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climb rate c of 5 knots and a headwind v of 20 knots, the pilot should continue to cruise at 79 knots and will then achieve the maximum possible cross-country speed of $53.8 - 20 = 33.8$ knots.

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THE AUTHOR COMMENTS: I would like to thank C. Purcell for pointing out the omission of the drift during thermalizing. His example of moving frames of reference is an excellent one. I wish I had thought of it.

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Prisoners of conscience

Sixty-eight Nobel laureates have addressed a message to all academicians in the USSR asking that they use their influence to persuade their government to release Yuri Orlov (physicist) and Anatoly Shcharansky (mathematician). Among these Nobel laureates are Hans Bethe, Edward Purcell, Gerhard Herzberg and Sheldon Glashow. These men, and many others, have given their support to an international campaign to obtain freedom for these two prisoners of conscience. The campaign is supported by thousands in many countries, including the president of The Royal Society and the presidents of Harvard and Columbia Universities. The campaign publishes regular bulletins in seven languages and is directed by Henri Cartan (Paris) and Israel Halperin (University of Toronto).

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Corrections

August, page 71—The author of the letter entitled "Early days in heavy elements" should have been identified as John Joseph Gerald McCue of Lexington, Massachusetts.

October, page 122—in the guest comment by Charles Schwartz, it is the University of California, Berkeley, physics department that the author felt could benefit from a seminar on militarism and science, not the Department of Defense. In that same article, on page 124, the page designation for reference 2 should read pp III-19. □