

solved by obtaining technical specifications for hearing aids from an additional source that are already available from practically every hearing aid manufacturer on request.

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Anarchy or alchemy

Sir:

Your magazine (SN: 9/14, p. 267) carried a statement by the American Sociological Association. This organization said that the annual conventions for the next eight years would not be held in Chicago. This action was the result of the police action against anti-war protesters during the Democratic Convention. The association said that "reasonable protests" were disdained.

However, I am of the opinion that these "reasonable protests" were far from reasonable and bordered on outright anarchy. Many of the protesters had their passage and living-expenses paid while in Chicago, with further training in riot techniques. According to one protester, they had been taught how to upset the police so as to provoke an assault. In turn, the publicity would be used to discredit the police, the city of Chicago and create more turmoil and resentment among organized social groups—such as the American Sociological Association.

The irony of the situation is that the rioting may have been planned by someone with knowledge of psychology and sociology, so as to create the effect cited.

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Radiography

Sir:

We appreciate your report on our paper on Neutron Radiography (SN: 10/12, p. 365) presented at the ARRS meeting. Neutron radiography is not a substitute but should be considered as a complementary technique to conventional X-radiography, and the statement that "Small neutron generators are not available that can provide fast neutron . . ." should have read, "Small neutron generators are now available that can provide fast neutron. . . ."

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Rats

Sir:

I was somewhat amused when I read Christopher Weathersbee's article entitled "Song of the Poison Piper" (SN: 10/5, p. 348).

Apparently Weathersbee and Dr. William B. Jackson have a limited knowledge concerning the use of anticoagulant rodenticides in the United States. Some 17 years ago, I completely eliminated all of the rats from Halsey, Oreg., using the "new German system" outlined in the article.

After eliminating the rats in Halsey, a small farm town, I know from personal observations that the town remained free of rats for a period of over 18 months.

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