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versities in the United States and elsewhere in the West. The plan will be carried out using part of a \$400 million fund Congress has provided for dismantling the Soviet nuclear arsenal. Those scientists who prostituted themselves by working for the Soviet military establishment will be paid off lest they seek employment with those third world leaders who still dare to think that God does not live in the White House.

Thus, by the stroke of a pen, Uncle Sam will solve the economic woes of a couple of thousand Soviet scientists. Such programs never could be considered for the orders-of-magnitude-greater number of unemployed scientists and engineers in the United States. But this program at least furnishes graduate students contemplating scientific careers in an enduring economic depression with a clue on how to use the free-market-driven economy: Along with their scientific training they should pick up enough nuclear-bomb-making skills—these being none too hard to come by—so that upon graduation they can advertise their services in *The Bengazi Daily News*, *The Teheran Herald* or even *The Belgrade Politika*. If those ads do not produce dozens of job offers, they may perhaps elicit a visit from a man in a gray flannel suit with a government check. A word of caution, though: Should the supply of nuclear scientists turn out to be too large to be cheaply bought, the man in gray may carry a silencer instead.

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## Corrections

**May, page 69**—The brochure on how to raise human rights concerns at meetings was prepared by the Committee to End the Chinese Gulag, not the APS Committee on the International Freedom of Scientists. Fang Li Zhi and Yuri Orlov are cochairmen of the former committee.

**April, page 87**—The price of *Quantum Mechanics on the Macintosh*, by Sigmund Brandt and Hans Dieter Dahmen (Springer-Verlag, New York, 1991), is \$49.95.

**January, page 71**—In the review of Stan Wagon's *Mathematica in Action* (Freeman, New York, 1991), the function in the figure caption should be  $r = e^{\cos\theta} - 2 \cos 4\theta + \sin^5(\theta/12)$ . The error in the sign of the second term was reproduced from the caption in the book. The Mathematica code on page 2 of the book does contain the correct function, however. ■

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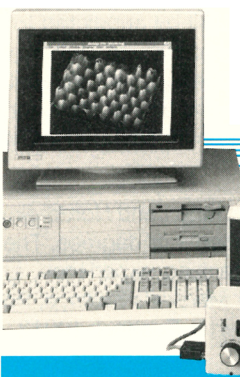
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