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**REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD CONGRESS**, Washington, D. C., 4 to 18 June 1963—Food and Agriculture Organization of the United States (Int'l Documents Service, Columbia Univ. Press), 160 p., paper, \$3. Discussion of plenary meetings and reports of the technical commissions.

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**THE TWO CULTURES AND A SECOND LOOK: An Expanded Version of the Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution**—C. P. Snow—Cambridge Univ. Press, 107 p., \$1.95. New Am. Lib., paper, 60¢. Further thoughts on the problem of communication between the scientist and the non-scientist.

**UNITED STATES EARTHQUAKES 1961**—James F. Lander and William K. Cloud—Coast & Geodetic Survey (GPO), 106 p., map, paper, 55¢. Contains noninstrumental result in the various states and summary of instrumental epicenters for 1961.

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## Nature Note

Cliff Swallow

► AS THE COLD northern winter draws to a close, flocks of birds which have migrated far to the south for the winter feel the urge to return to their native land. Although some migratory birds, such as the snipe, woodcock and lapwing, are guided by the thermometer and barometer, others depend only on instinct and arrive at almost the same time every year.

Famous among these "Instinktvoegel" is the cliff swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*, which, like most swallows, makes a long migration every year. This bird nests throughout most of North America, but spends the winter months in Argentina and Brazil.

The regularity of the cliff swallow in arriving at his destination year after year has become famous because of one colony of swallows that returns each year the third week in March to the Mission of San Juan Capistrano in southern California.

The legend has arisen that the swallows regularly depart for the tropics on Oct. 23 and return on March 19, even in leap years. Although scientific observations have failed to support this theory, the birds do return approximately at the same time, regardless of the weather.

The cliff swallow is a colorful bird with his creamy forehead, chestnut face, gray color, blue upperparts, white underparts and buffy rump. You can easily find his nest up under the eaves of a building, on the side of a cliff or on a bridge. It looks like a large, gourd-shaped ball of mud with a spoutlike side entrance, and several nests are usually grouped.

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