he subcommittee found one tribe in western Oklahoma where prac-
tically every male between the ages of 18 to 30 has a serious drinking
problem. Strangely enough, if they survive to age 30, a complete re-
al often takes place. The subcommittee findings leave no doubt
that alcoholism broadly defined is one of the most serious problems
among the Indian population today, yet it has attracted little serious
attention. And what data that is available is generally inaccessible,
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