

Editorial Foreword

Comparative Studies in Society and History articles fall into series, each contributor to a series handling its subject in a different context or from a different point of view. The following notes are for the convenience of readers who may wish to see what has appeared in earlier issues on problems discussed in this one.

SECULARIZATION. John T. Flint in Vol. 6 described this as an aspect of the social history of Norway. In Vol. 7 he and Marc Galanter and Donald Eugene Smith discussed it as a policy problem for the modern Indian state.

MEDICINE. Raymond Firth in Vol. 9 discussed traditional healing rituals in Malaya, and Gananath Obeyesekere in Vol. 11 developed this subject further, for Ceylon. Obeyesekere now takes issue with a point in Jerrold Levy's comment on his Ceylon paper.

DIPLOMACY. Donald Birn's case study in open diplomacy, and J. David Singer's far-ranging comment, are our first articles in this field.

PEASANTRY. Sydel F. Silverman's paper shows how the marketing problems which Forman and Riegelhaupt described for Brazil in our last number, can be set, for a European area, in a broader historical perspective. Silverman's paper indirectly suggests some historical problems relevant to the debate between Jack Davis and Edward Banfield that follows. See also Anton Blok's 'South Italian Agro-Towns' in Vol. 11.