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NEBRASKA SYMPOSIUM ON MOTIVATION 1968—William J. Arnold, Ed.—Univ. of Neb. Press, 1969, 337 p., \$6.95; paper, \$3.25. Among topics discussed are the physiological basis of notivational processes, genetics and motivation of the mouse, achievement motive research, and aversive control of socialization.

THE NEW FOREST: An Ecological History—Colin R. Tubbs—David & Charles (Transatlantic Arts), 1969, 248 p., photographs, maps, \$12. Detailed study of the enclosed woodlands and heathlands in the Lowland zone of Britain, with full background of ecological features—geomorphological, historical, economic, administrative and faunic changes.

THE OLD PERSON IN YOUR HOME—William D. Poe, M.D.—Scribner, 1969, 180 p., \$5.95. Sympathetic and factual guidelines answering the many questions that arise in day-to-day care and living with elderly people.

PHASE DIAGRAMS FOR CERAMISTS, 1969
Supplement—Ernest M. Levin, Carl R. Robbins and Howard F. McMurdie; Margie K. Reser, Ed.
—Am. Ceramic Soc., 1969, 625 p., diagrams, \$30.
Compiled at the National Bureau of Standards, this latest volume contains 2083 phase diagrams of oxide, salt and sulfied systems, 70% of which have been published since 1960.

PRACTICAL STATISTICS FOR CHEMICAL RESEARCH—John D. Hinchen—Methuen (Barnes & Noble), 1969, 116 p., diagrams, \$5.75; paper, \$3. Intended as a practical aid to chemist and engineer in the industrial laboratory.

RESEARCH IN THE EXPERIMENTAL AND CLINICAL ASPECTS OF BRAIN TUMORS—Labe C. Scheinberg, Ed.—N.Y. Acad. of Sciences, Annals, Vol. 159, Art. 2, 1969, 285 p., illus, paper, \$17. Among topics covered are neurogenic tumors chemically induced, heterologous transplantation, circulatory factors, and radiation therapy in children.

SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS Conducted by the University of Colorado under Contract to the United States Air Force, Final Report—Edward U. Condon, Dir., Daniel S. Gillmor, Ed.; introd. by Walter Sullivan—Dutton, 1959, 967 p., photographs, diagrams, S12.95. The full and final report, gives case studies of 59 reports in detail.

STRATEGEMS AND SPOILS: A Social Anthropology of Politics—F. G. Bailey—Schocken Bks., 1969, 240 p., \$6.50. Concerned with political competition, the nature of man in search of power and the effect of the power-struggle on life in society.

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THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL—Walter R. Sharp—Columbia

Univ. Press, 1969, 322 p., \$8.75. A systematic examination of ECOSOC since its charter in 1946, traces the evolution of the Council and considers its future in the light of the admission since 1960 of many Asian and African states inclined to view the Council as unrepresentative and outmoded.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ORGANI-ZATION MANUAL, 1969-70—Office of the Federal Register—GPO, 1969, 805 p., paper, \$3. Up-to-date list of officials and description of agencies of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of the U.S. government, including organization charts and name index.

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VITAMINS IN THE ELDERLY: Report of the Proceedings of Symposium held at Royal College of Physicians, London, 1968—A. N. Exton-Smith and D. L. Scott, Eds.—Wright & Sons (Williams & Wilkins), 1968, 103 p., photographs, diagrams, paper, \$6.50. Studies of subclinical malnutrition and clinical surveys of elderly people with signs of vitamin deficiency.

YIWARA: Foragers of the Australian Desert—Richard A. Gould—Scribner, 1969, 239 p., photographs by author, drawings by Nicholas Amorosi, 88.95. Presents an intimate record of a vanishing people, describing the daily life, rituals and sacred places of the aborigines in the Gibson Desert. Includes notes, glossary and annotated bibliography.

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BIOELECTRIC PHENOMENA—Robert Plonsey, introd. by David G. Fleming—McGraw-Hill, 1969, 380 p., diagrams, \$17.50. Graduate course text designed to acquaint physical science and engineering students with the electrical behavior of nerve and muscle, covering membrane phenomena, the propagated action potential, the volume conductor and electrocardiography.

CONCEPTUAL PHYSICS: Matter in Motion—Jae R. Ballif and William E. Dibble—Wiley, 1969, 637 p., illus., \$9,95. Designed for a one-semester course, the book explains the fundamental principles of physics in a way that non-scientists will find comprehensible and interesting.

DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING—D. J. White—Holden-Day, 1969, 181 p., \$10.50. Intended for advanced undergraduate and graduate students in mathematical economics, econometrics, operations research, systems engineering and statistics.

EARTH MATERIALS—W. G. Ernst—Prentice-Hall, 1969, 150 p., illus., \$5.95; paper, \$2.50. Short text departs from others dealing with the same subject by providing a lengthier and more quantitative approach to the study of minerals and rocks, topics of mineralogy are developed based on the fundamentals of atomic and crystal structure.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PRACTICAL STUDY OF CRYSTALS, MINERALS AND ROCKS—K. G. Cox, N. B. Price and B. Harte—McGraw-Hill, 1969, 233 p., illus., \$8.75. Published in England in 1967, this textbook is designed for introductory courses in crystallography, mineralogy and petrology.

PRINCIPLES OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH— Earnest F. Gloyna and Joe O. Ledbetter—Dekker, 1969, 473 p., \$14.50. Text for a first-year graduate course, presents the problems-and-applications approach toward radiation safety.

QUANTITATIVE PROBLEMS IN THE BIO-CHEMICAL SCIENCES—Rex Montgomery and Charles A. Swenson—Freeman, 1969, 308 p., diagrams, paper, \$2.95. Directed toward the beginning student in biochemistry, includes many practice problems in reducing experimental situations to mathematical terms.



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