

activated. The tagging which would be made a legal requirement could be done in such a way that the "code" added elements and quantities would vary from batch to batch. This procedure if followed and buttressed with proper safeguards should interdict domestic drug sources. It may ultimately be applied to foreign supplies by international agreements.

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Planning for PEOPLE

As an economist, I share Dubos' concern ("A social design for science," 14 Nov., p. 823) that the current rate of increase in total world industrial output may be considerably greater than the continuously maintainable or "steady state" rate. Equally important, however, is the fact that, given the present rate of increase in population, even this high rate of increase in total output may not be adequate to maintain the existing level of per capita output. Until the latter problem is solved in such a way that no individual or group is effectively excluded from enjoying some "acceptable" minimum standard of living, solution of the steady state will be impossible. Aggregate equilibrium with internal instability is likely not to be an equilibrium at all!

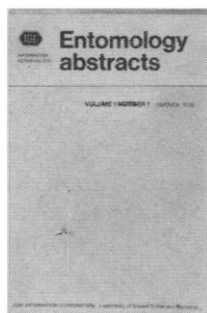
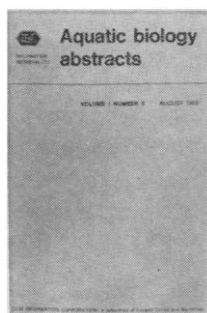
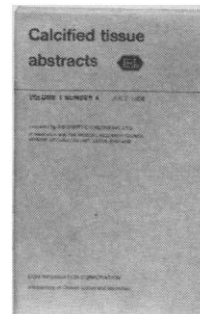
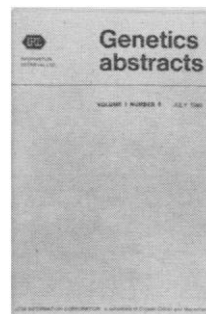
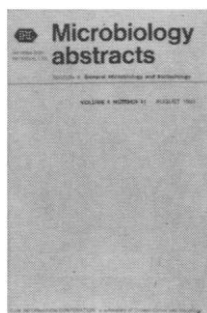
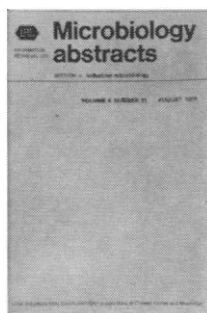
In support of Dubos' call for new directions in scientific thinking, I suggest that one of the things that administrators and social scientists need most is the cooperation of physical and natural scientists in constructing a "socioecological economics" that can jointly consider the social, ecological, and technical consequences, as well as the purely economic consequences, of proposed activities. Hopefully, such an analytical structure would make it possible to converge over time toward simultaneous solution of the many parts that must be in balance in an eventual steady state.

With luck, such a steady state might even include the continued existence of mankind . . . and the process of seeking it systematically might be called "planning for PEOPLE" (Productive Economic Opportunities in a Pleasant Living Environment).

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