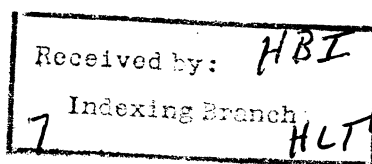


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we need more psychiatrists or fewer thus needn't be too "depressed" by the thought of "central planners" watching eminent psychiatrists take opposing views—because they probably won't pay attention anyway (p 1339). Debate is what we need, and at the moment the "mores" are in the ascendancy. *Helicobacter pylori* is, meanwhile, stalking our pages again—accused now of causing not only duodenal ulcer (p 1333) but also gastric cancer (p 1302). Let's hope that this is not yet another 20 year wonder.