

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The pressure of rising costs has obliged us to make certain changes in the format and appearance of the *Slavic Review*. We hasten to add that these changes are purely cosmetic and do not involve a reduction in the space available for publishing articles, book reviews, and so forth. This issue of the *Slavic Review* looks smaller, and it is indeed physically smaller than previous issues, but the number of words printed in the March 1977 issue is the same as the average for all issues in 1976. The changes we have introduced do help to reduce costs, mainly by reducing the amount of paper used and the mailing weight of each copy.

The principal changes we have introduced are four in number. Beginning with the March 1976 issue, the weight of the paper used for printing the journal was reduced from sixty to fifty pound stock. We also converted to "perfect binding" at that time, a procedure that is cheaper but almost as durable as sewing. Beginning with the current issue, we have deepened and widened the pages in the article section, in conjunction with a decrease in space between text lines. The result is a reduction of one-third in the number of pages for the article section as a whole (with no change in the number of words printed).

We hope that these changes will permit us to continue to serve the interests of our membership and subscribers with the same journal substantively at an unchanged cost.

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