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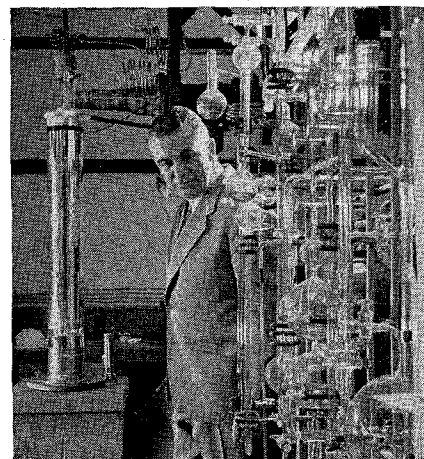
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ON THE COVER—John R. Pellam, Caltech professor of physics, and the spectacular glass structure he uses to condense helium 3 for his low-temperature research. Helium is forced by mercury through the glass bulbs to the silver dewar at the left. By pressure, and a temperature of 1.° K., the helium is condensed into about 1 cc. of fluid. Only one small drop of this may be the actual rare isotope, helium 3, which is now being used for studies of absolute zero.

For more about low-temperature physics, see page 18.

H. ROWAN GAITHER, whose Alumni Seminar speech, "Science and the National Welfare," appears on page 9 of this issue, is chairman of the board of the Ford Foundation, and the Rand Corporation. He is also chairman of the science resources panel of President Eisenhower's Science Advisory Committee, whose still-secret "Gaither Report" stirred up considerable excitement in the press recently.

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