

## EDITORIAL NOTE

With this issue the *Journal of Inter-American Studies* begins its second decade of publication.

It would seem well at this point to recall the statement of purposes with which the founding editor, Robert E. McNicoll, opened the first issue of the *Journal* in January, 1959.

The communication of ideas between the different parts of the Western Hemisphere has never been adequate. It is believed, therefore, that an effort to add to the means for the interchange of ideas will be widely accepted. The *Journal* will publish studies on all aspects of the Americas. These may be submitted in any one of the official languages of the American republics and will be printed in that language. It is hoped that a useful new means for scholarly interchange will be provided thereby and that the *Journal* will occupy a distinctive place among the national and international publications devoted to the humanities and social sciences.

During the ten years that have intervened between the first issue and this, the forty-first, the *Journal of Inter-American Studies* has undergone many changes: it has moved its location; acquired a new editor and a new editorial board; taken on a new format; and come under new sponsorship—that of the University of Miami through its Center for Advanced International Studies, directed by Mose L. Harvey, and the University of Miami Press, directed by Ernest Seemann.

Its underlying purpose has not, however, changed. Rather, it has been broadened and expanded. Upon the *Journal's* arrival at the University of Miami, President Henry King Stanford reemphasized the need for an inter-American approach in the opening article of the January,

1965 issue of the *Journal*. After stressing the demonstrated value of the *Journal* as a “medium where the varied intellectual resources of this hemisphere could be brought to bear on problems and matters of common importance and interest to us all,” he set forth the aspirations of the University of Miami which he expected the *Journal* to serve:

... The University of Miami since its founding has looked upon its location at the gateway of the Americas as thrusting upon it a special responsibility and a unique opportunity with regard to hemispheric affairs. And within the past year the Board of Trustees and I, as University President, have resolved upon a new dedication and new efforts in this field.

In the endeavors of the University of Miami, we naturally are concerned to increase knowledge and understanding of Latin America and the several Latin American countries as such. We deem it as important to know about the distinctive cultures and the rich heritages of the Latin American peoples as of any other peoples. We aim also to help Latin Americans who come to us to appreciate better the United States and its own distinctive culture, ideals and institutions.

Our larger purpose, however, is to bring the various Americans of North and South together in one educational process so that they may study together and learn together about each other. We seek a genuine inter-American center where scholars from both hemispheres can pool their resources, fully explain and explore their differences, and build sounder and more meaningful understandings. Further, we wish to provide a milieu in which both we and our Latin American colleagues can view ourselves and our common and separate problems in their world setting, in terms of inter-relationships with other and more distant peoples and lands. To this end the University is developing its inter-American program of studies and activities, not in an isolated Institute, as if we in the Americas constituted a world unto ourselves, but within a broad framework: that of a Center for Advanced International Studies which aims at excellence in the whole range of world affairs.

As we move into our second decade with our eyes and energies centered on plans for future excellence it is fitting that we pause a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all those—editors, authors, readers—who have brought us to this moment of pride and who share it with us.

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