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CRIME AND SCIENCE: The New Frontier in Criminology — Jurgen Thorwald, transl. from German by Richard and Clara Winston—Harcourt, 1969, 494 p., 16 p. photographs, paper, \$3.85. Reprint (1967), illustrating the progress in forensic science by actual cases, the book tells the story of increasingly refined tests and microscopic detection of clues.

THE EVOLUTION OF CHEMISTRY: A History of Its Ideas, Methods and Materials—Eduard Farber—Ronald Press Co., 1969, 2nd ed., 437 p., illus., \$10. A survey of the historical development of chemistry, from earliest records through the 18th and 19th century, to the expansion of synthesis and analysis and 20th century biochemistry.

FUNDAMENTALS OF NUMERICAL CONTROL—Charles Vlahos—Chilton Book Co., 1969, 207 p., photographs, diagrams, \$8.95. A guide to the concepts of numerical control, describes the principles and economics of planning and operating numerical control devices, together with concrete examples of their application to working machines.

GRADUATE EDUCATION: Parameters for Public Policy—National Science Board, Philip

Handler, Chmn. — NSF (GPO), 1969, 168 p., graphs, paper, \$1.25. (SN 3/8, p. 231). Conclusions and recommendations are summarized in companion report TOWARD A PUBLIC POLICY FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION IN THE SCIENCES (GPO, 63 p., paper, 40¢).

HYPERTENSION: High Blood Pressure—Heart Information Center, NHI—GPO, 1969, 48 p., illus., paper, 50¢; single copies free upon request direct to National Heart Institute, Bethesda, Md. 20014. Explains the nature, diagnosis and treatment of hypertension to the layman.

THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: An International Comparison, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States—Vito Tanzi—Johns Hopkins Press, 1969, 136 p., charts, \$8.50. This study of taxation analyzes three major issues: whether taxes dampen the initiative; relationship between tax and propensity to save; and relationship of personal income tax to country's growth rate.

INSOMNIA: The Guide for Troubled Sleepers—Gay Gaer Luce and Julius Segal—Doubleday, 1969, 370 p., \$6.95. A thorough summary of what has become known about insomnia through special studies in "sleep laboratories" and other research, discusses sleep patterns, the role of stress, habits, sex and drugs and new frontiers in the treatment of insomnia.

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MINERALS YEARBOOK 1967, Vol. III: Area Reports, Domestic—Bureau of Mines Staff, John F. O'Leary, Dir.—GPO, 1969, 892 p., diagrams, 55.25. Covers each of the 50 States and U.S. island possessions, also contains statistical summary

chapter and a chapter on employment and injuries.

THE PALACES OF CRETE—James Walter Graham—Princeton Univ. Press, 1969, 269 p., 153 plates, paper, \$4.95. Reprint (1962) of scholarly survey of Minoan architecture, describes in detail the principal excavation sites, the finds and reconstruction processes.

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