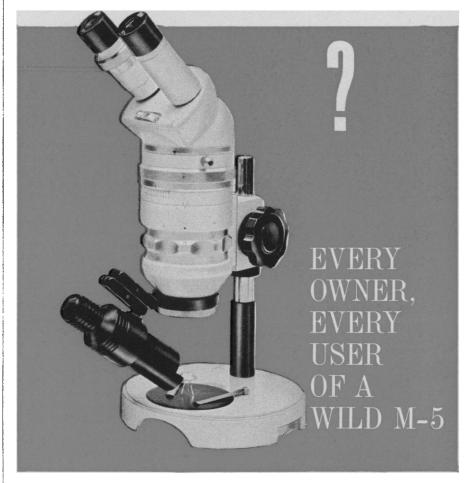
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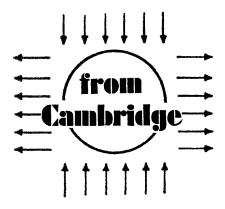
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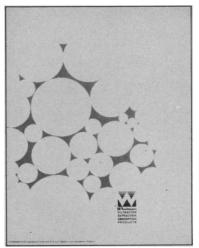
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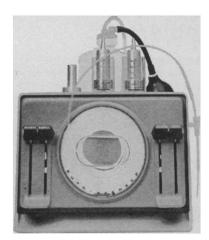
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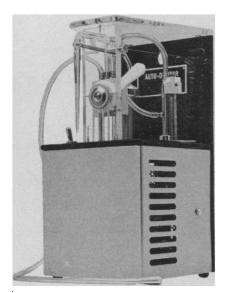
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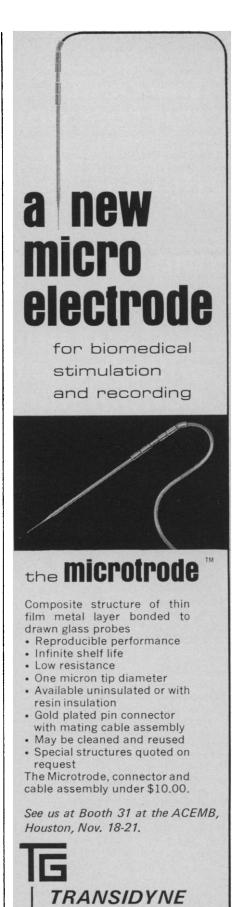
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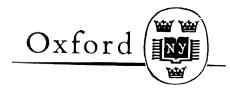
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