

Editorial Note

We should like to add two words of warning. Mechanistic models are no doubt of considerable interest but we doubt whether the categories of Energy and Force can be preserved intact in their present form in any thoroughgoing statistical view of world processes. Secondly, it is possible that the stability of the income distribution studied in the present paper is merely a consequence of treating the existing economic framework as closed (or to borrow a thermodynamic analogy, an adiabatic) system not subject to radical changes of type—P. C. M.