

### Expertise at Land Grant Colleges

The mechanism for relieving Iza Goroff's search for safe reliable pesticide information (Letters, 18 Dec.) has been in existence for many years at land grant universities located in every state in the United States. There is at every such institution at least one extension entomologist, plant pathologist, and agronomist well qualified to handle questions regarding pesticide registration, safe usage, effectiveness, and disposal. In 1964 the U.S. Department of Agriculture used newly appropriated federal funds to support a pesticide coordinator at each land grant university. He performs a liaison role between the several federal agencies dealing with pesticides (USDA, HEW, EPA, and so forth) and agricultural college personnel and county agents using and recommending pesticides and herbicides. As American merchants, farmers, and homeowners we must immediately utilize such specialists to advise us in the use of agricultural chemicals that are so essential to our food and fiber supply as well as to community health.

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### Australia: Equal Pay in 1972

The letters of Kennedy, Rothman, and Graubard (25 Dec.) commented on the salary differential between men and women described in the advertisement in *Science* (11 Sept., p. 1115) for research positions in the Division of Land Research, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) of Australia. The ad should have included the additional sentence: "The differential between male and female salaries will be eliminated by 1 January 1972."

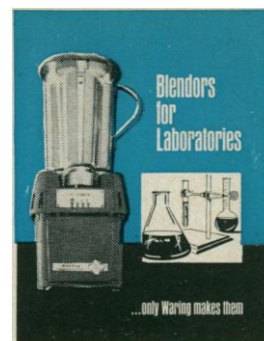
The principle of paying men and women equally for equal work has been adopted throughout Australia and is being brought into effect by stages. It will be fully effective by 1972. Since its inception, CSIRO has followed a policy of advertising its research positions internationally in order to recruit the best qualified applicants from around the world.

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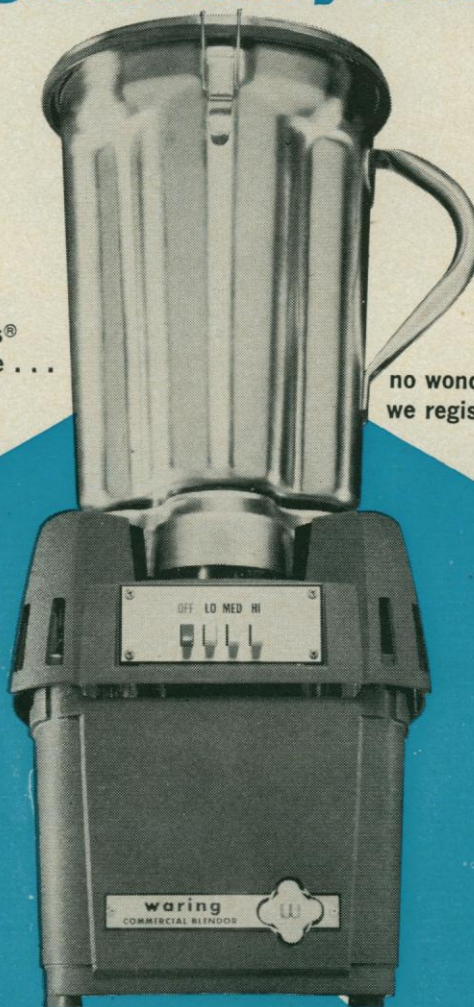


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