

EDITORIAL

As you read these lines, if you picture us as sitting in a brand new skylit office, looking out on a formally-planted courtyard with a stainless steel pyramidal ornament in the center, you will not miss the photograph no one thought to take in time for this issue. Our new address is: Doelensteeg 16, P.O. Box 9515, 2300 RA Leiden.

This issue is dominated by two offerings: the "think" piece of Messrs. Emmer, Kolff & Ross which will be presented as introductory paper to the three sessions entitled "Exportation of European Models Overseas" at the Eighth International Economic History Conference in Budapest this August, and three articles concerning research in the Sri Lankan archives. We trust you will find them of value. Then there is Ernst van den Bogaart's report of our own recent two-day workshop on *Colonialism and Migration*. And finally we present a *hors d'oeuvre* of a conference which will be held next autumn in Groningen with the French colleagues of Aix-en-Provence on "Les femmes dans la société coloniale".

We do beg your indulgence, though, in regard to one shortcoming. Due to the departure of our documentalist, Gerard Telkamp and a subsequent personnel freeze, we not only are unable to produce a CABDES bibliography this year, but have run out of the book reviews which he left behind. In this issue there are only some which we wrote ourselves. Fortunately, matters will soon improve, for we will be able to fill the position again this September and next year *Itinerario* be back to normal again.

And one other thing: our centre's latest volume in our Comparative Studies in Overseas History series, *Racism and Colonialism* is out, as edited by Robert Ross. It is advertised elsewhere in this issue.

We hope you will enjoy a pleasant and productive summer.

The Editors.

IN MEMORIAM

We were shocked to learn of the unexpected passing on April 1, of our friend and corresponding editor, Vice-Admiral Avelino Teixeira da Mota, in Lisbon. He was 62.

As Director of the Centro de Estudos de Cartografia Antiga and member of the Academia das Ciências, he made signal contributions to the understanding of Portuguese expansion in the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance. To the non-scholarly world he was better known as President of the Academia da Marinha. He was promoted to Vice-Admiral only last year.

Admiral Teixeira da Mota was, above all, a gentle and modest person, content to remain in the background and give others credit even for things he himself had largely engineered. He was a tireless worker and meticulous organizer.

His scholarship will not soon be forgotten, but neither will the quiet charm of a man who treated all persons - of whatever calling - exactly alike.

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