

phasis on writing about America put in science-policy studies and a variety of other policy sciences in the USSR. America's science in particular has attracted consistent attention of Soviet policy makers and, consequently, that of Soviet scholars. The post-Sputnik interest evoked in the US toward Soviet science has been matched by the rapidly growing attention to America's science in the Soviet Union. Watching the other superpower has provided many a full-time job in both countries.

The second reason is the political control exercised over social sciences, including science studies, in the Soviet Union. Allegory has been often used to obviate the political difficulties of doing serious policy analysis of any segment of Soviet society. Although science was at one time temporarily exempt from the effects of these difficulties, it obviously no longer is. Thus writing about politics of America's science is not only a safer pursuit, but also one that provides a means of alluding to the closer and more easily identifiable problems in Soviet science. While this is true for the Soviet reader, well versed in reading between the lines, such a deciphering job may be too great a challenge for his non-Soviet counterpart. Yet, those familiar with the genre of fable would find Soviet writings about America's science both informative and instructive. See, for example, a perspicacious article by T. Gustafson, "American Science Policy Through Soviet Eyes: A Reflection of Soviet Concerns and Priorities", pages 83-100 in *Soviet Science and Technology: Domestic and Foreign Perspectives* (George Washington University, Washington D.C., 1977).

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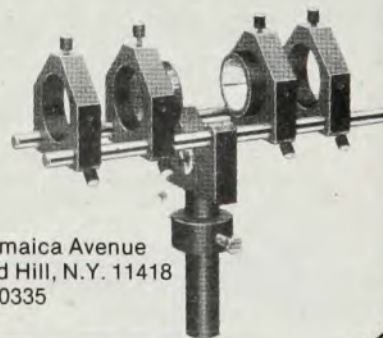
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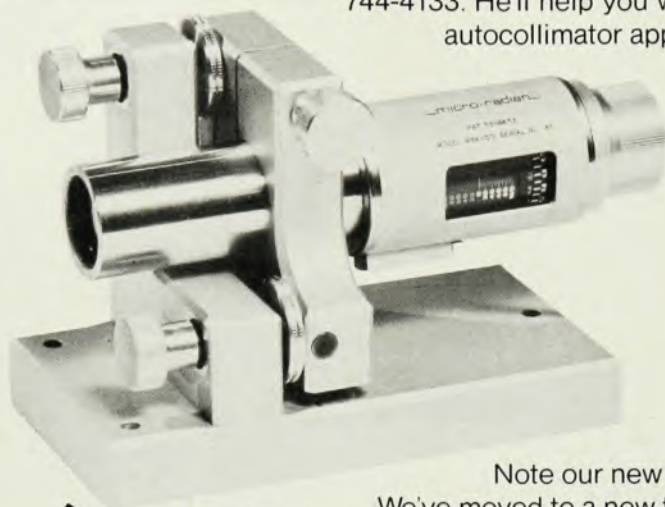
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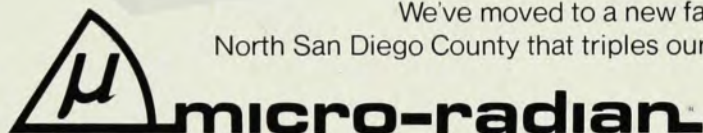


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