

Editor's Note

As noted in the previous number of the *Journal*, this volume, Volume 45, will have five numbers instead of the usual four. As a result, Volume 46 will begin with the calendar year so that subsequent volumes of the *Journal* will be issued in a single calendar year, not in a hyphenated two-year period. The annual volume contents, which cover on this one occasion five numbers of the *Journal*, appear here.

Readers may also be surprised to find (almost) the same cast of characters listed as the editorial board. The current board of the *Journal* has agreed to a short extension of its term so that the Association can make new arrangements for the publication of the *Journal*. Those arrangements should be in place by the end of this calendar year, when a new editor and board will take over. I should like to take this occasion to thank two members of the current board who are resigning because of sabbatical leave: Jack Larkin, who has served as book review editor for Southeast Asian books, and Liz Perry, who has handled China books along with Kent Guy. Amin Sweeney and Sylvia Tiwon have graciously agreed to handle the Southeast Asian books during this final six-month period. Kent Guy, who with Liz has superbly handled the heavy flow of books in the China field, has most generously agreed to take over-all responsibility for that field in these final months.

Finally, I should like to thank Bonnie Dehler, for services far beyond her usual proofreading, and Nancy A. Blumenstock, an old friend and previously manuscript editor of the *Journal*, who has prepared copy for the issue at hand. Both stepped in during the recent hospitalization and recuperation of our regular manuscript editor, Phyllis Killen, to whom we all wish a speedy recovery and return.