EDITORIAL NOTES

The growth of Asian studies has made it impossible for one scholar to serve effectively as Book Review Editor for the whole range of titles produced on Asia. When the present Editorial Staff assumed responsibility for the *Journal* in August, 1965, Professor John Harrison became Review Editor with responsibility for East Asia. On an experimental basis, Professor Crane added to the duties of Editor of the *Journal* those of Review Editor for South and Southeast Asia. Experience suggests that a separate Review Editor is required for South and Southeast Asia.

Fortunately, Professor Richard L. Park—a member of the Advisory Editorial Board—has expressed a willingness to serve as Book Review Editor for South and Southeast Asia. Professor John Harrison continues as Book Review Editor for East Asia. It is our hope that the new arrangement will serve to improve further the quality and coverage offered to its readers by the *Journal*.

We have been asked to cooperate with the American Council of Learned Societies in their project designed to explore the possibilities of computerized bibliographical control in the humanities. *The Journal of Asian Studies* believes the project will be of value to all scholars and is happy to cooperate. To that end we now require from the author of each article that is to appear in the *Journal* a brief *precis* of his or her article. The *precis* will not be printed in the *Journal* but will be sent to the American Council of Learned Societies for the needs of the bibliographical project. The following note has been sent us by the ACLS and is designed as a summary statement of the aims and objectives of the computerized bibliographical control project:

> The ACLS, in conjunction with the New York University Institute for Computer Research in the Humanities, has received a three-year grant from the IBM Corporation for the purpose of establishing a Bibliographical Data Processing Center. The ACLS has asked editors of the journals of its thirty constituent societies to submit author-prepared abstracts and bibliographical information on all articles beginning January 1, 1967. This information will be put into a computerized data bank.
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> The data bank will contain abstracts of articles as well as author, title, volume number, date, pagination, descriptors, and other pertinent information. With this information annual indices of constituent society journals and specialized indices for interdisciplinary concerns can be compiled. Over time the existence of this data bank will make it possible for cumulative indices of keyword in or out of context type to be produced quickly and cheaply. Such data would not only aid the scholar in keeping up with current literature as it appears, but would also provide him with materials as his research interests shift and change.