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Once Again Many Thanks

As we approach the end of 1970 we would like to express our appreciation to all those members and friends of the Association and the Journal who have been helpful during the year. By taking on the task of reviewing papers and books, and by providing consultation, the task of the editor and the editorial staff is made easier to perform. The contribution made in this way is difficult to estimate in any quantitative terms but there is no doubt that the Journal benefits enormously. We therefore hope that we may count on this assistance in the forthcoming year and we wish you all best wishes for the season and a happy new year.

On the Escape of Tigers: An Ecologic Note

IDENTIFYING and conceptualizing the ecology of living environmental hazards dominated and largely produced the preventive-medicine activities that had reached full maturity in most advanced countries by the middle of the

present century. In contrast, the non-living hazards and their interactions, though as a group an ancient source of human loss, received relatively scant attention and conspicuously failed to be the subject of competent ecologic conceptualization.

Now, the proverbial success of intervention in the ecology of the biological hazards has left bare, and in essence unchanged, the very old problems of the physical hazards and their interrelationships with man and other components of the biosphere of which both are a part. Moreover, new technology and societal behavior has everywhere raised the ante, and these other problems can no longer be ignored.

The editorial that follows introduces the conceptual pathway through which this deficiency can and must be redressed. Furthermore, it locates, for the first time within a sufficiently comprehensive framework, the rich but spotty array of folk measures that man through millenia has used to alter his relationships with the hazards of the physical environment. There is instruction here for all concerned with environment, ecology, and the public health.