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The emphasis should be placed on that research and innovation which will benefit the underdeveloped area. After all, the most prestigious universities of our time were founded originally to serve the educational and cultural needs of their Colonial and pioneer communities. If institutions which serve primarily underdeveloped constituencies would set their goals realistically, their graduates could return to teach in them with a true sense of purpose and attune themselves to those policies, regardless of where they obtained their advanced training.

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Appreciation

We have been informed that 4 March 1969 was designated as a holiday by a number of M.I.T. scientists and other researchers around the country. We also note that 4 March happens to be the birthday of the City of Chicago (incorporated 1837). We sincerely thank our colleagues for their thoughtfulness in helping us celebrate this memorable event.

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Common Leeches

It would be greatly appreciated if any reader of *Science* would send me information concerning suppliers of the common leech. The supplier, Carolina Biologicals, from whom I usually obtain leeches has informed me that they will not be able to supply any until early or mid-April. A slip from the
dorsal muscle of this animal is used in my laboratory for the biological assay of acetylcholine. Other systems have been tried, but none have been found to be sensitive enough for my work. A supplier of this animal is needed so that the main line of research in my laboratory can continue.

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Guide for Biology Referees

The Council of Biology Editors' Committee on editorial policy has asked Franz Ingelfinger and me to draft a guide for referees or reviewers of journal articles.

Our first step is to collect prepared statements now used by journal editors for instructing reviewers. Readers can help by sending copies of such statements to me. We also welcome comments on the reviewing process from editors, referees, or authors.

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Dynastic Dutch

In reference 5 of his article (5 Apr. 1968, p. 28), J. Z. Levinson describes the confusion in the Journal of the Optical Society of America where a Dutch name, H. de Lange, Dzn., is indexed under “Dzn.” “In Holland, one writes the abbreviation in three letters ‘zn’ for ‘zohn,’ preceded by the father’s initial,” says Levinson.

In Dutch registers, indexes, and telephone directories names such as de Lange, van Allen, and van der Mast are indexed under L, A, and M, respectively, never under D or V. Although Jr. and Sr. are common abbreviations in Dutch, Dzn. (contraction of D-zoon, not zohn) is not. It gives no indication of one’s relation to another in terms of age, as Jr. and Sr. do. An abbreviation like Dzn. only identifies someone without indicating the exact family relation.

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