

But this sentence is the only poor one in the book. Usually the author's style is vivid and alive and pointed. Some of the sentences sound like aphorisms. "The first and most obvious reason for allowing religious liberty is that it is morally wrong to try to bring about by force a conversion which can be genuine only if it springs from a spontaneous conviction" and "The language of religion is not the language of science and technology; it is the language of poetry and prophecy," are examples of the balanced, harmonious sentences that fill this book.

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*Co-operatives; Notes for a Basic Information Course.* ALEKSANDRS SPRUDZS. Ottawa. Canadian Research Centre for Anthropology, St. Paul University. 1967. 60 pp. \$1.00.

This is the first in a new series of Handbooks for Developing Peoples, and is intended to serve as a simple introduction to the principles of co-operation and co-operatives. The book developed out of a training course for Eskimos given by Mr. Sprudzs.

Few "how-to" books deserve to be reviewed in learned journals, but this one merits the attention of professional social scientists as well as practitioners in community development, for two reasons. First, the author has had extensive field experience in setting up co-operatives among peoples in many different locations and cultures. It is instructive to see how this experience in varied circumstances is used to provide generalized advice, not only about technical matters, but also about human relations. Secondly, Mr. Sprudzs makes much use of the cultural idioms and thought models of northern Indians and Eskimos. The author's presentation, written in simple yet unpatronizing English, at times appears to be a translation *from* the Eskimo or an Indian language *into* English. This reviewer knows scores of Eskimos, Indians, missionaries and government people, struggling against heavy odds to establish or consolidate co-operatives during the past decade or so, who would have walked miles to get a book like this. Now they can get it by mail.

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