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A STONE AGE CAVE SITE IN TANGIER—Bruce Howe and Hallam L. Movius, Jr.—Peabody Mus. of Am. Arch. and Ethnol., Papers, Vol. XXVIII, No. 1, 32 p., illus, paper, \$1. A preliminary report on the excavations at the Mugharet El 'Aliya, or High Cave, in Tangier; excellent drawings of artifacts are appended.

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VIRUSES—Max A. Lauffer—Penn. State College, 62 p., paper, \$2. From the Twentieth Annual Priestley Lectures sponsored by Phi Lambda Upsilon Honorary Chemical Society, a series of essays discussing viruses as molecules, as organisms, their size and shape, disintegration and relation to human welfare.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

World Health Group Plans Easier Travel

➤ CHANGES in world sanitary regulations which will make it easier for international travellers to go from country to country are being studied by the World Health Organization Interim Commission.

Countries signatory to the WHO constitution have been asked by the Interim Commission for their views on alterations in current international sanitary conventions. Officials said they were checking to see to what extent world travellers have to submit to practices

no longer essential to the modern system of health protection.

The WHO inquiry drew attention especially to the bills of health and consular visas now required by existing conventions. Abolition of these formalities was advocated by the 1944 Sanitary Convention and some countries have abolished the requirements by individual agreements. The possibility of general abolition was raised in the WHO letter.

Acting on the recommendation of its Committee on Epidemiology and Quarantine, the Interim Commission has appointed an expert committee to meet in September to consider amendments suggested by the governments in their replies.

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