

only recently being explored. The design of "ice-faring" tankers is most certainly in its infancy.

All these problem areas (and many others) require intelligent management and the application of laboratories which can respond to the needs of governmental agencies and industrial groups. Unfortunately, relatively few laboratories are capable of providing timely, incisive answers. Where large facilities exist, the pace is sluggish. Smaller activities, where quick response is possible, are severely hampered by facility limitations. Such limitations are the result of long-standing decisions by many government agencies to provide facilities only at government-operated installations. This attitude has led to the appearance of some new, research-oriented firms who, largely through their own efforts, have built laboratories. Although this is all to the good, it often does not provide the means by which proprietary rights can be respected during evolution of a development by private corporations. A partial answer

to this inadequacy of funding of test equipment and research at universities is being provided by the National Sea Grant College Program. Current budgetary limitations really preclude the major innovations which are necessary to make many college-supported institutes competitive—even with European counterparts. It is hoped that this program will flourish more fully in the 70's and that the results will be found useful by industry and government.

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