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This talk, part of a manuscript-in-progress about invocations of ancient Athens in discourse about automation, highlights the cybercultural eutopia of Alice Mary Hilton, who, among other accomplishments, founded the Institute for Cybercultural Research in New York City in 1964. Hilton believed cybernation could truly democratize the model of ancient Athens, delivering us all from labor so that we might work on the human projects of politics and poetry. Techno-utopian thinking remains with us today, and engaging the history of the kind that centers on ancient Athens requires us to theorize utopia differently.

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