
Erich W Zimmermann's Introduction to World Resources. Edited by *Henry L. Hunker*. Harper and Row, New York. (an updated paperback edition of *World Resources and Industries, Part I*), 1964. viii+220 p. \$2.95.

Erich W. Zimmermann's *World Resources and Industries* has been a valuable volume to scholar and layman alike. His book contained two distinct parts. The first dealt with a functional and conceptual approach to the human use of resources, and the second with a careful systematic analysis of the principal agricultural and industrial resources and with resource problems. Though the entire volume was of great value, it was the first part, with its provocative and penetrating functional approach to the concepts of resource use, which has been of unique virtue. It is most fortunate that Henry L. Hunker has produced a well-edited and updated paperback edition of those ten important chapters which comprised Part I of the original.

Specifically, the present book contains the stimulating discussion of the meaning and significance of the interactions between man, nature, and culture. Other considerations receiving emphasis include an elaboration of the several aspects of energy use and the contrasts between "oriental vegetable and occidental machine civilizations." This set of considerations deserves particular attention at the present time in view of the widespread concern about population growth and economic development throughout the world. Few books contain as meaningful an introduction to the place of resources in the modern era.

The present book deserves a wide audience; it should find widespread use in college level social and natural science courses as well as having an appeal to a wider public. Professor Hunker has brought up-to-date the statistics and bibliography and in all respects has performed a worthwhile service bringing forth this inexpensive edition of an important book.

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