

demographic data there are "many traps into which the uninitiated may fall unless he is cautious and not over-anxious to obtain impressive results. To make available a proper and unbiased interpretation and to prevent wrong conclusions being drawn by others should be the chief aims of all demographers" (v).

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PHARMACOPOEA INTERNATIONALIS¹

THIS appearance of the first international pharmacopeia under the imprint of the World Health Organization achieves the unification of pharmacopeias. In contrast to it, national pharmacopeias have reflected differences in the standards, strengths, and nomenclature of drugs of the various countries. These differences have been a source, if not of inconvenience and actual danger, of retardation in the spread of pharmaceutical knowledge. Unification in this international pharmacopeia is, therefore, more to be expected than explained. It is a welcome, long-awaited volume and another triumph for the World Health Organization.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR HUMAN SERVICES²

WHAT is the "American way of life?" Although the term is widely used, no adequate definitive description of what it consists has been made. Whatever else it includes, the pervasiveness and great extent of social services of the far-flung communities of the United States and the interesting intertwining of voluntary and tax-supported social services would stand out conspicuously in any effort to express the meaning of

¹ World Health Organization: PHARMACOPOEA INTERNATIONALIS. Geneva, Editio Prima, Volumen I, 1951.

² Buell, Bradley and Community Research Associates, Inc. COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR HUMAN SERVICES. Columbia University Press. 464 pages. \$5.50.