

abroad to brief the President on developments and trends.

DuBridge moved slowly in taking public positions on technically oriented issues. On the future of manned exploration of space, he noted that as spacecraft improve and the necessary instrumentation becomes more complex, it may make more sense to use men rather than instruments. The man will be superior to any machine in dealing with the unexpected once he gets there.

On the arms race with the Soviet Union, he said that it is "terribly important to find a way of getting out of the rat race of nuclear buildups and nuclear defense buildups."

On the most basic issue, more money for science, DuBridge and Nixon present a united front. They should have little trouble gathering persuasive arguments on how more money could be well spent. Whether they can sell their enthusiasm to a Congress no longer dazzled by science is another question.

US Steel, AIP Add Category To Science-Writing Awards

A second award for science writing in physics and astronomy, this one for a scientist, has been created by the US Steel Foundation and AIP. Both awards carry \$1500 cash prizes.

The original award, established a year ago, is for a newspaper or magazine writer. This year's prize will be given at the Washington meeting of the American Physical Society; entries must be submitted by 15 Feb.

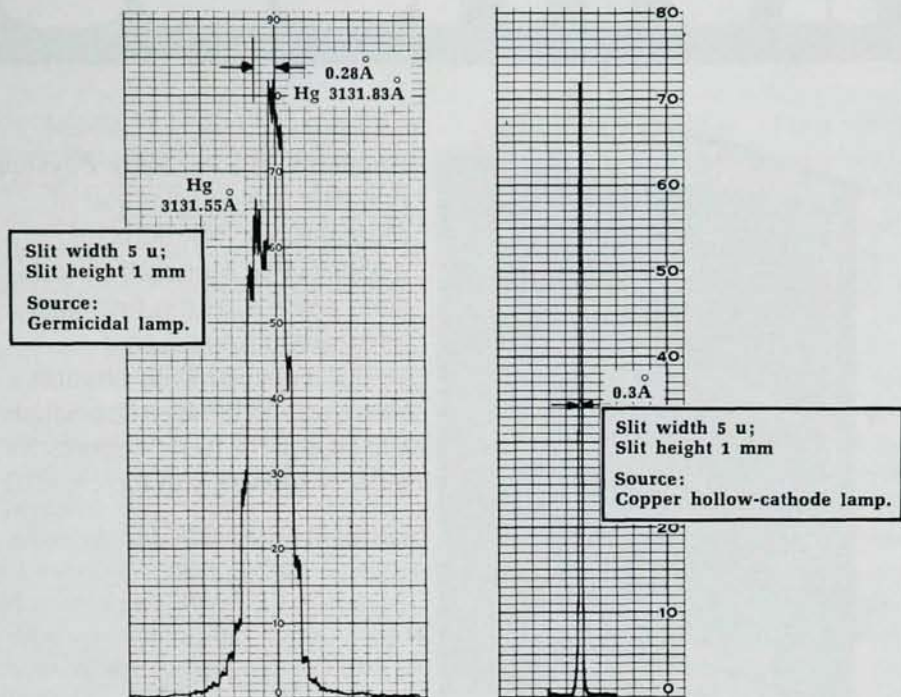
The new award will be given this year at the fall Corporate Associates meeting to a scientist for work geared to the nontechnical reader. Submission deadline is 1 June.

AEC, Puerto Rico To Study Nuclear-Energy Center Sites

Puerto Rican agencies and the Atomic Energy Commission are studying possible island sites for a nuclear-energy center. They are thinking in terms of a plant that would generate 0.5 to 1 million kilowatts and desalt 25 to 100 million gallons of seawater per day.

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