

KULTUR, UMWELT UND LEIBLICHKEIT DES EISZEITMENSCHEN. Karl J. Narr. Gustav Fischer, Stuttgart. 1963. Pp. 142. DM. 26.

An account of the evidence, necessarily fragmentary and often conjectural in interpretation, for the changing habitats of paleolithic man. The two tables attempt to correlate the uncertain time scales for archæology and climate. The five maps are entirely European. The nine text-figures show stone implements and attempts to reconstruct traps and dwellings. The bibliography is exhaustive. The type is small. C. D. D.

GENETICS TODAY. Proceedings of the XI International Congress of Genetics, The Hague, 1963. Vols. 1, 2 and 3. Edited by S. J. Geerts. Pergamon Press, Oxford. 1964. Pp. 332, 494+x-vi and 575 respectively. £5 per volume.

These excellently edited, printed and bound volumes are a complete record of the XI International Genetics Congress. The organisers of the Congress and Pergamon Press should be congratulated not only on their contents and appearance but also on the speed with which they have been produced. Volume 1 contains the abstracts of the contributed papers, Volume 2, the reports and records of the Congress, the plenary sessions and the proceedings of 13 symposia and Volume 3 contains accounts of the remaining 12 symposia and a list of members. Volumes 2 and 3 contain detailed lists of contents and carefully edited discussions of the papers.

As the proceedings of one of the more successful International Congresses of recent times these volumes are correspondingly good. The 25 symposia cover an enormous area ranging from gene action and structure to population genetics and from viruses and bacteria to higher plants, animals and man. There can be few, if any, worthwhile aspects of modern genetics that are not reviewed and discussed. But while these volumes provide a valuable and convenient survey of current genetical thought it is doubtful whether they are worth £15 to those who, because they did not attend the conference, must pay the full retail cost. J. L. JINKS.

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