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mulations in his work. Although he calculated the entropy and the formal specific-heat density, he first of all in the spirit of Carnot "chose the parameter of the laser medium which we want to put into correspondence with the temperature of the thermodynamic system."¹

In pursuing research ideas such as suggested by the work of Prigogine et al we must remember to approach thermodynamics systems not only in the manner of Clausius, Boltzmann and Planck (entropy) but also in the original manner of Carnot (temperature).

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Vest updated

In the July issue (page 79), there is a report on the VEST program, the voluntary self-help program that teaches job-hunting skills. As a Board member of WREST (Washington Regional Engineers, Scientists, and Technicians), the Washington, D. C. chapter of VEST, I am well acquainted with this program and with its history and its funding.

VEST was part of the general TMRP program (Technical Mobilization and Reemployment Program), which was federally funded by the Department of Labor. The VEST program was officially started in June 1971 (and the companion Employment Workshop program in 1970). Unfortunately, TMRP was terminated as of 30 June 1973, while the VEST program was *de facto* terminated on 31 March 1973. This meant that, beyond that date, the local VEST chapters would be responsible for funding their own operations somehow. In our case, the D. C. Manpower Administration has assumed support as far as physical facilities go. This *would probably* apply to most other VEST's with the State Employment Services providing support. According to AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) the only casualty so far is the Colorado VEST, which is no longer in existence.

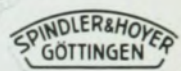
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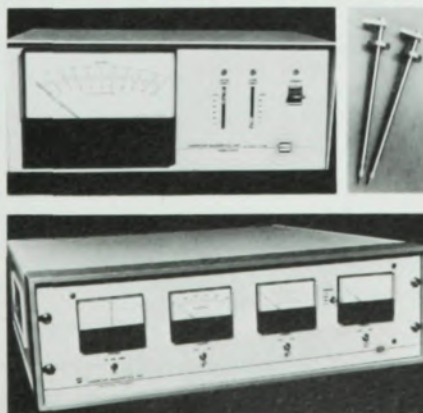
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