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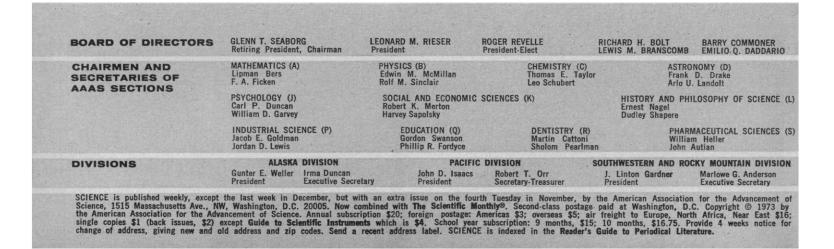
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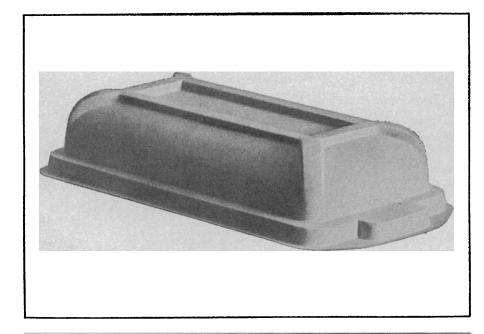
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### COVER

Polychromatism occurs (although infrequently) in many widely unrelated fishes, especially gold morphs. The condition is relatively common, however, in both sexes of the Midas cichlid in and around lakes Nicaragua and Managua in Nicaragua. The female of the illustrated pair is gold. Their fry have been swimming for 1 day. See page 806. [George W. Barlow, Uni-versity of California, Berkeley]

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Here are some of the kinds of problems in which Varian instruments can help the life science lab. There are others. Ask us about them.

# Protein difference spectroscopy needs the Cary 118's accuracy

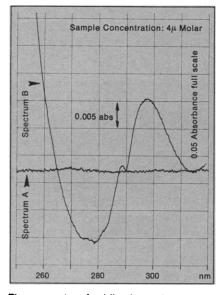
With difference spectroscopy the life scientist has a valuable probe for investigating the structure of protein macromolecules. It is a very sensitive method for detecting small, discrete changes in a sample which could not be observed with standard absorption procedures, where strong overlapping bands obscure many weaker peaks. To measure these small absorbance changes, the scientist must have a good spectrophotometer.

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very small errors can sometimes lead to incorrect interpretation of the spectrum.

In practical terms the 118's exceptional performance frees the scientist from concern about the quality of the data. He knows that any peaks recorded on the spectrum result from sample absorption, and not from an instrument artifact.



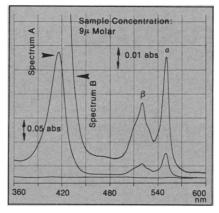
These spectra of oxidized cytochrome C, recorded on the Cary 118, illustrate one effect of pH on this protein. Spectrum A was recorded with identical sample and reference solutions (both pH 7). For Spectrum B the sample was increased to pH 11, while the reference was unchanged. Perturbation of the tyrosine residues becomes readily apparent.

To obtain further information about the Cary 118's capabilities for difference spectroscopy, kinetics, determining concentration in small-volume samples, quantitative analyses, or even recording derivative spectra, circle Reader Service No. 12.



# With the Cary 17 changing absorbance ranges makes a mountain out of a mole hill

Often when recording a UV-Vis spectrum, a particular wavelength region of interest may produce only a small hump on the spectrum, because

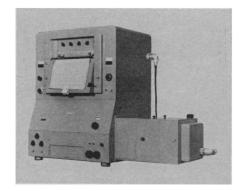


To demonstrate the advantages of changing absorbance ranges, these spectra of cytochrome C reduced with ascorbic acid were recorded on the Cary 17. Spectrum A (0-0.5 abs range) fully resolves the Soret band at 415 nm, but shows little detail on the peaks at the longer wavelengths. The expanded presentation in Spectrum B (0-0.1 abs range) gives better detail of the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  bands at 550 and 520 nm.

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# Spin labeling biological membranes: What For and What With

# First, the What For.

Here's a list of literature references, all of which deal with the use of nitroxide spin labels and EPR (ESR) to study biological membranes:

Biosynthetically spin labeled mitochondria subjected to EPR analysis contained at least two incorporated spin labels with different degrees of constraint.

A. Kieth, A. Waggoner, and O. Griffith, Proc. Nat'l Acad. Sci., 61, 819 (1968).

Incorporation of spin-labeled compounds into membranes by using a protein carrier or, for experiments with micelles or liposomes, by agitation or sonication of the aqueous suspension should prove to be more valuable in the future as a probe of the membranes of living cells.

A. Waggoner, T. Kingzett, S. Rottschaefer, and O. Griffith, Chem. Phys Lipids, 3, 245 (1969).

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The orientation properties of spin labels were used to show that the phospholipid regions of both nerve and erythocyte membranes strongly resemble lipid bilayers with phospholipids being more tightly packed in erythrocytes than in nerve fibers. *W. Hubbell and H. McConnell*, Proc. Nat'l Acad. Sci., **63**, *16* (1969).

The spin label attached to cytochrome *C* in submitochondrial membranes underwent reversible changes in mobility when the metabolic state of the submitochondrial particles was altered.

C. Lee, H. Drott, B. Johansson, T. Yonetani, and B. Chance in Probes of Structure and Function of Macromolecules and Membranes, B. Chance, C.-P. Lee, and T. Yonetani, Eds., Academic, New York (1971).

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# Now, the What With.

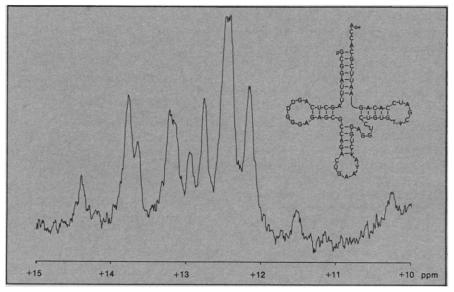
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In this 300-MHz spectrum, obtained using the most powerful NMR spectrometer available, Varian's HR-300, the region between +15 and +10 ppm from DSS<sup>2</sup> shows a number of peaks



specified by the genetic code of the ribosomal DNA. Now, high field NMR, by helping to provide detailed knowledge about t-RNA's conformation in aqueous solution, offers a promise of better understanding the exact way in which t-RNA accomplishes its function.

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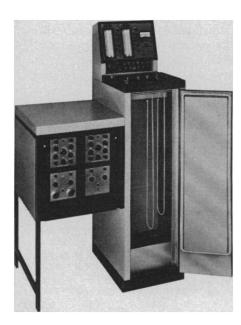
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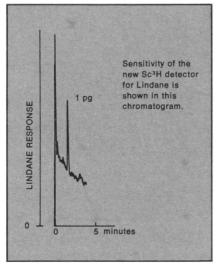


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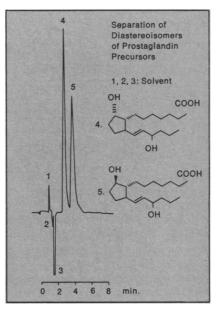


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# **Calendar of Events**

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# **Gas Chromatography Courses**

April 16-18, 1973: Houston, Texas May 16-18, 1973: Springfield, N.J.

# Liquid Chromatography Courses

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# **Mass Spectrometer Meetings**

May 15-16, 1973: Varian MAT Instrument Owners Meeting, Springfield, New Jersey

May 18-19, 1973: Varian MAT Instrument Owners Meeting, Palo Alto, California

May 20-25, 1973: American Society for Mass Spectrometry Meeting, San Francisco, California

# **NMR Workshops**

April 4-6, 1973: One-day T-60A Workshops, Springfield, New Jersey

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April 4-15, 1973: Electro Mash 73, Moscow, USSR

April 11-18, 1973: Mesucora/Exp. de Physique, Paris, France

April 16-20, 1973: FASEB, Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA

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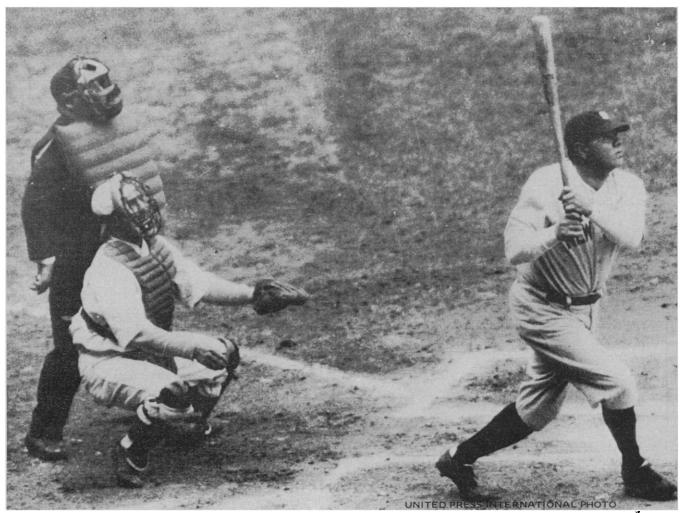
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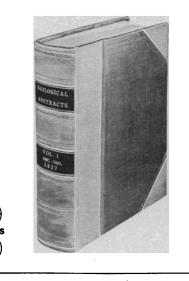
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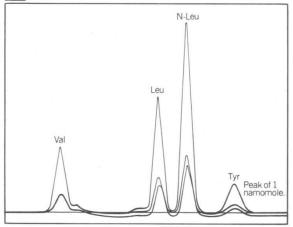
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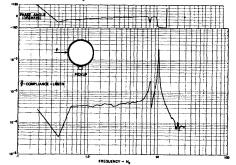
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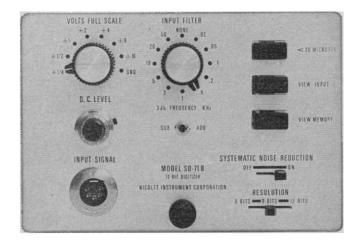


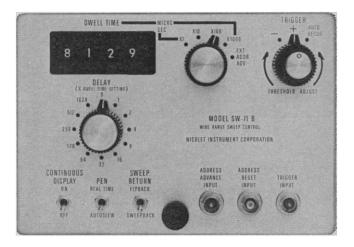
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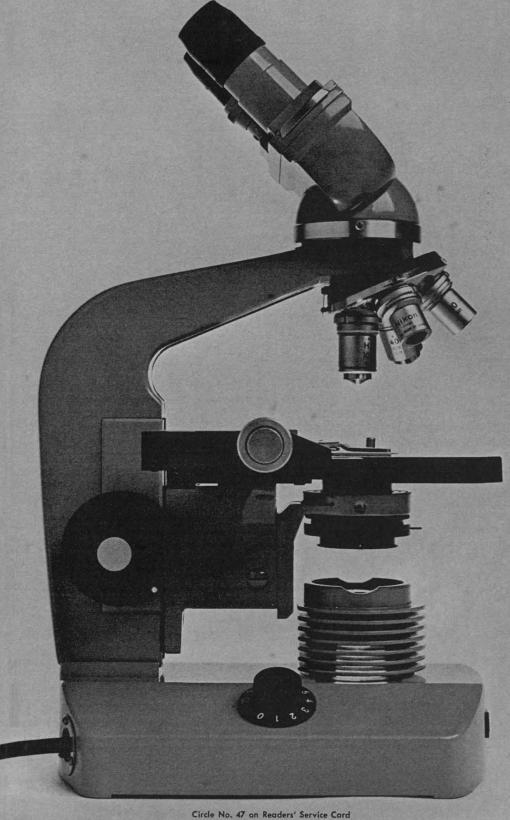
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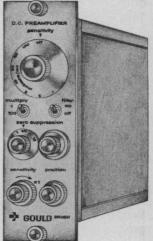
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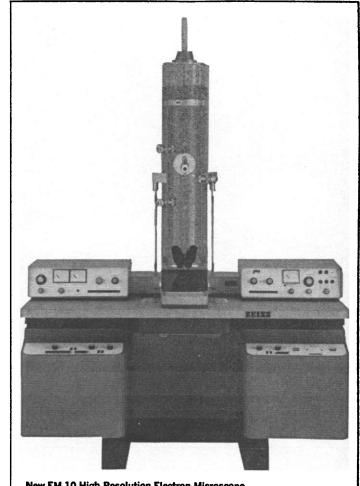
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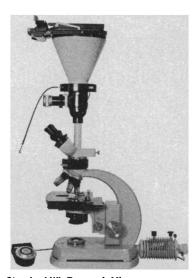
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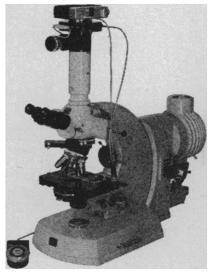
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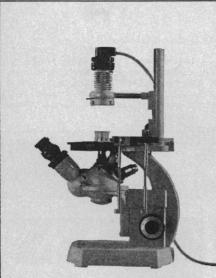


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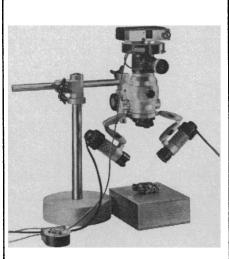


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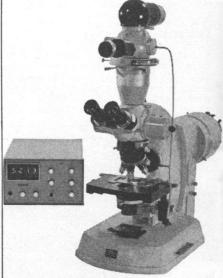


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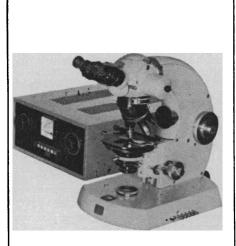
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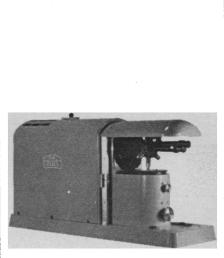


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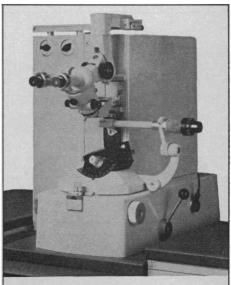
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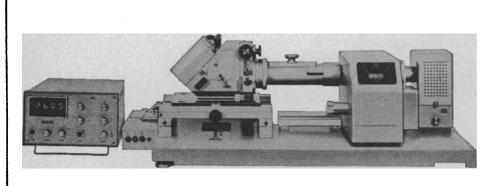
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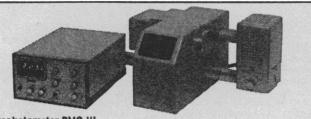
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p. 1216; 21 July, p. 239; 1 Sept., p. 776; 13 Oct., p. 145) concerning the massive use of environmental modification, including weather control, in Southeast Asia to consider that the experience gained in peaceful geophysical modification can be quickly turned to other purposes less helpful to mankind.

To the extent that any one of these hypotheses is valid, the social scientist committed both to rational analysis and to responsibility for his or her actions is in a dilemma. If the limits of the analysis or its possible misuse are great, would society be better off without it? I think in some cases the answer must be yes, as much in social science as in new technology. Indeed to the extent that social science becomes important (that is, people really take it seriously) social scientists must be as self-critical and responsible about their methods and their possible abuse and misuse as technologists should be about their inventions. In some cases where uncertainty is very great, it may be as irresponsible to advocate a decision-making methodology that does nothing to really reduce the uncertainty or to control its use as it is to build an SST. At the very least, until we can take into account both the limits and unintended use of decision analysis, we should be cautious in its advocacy. And in areas of great scientific unknowns, such as weather modification, where heavy pressure exists for its "arational" use and some pressure for its amoral use, extreme caution is indicated.

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Power is correct in suggesting that rainfall and steering effects are important issues in hurricane seeding. Another important factor is storm tide, which can be affected significantly by coastal geography. These effects might be of critical importance in the tactical decision to seed a particular hurricane. As the full report referenced in our article shows, present knowledge concerning these factors is consistent with our strategic recommendation to permit, as an emergency measure, the seeding of some hurricanes threatening a coastal area.

It is possible to conduct a decision analysis to determine the value of research on hurricane steering. However, our discussions with meteorologists have indicated that while the ability to steer hurricanes would be valuable, this ability is unlikely to result from a research program. Consequently, it is not clear that the decision analysis of steering research would demonstrate that the research has a high value.

On the question of loss of life, we found that, given the effective hurricane warnings provided by the U.S. Weather Service, the expected number of lives lost in a present-day hurricane is relatively small. If these lives are valued for decision-making purposes in a range from \$100,000 to \$300,000 each, they constitute an expected loss of only about one-tenth the expected property damage for the hurricane. Furthermore, since storms that damage less property also tend to kill fewer people, the case for removing the prohibition against seeding is only strengthened by including human loss.

We direct our commentary on Kates's letter to the three hypotheses he suggests for the nature of decision analysis.

Hypothesis  $H_1$  is that decision analysis systematically excludes significant aspects of the problem because they are uncertain or improbable. Anyone familiar with decision analysis knows that its procedures involve not excluding, but discovering and emphasizing, significant aspects of the problem. In fact, decision analysis is uniquely concerned with assessing probabilities and their implications. Kates presents no evidence that our recommendations would be changed by additional analysis of any of the factors he mentions.

Hypothesis  $H_2$  is that decision analysis might be misused. We agree that anything from hammers to medicine may be misused, but we find no logical argument that they should be unused. Moreover, Kates presents no evidence that our hurricane analysis has been or will be misused.

Hypothesis  $H_3$  is that decision analysis might be used for amoral purposes. Presuming that amoral means immoral, we can only reiterate that the fact that hammers and medicine can be instruments of crime is no argument for discontinuing their production. Kates presents no evidence that our analysis has been or will be used for immoral purposes.

But Kates's hypotheses do not form a collectively exhaustive set. We would like to include a fourth hypothesis,  $H_4$ : Decision analysis is a rational method for displaying and balancing the important uncertain, complex, and dynamic factors that surround a decision. We leave it to others to judge whether this hypothesis is supported by our work.

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# **Thermodynamics and Information**

Witold Brostow, in his discussion of information theory and thermodynamics (13 Oct., p. 123), says that "It took some years after Jaynes's paper... until books of statistical mechanics based on information theory began to appear." He thus overlooks the pioneering textbook by Myron Tribus entitled *Thermostatics and Thermodynamics (1)*, which was published in 1961.

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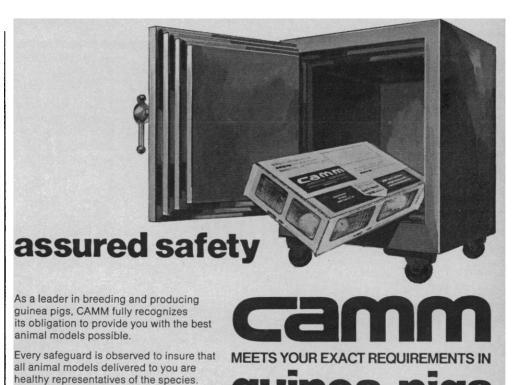
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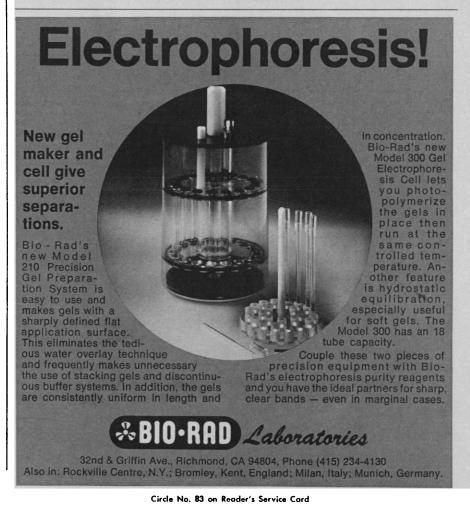
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I have recently written to all members to ask them to designate the section through which they wish to exercise their right of franchise. Let me urge now that each member give this request his prompt and serious attention, for if he is to be eligible for positions to be filled by his electorate and if he is to participate in its election process, his name must appear on its rolls.

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Finally, to ensure these rights in perpetuity, the new constitution can be amended only by vote of the membership at large. While the bylaws are amendable by the Council, members may also propose amendments by petition.

The new constitution and bylaws were published in the November 1972 *AAAS Bulletin*. A list of changes approved at the 1972 Council meeting is given on pages 823 and 824 of this issue.

The AAAS officers and staff now face the monumental task of developing and instituting the complicated procedures required by the new constitution and bylaws. The election schedule this year will be tight, for we must first convert the present addressing system to computer, as well as ascertain the electorate in which each member wishes to vote. A final reminder: We have mailed each of you who is a member a postcard on which to designate your electorate. By returning it without delay, you can help us keep on schedule and at the same time ensure that you will be able to exercise your full rights as a member.—WILLIAM BEVAN

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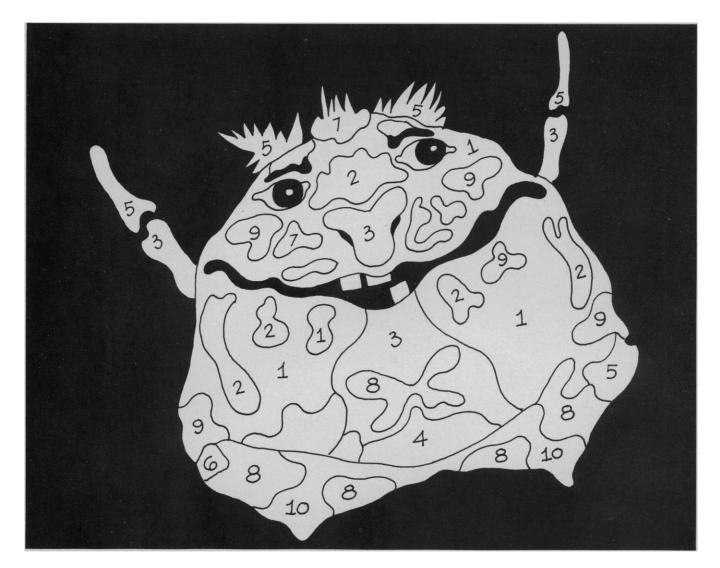
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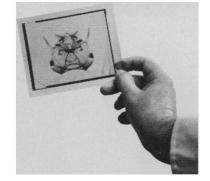
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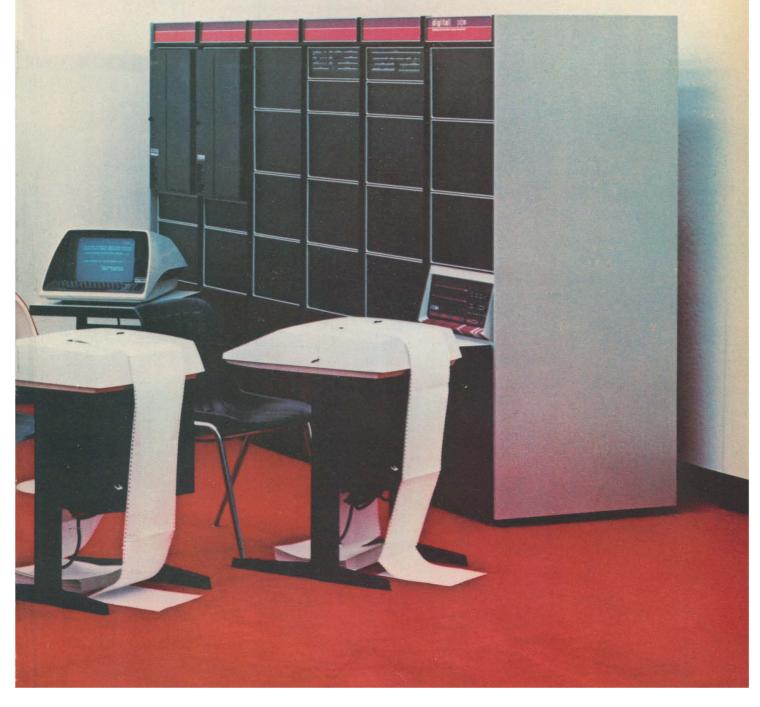
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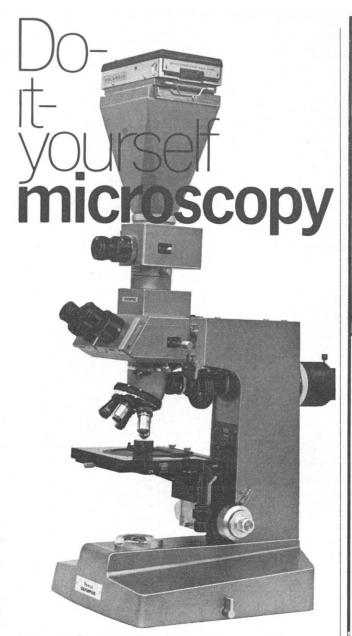
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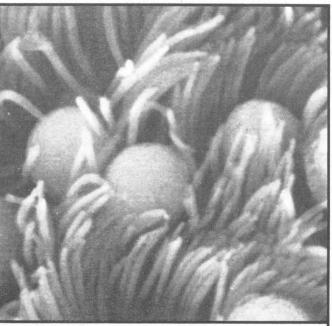
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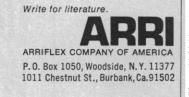
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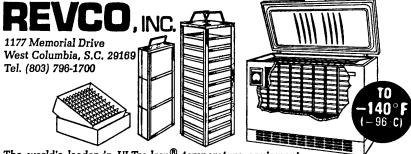
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