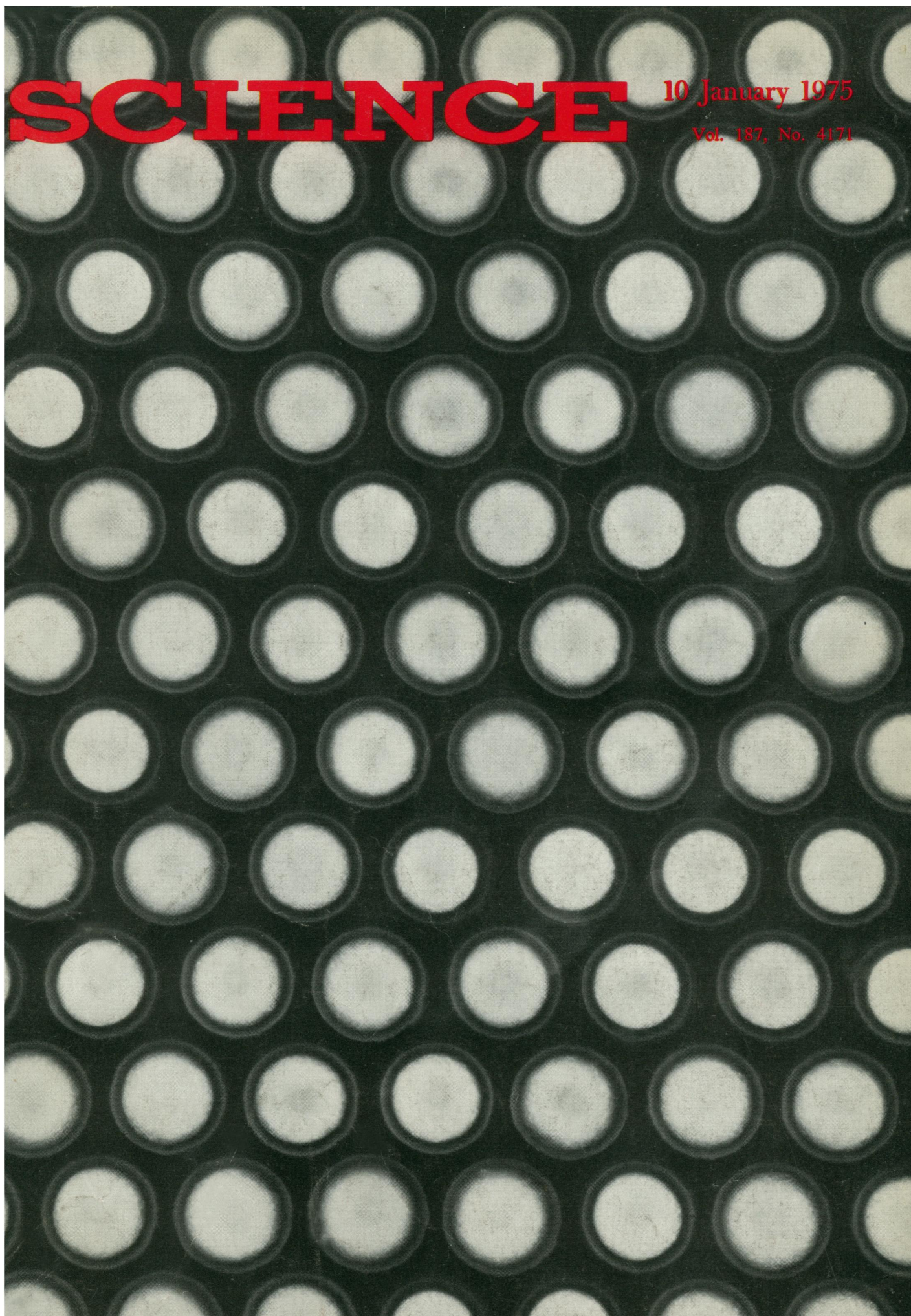


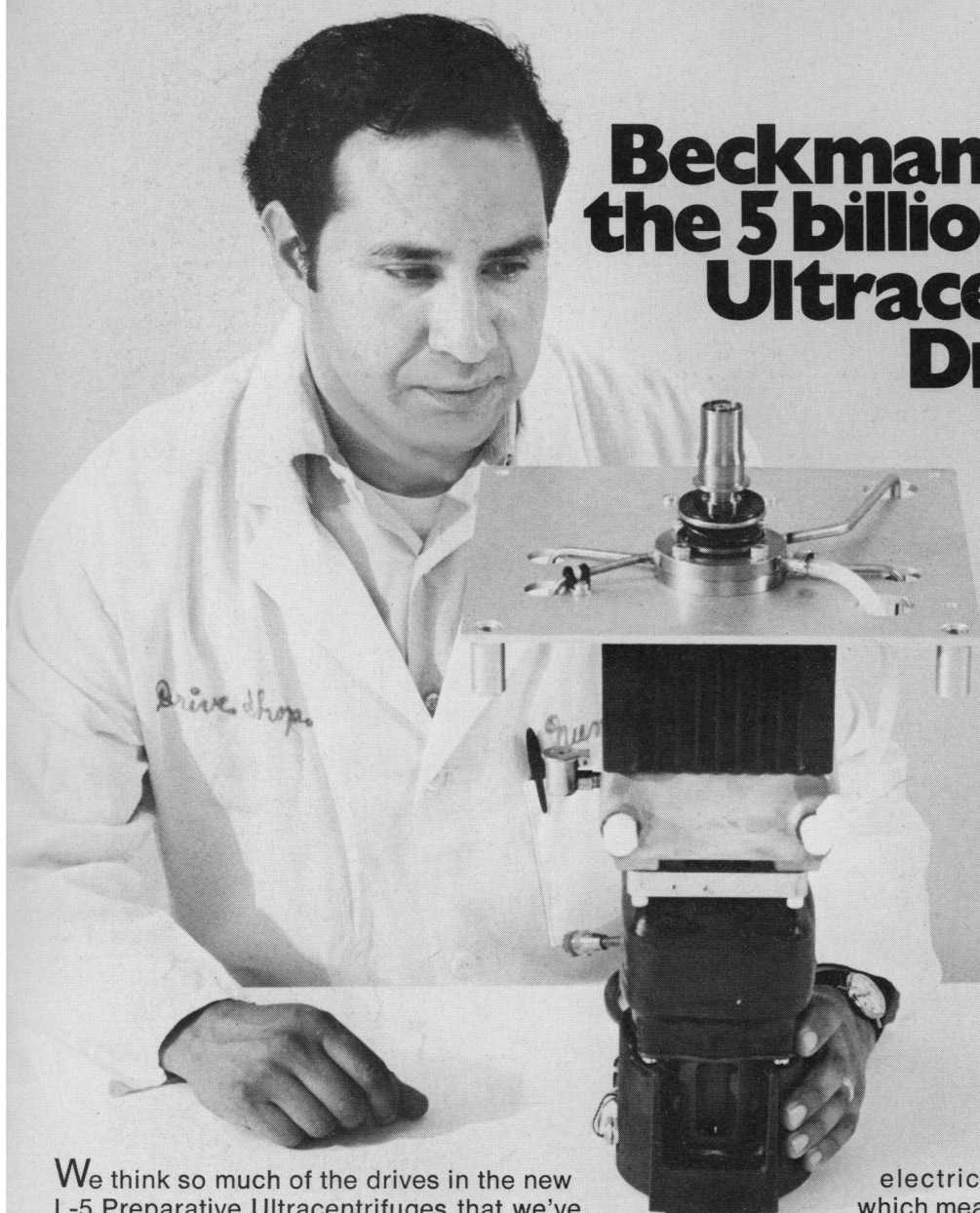
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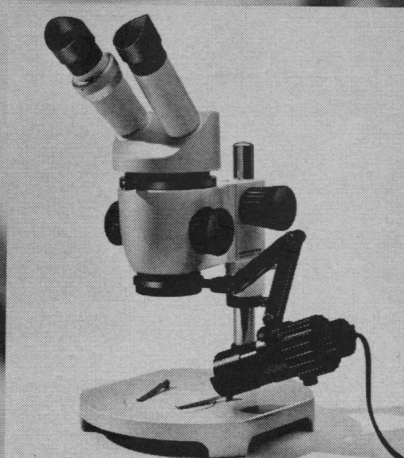
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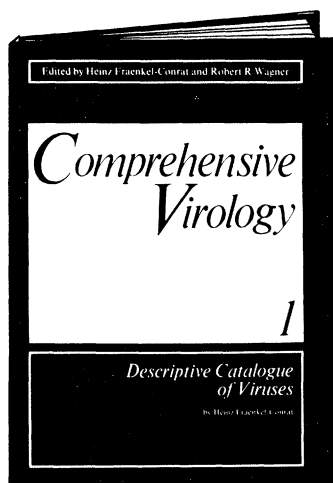
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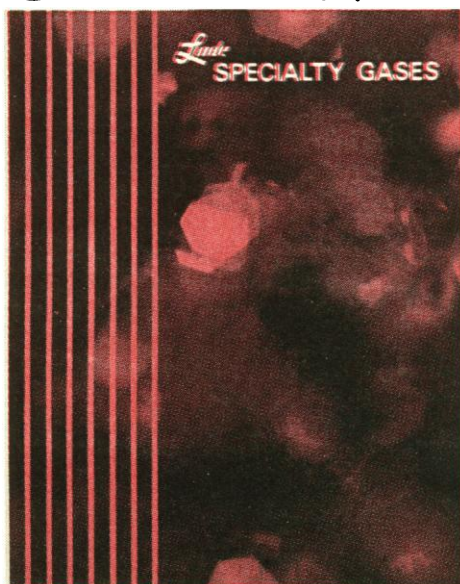
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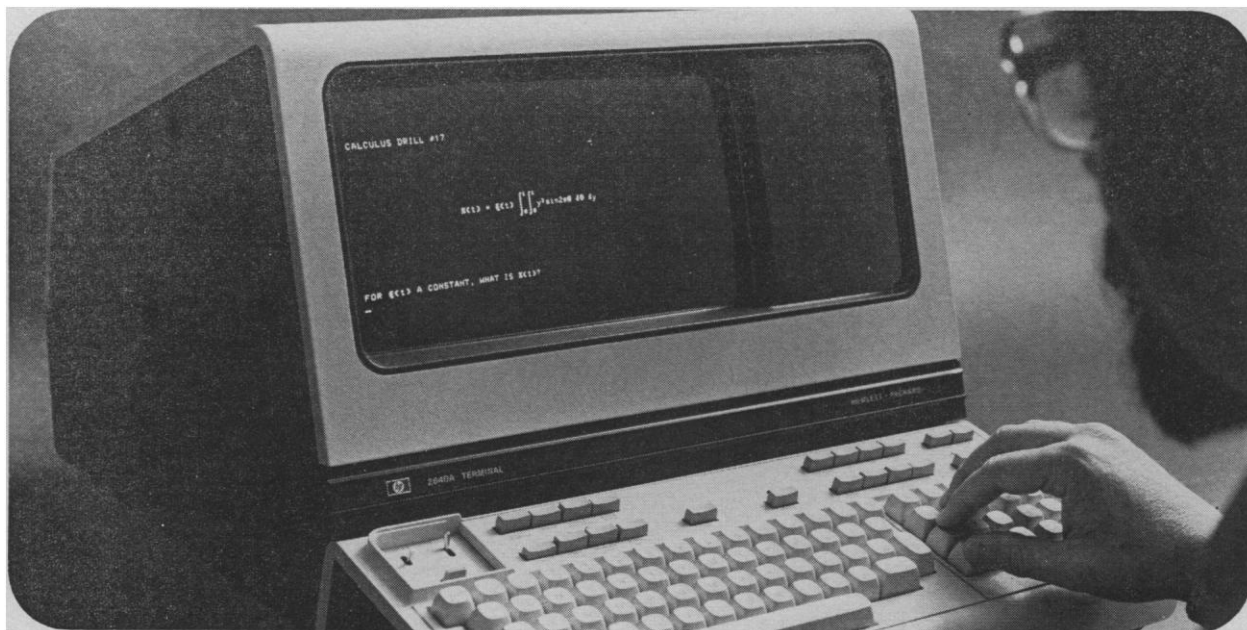
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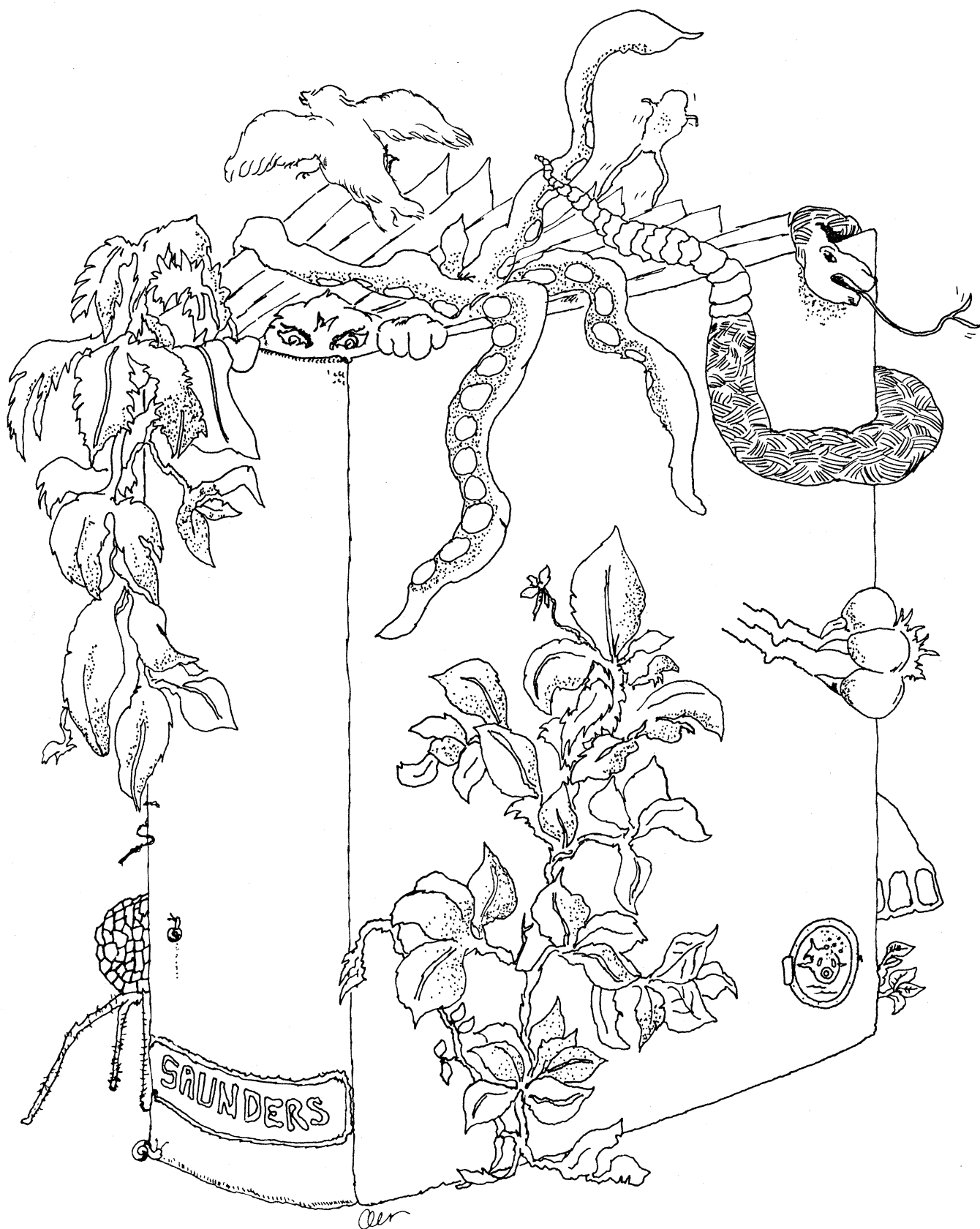
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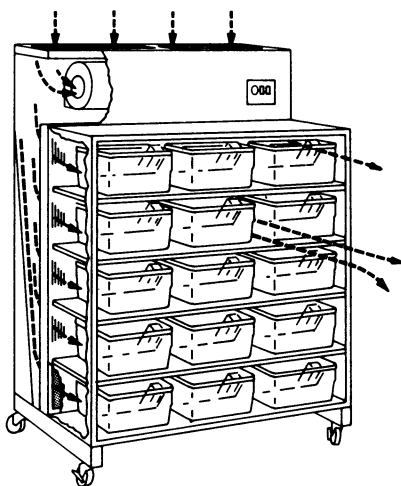


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Marine Faunal Areas

In his review (13 Dec., p. 1028) of my book *Marine Zoogeography* (1), Richard Rosenblatt comments that there is not an explicit statement of criteria to be used in the establishment of regions, provinces, and boundaries, that the chapter on the pelagic realm has a literature list that ends in the 1960's, and that he could not find any mention of the central oceanic gyres. The facts are that the province (the basic zoogeographic unit) is defined in chapter 1 (1, p. 16), the chapter on the pelagic realm refers to five works published in 1970 or more recently, and that the latter chapter also includes a discussion of water masses and currents (1, pp. 335-338) in which the gyres are mentioned.

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The Big Horn Medicine Wheel

In his article (7 June, p. 1035), John A. Eddy describes the solstitial alignment of the cairns of the Big Horn Medicine Wheel in northern Wyoming and suggests that the heliacal risings of the stars Adebarean, Rigel, and Sirius could have been used as signals of the summer solstice. He also suggests that the 28 irregularly spaced spokes of the Medicine Wheel might

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have been used to mark the days of the lunar cycle and that the circumferential stones depicted the structure of the Sun Dance Lodge or were decorative and not astronomically significant. A quotation from Walker (1) may cast further light on this matter. The preconquest Sioux gave the timing of the Sun Dance, a midsummer festival, as occurring "when the Moon is four hands' breadth above the edge of the world, when the Sun goes down out of sight." This raises the possibility that the Plains Indians were aware of eclipse seasons and that the 28 spokes functioned as an eclipse-predicting computer in a manner similar to the 56 Aubrey holes of Stonehenge. Many of the stone rings of England, Wales, and Scotland are not circular, and Hutchinson (2) has discussed the data pointing to a sophisticated grasp of metrology, geometry, and astronomy by the builders of these megaliths. The peculiarly flattened circumference of the Medicine Wheel may ultimately be shown to be geometrically rather than accidentally constructed. The archeological and astronomical studies now in progress by Eddy and his colleagues may clarify these and other speculations about this unique high-altitude observatory and "preliterate" notational systems.

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Eddy's article "Astronomical alignment of the Big Horn Medicine Wheel" was excellent, but I would like to add a note. Eddy asks, "Why would a nomadic people wish to mark the solstice?" since this is a practice "more commonly associated with agricultural societies." This problem should be seen in the proper context: in 1700, the "nomadic" big game hunters familiar to homesteaders and John Ford fans were largely agricultural people. The 19th-century bison hunters practiced some agriculture, but their grandparents were even more dependent on agriculture and a sedentary economy. It should also be noted that hunting requires a detailed understanding of seasonal changes.

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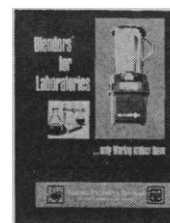
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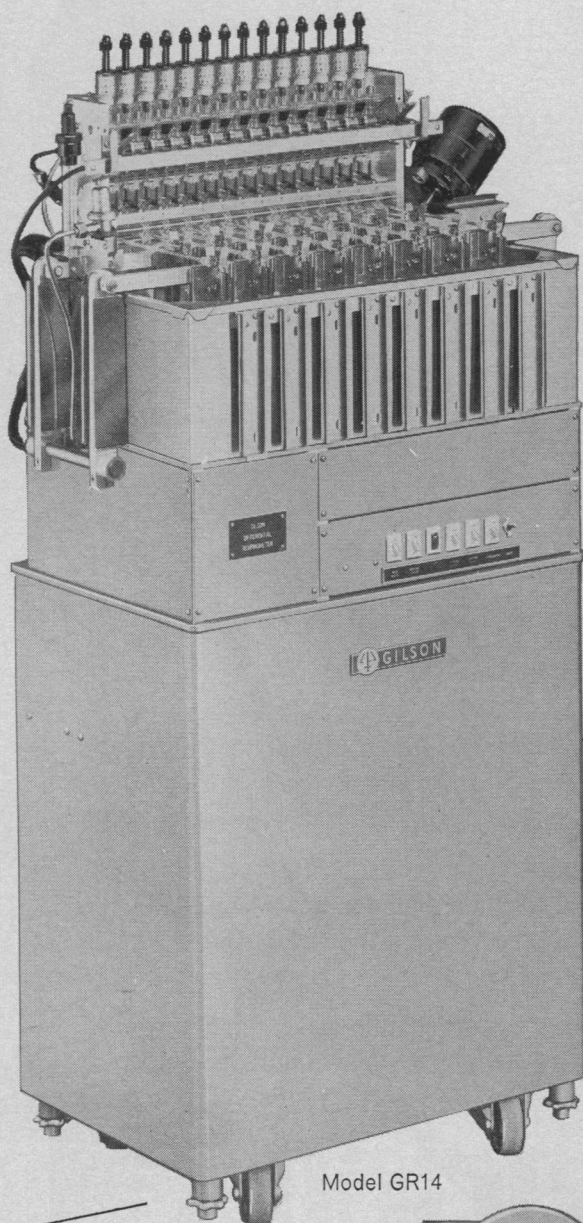
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The public continues to enjoy adequate supplies of energy, but severe shortages lie ahead. Consumption of energy goes on unabated in spite of a recession, higher prices, and presidential appeals. But domestic reserves of hydrocarbons are being depleted rapidly and the stage is being set for empty gasoline pumps, cold homes, and large-scale unemployment unless there is a drastic change in attitudes soon. A major factor is the long time span involved in creating new sources of energy.

This country's experience with nuclear energy is an example of the time necessary to develop a major new source. The first reactor went critical in December 1942. In 1973, nuclear energy accounted for only 1 percent of the nation's energy consumption. Ten years from now, nuclear energy will meet at most 7 percent of the nation's needs. Moreover, the energy will be made available as electricity and not in forms that will be in short supply. Prospects for quick, large-scale utilization of geothermal energy, fusion, and solar energy are even dimmer than those for nuclear energy.

Thus, for at least the next decade, energy horizons will be limited by oil, natural gas, and coal. But available domestic supplies of oil and gas are diminishing, at the rate of 4 to 6 percent per year for oil and about 7 to 8 percent per year for natural gas,* and barriers have been erected to obtaining more oil or gas and to the use of coal.

Perhaps the most serious and certainly the least recognized problems lie in the supplies of natural gas. It heats 55 percent of the nation's homes, is widely used as a feedstock for petrochemicals, including fertilizer, and is by far the largest source of energy for industry. The energy content of the natural gas used daily by industry is equivalent to that of about 5 million barrels of oil. National policy accords priority to residential demand for natural gas, taking it away from industry. Already, shortages have caused layoffs. During the period August 1974 to August 1975, industry will use 400 million additional barrels of oil because of gas curtailments.† The rate of decay of supplies is such that by 1980, with a few exceptions, industry will be prevented from using natural gas. This would have enormous effects on the economy.

In large measure, although not entirely, future natural gas supplies will be tied to those of petroleum. There are good reasons to believe that onshore and undiscovered gas reserves of the 48 contiguous states are comparatively small.‡ New supplies could come from the outer continental shelves and from Alaska. At best, 4 to 6 years will elapse before these can be made available. However, at the present pace of resolving environmental disputes, supplies will be much longer in arriving.

An important aspect of the decaying position is that the kind of conservation that was achieved in 1973 and 1974 would make only a small dent in the problem. Then the public cut its use of natural gas by 6 to 8 percent, that is, 3 to 4 percent of total consumption. If the public spent many billions of dollars on storm windows and added insulation, 1 year's decay in the supplies of natural gas might be compensated for.

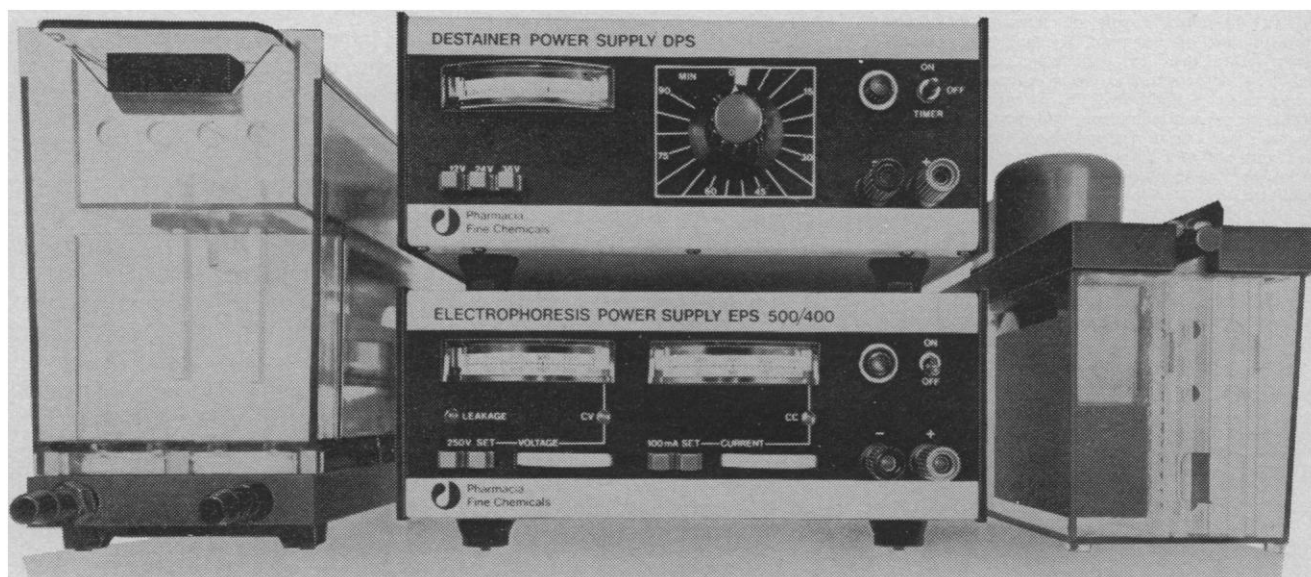
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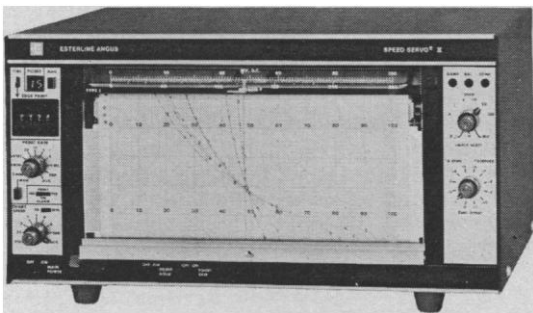
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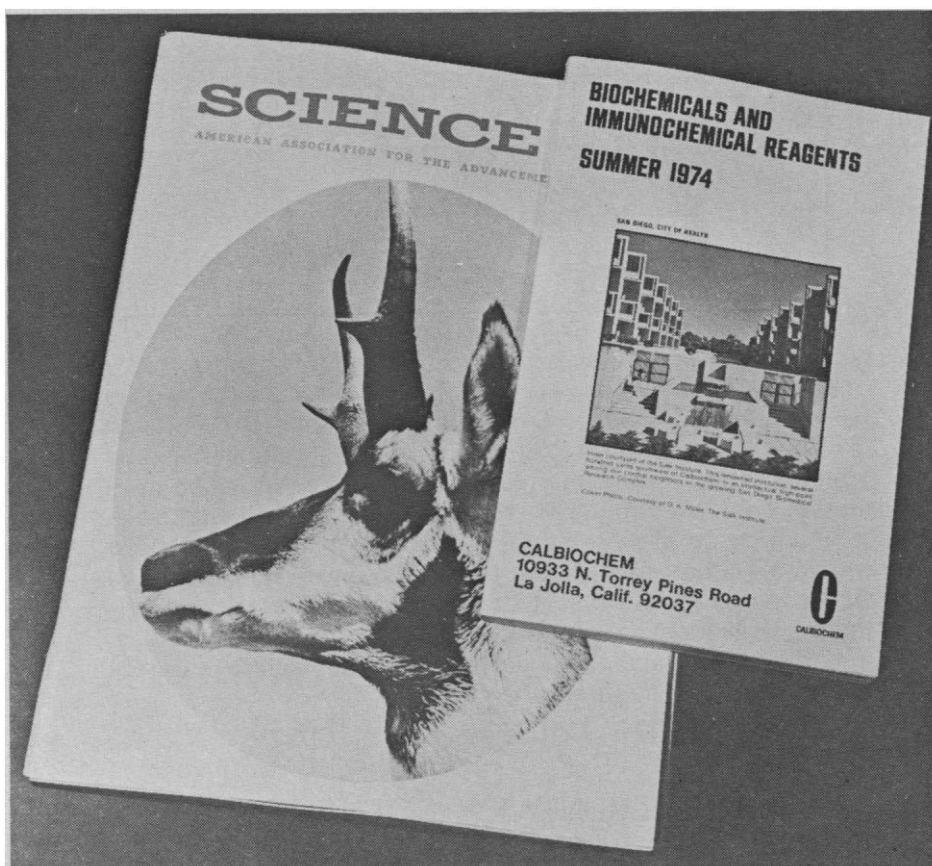
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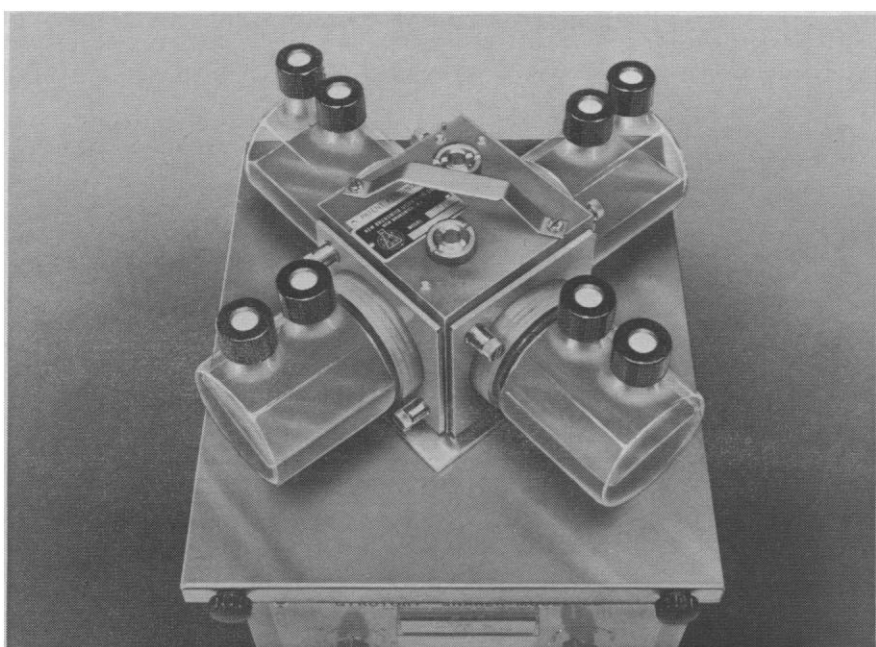
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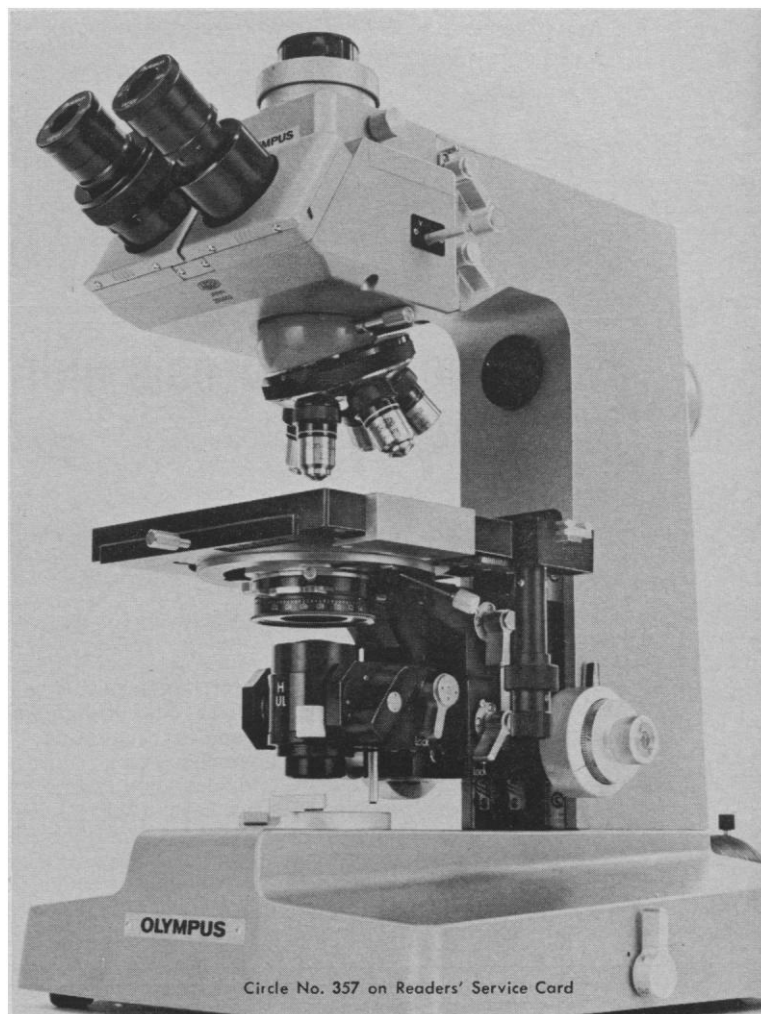
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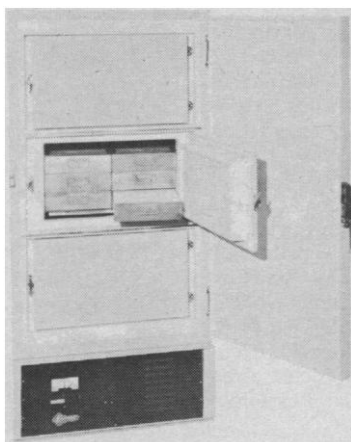
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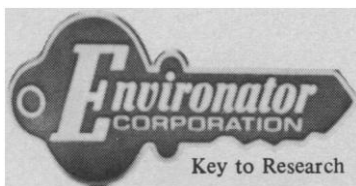
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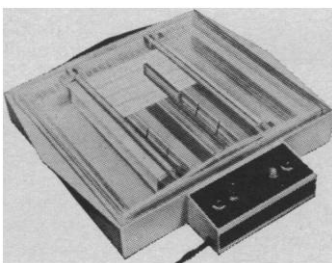


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to provide for a much broader dissemination than can be achieved from the courses alone.

The OSE also collaborates with regional environmental councils to advance environmental education programs, and with the American School Counselors Association to improve secondary school counseling in science. A prime concern of the latter project is to reverse the current pattern of counseling women and minorities out of the sciences in secondary school. Another program starting in 1975 will focus on improving science education in elementary schools that have large numbers of students from minority groups.

Science Education News, published by the Office six times a year, carries brief accounts of innovative educational programs and materials. *Science for Society: A Bibliography*, published annually, assists secondary school and college teachers and their students who are concerned with science/technology/society issues.

Notes from Other Offices

Opportunities in Science: A new publication, Rosters of Minority and Women Professionals, which contains information for makers of rosters as well as suggestions on the effective use of rosters to achieve equal opportunity, is available for \$3.95.

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Communications: Science on Television, the most recent in a series of occasional publications on science in the media, is available for \$2.50. The issue covers commercial and public television, as well as the BBC in Great Britain and NHK in Japan.

Copies of a study guide and annotated bibliography to accompany Jacob Bronowski's television series *The Ascent of Man* are available on request.

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Science and Society Programs: The deadline for the receipt of applications for the 1975-76 Congressional Fellows program is 31 March 1975.

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Annual Meeting Notices: Several of the Offices are arranging special events in conjunction with the AAAS Annual Meeting. All of them will be held in the Americana Hotel unless otherwise noted.

Two meetings will be of special in-