
EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

ISSUE serves debate. As the title indicates, we seek to vent discussion of political issues pertinent to Africa and Africanist scholarship. As a journal of opinion, we are open to a wide range of views. We seek to inform. Frankly, we also hope to contribute — ultimately — to policy.

Lamentably, the term “crisis” has not disappeared from discussions of events in Africa or from policy urged on governments and other agencies. Major issues of peace, welfare and justice in Africa are at stake. We seek to contribute to the resolution of those issues. We invite contributions, directly resulting from or complementary to the round table discussions of the Current Issues Committee at our Annual Meetings. We are also planning to invite other contributions on vital matters in Africa, such as, environmental protection, population control, disease reduction, human rights, economic assistance, military security, political self-determination, popular struggles for democracy, privatization of public sector activities, policy reform and structural adjustment, and U.S. relations with particular African countries. We continue to invite policy-oriented articles on other subjects important to Africa and Africans.

To help us in meeting our charge, we are creating a Board of Advisors, consisting of former Editors of ISSUE, former chairpersons of the Current Issues Committee and the present membership of the Current Issues Committee. We are grateful to Ernest Wilson, Richard Sklar and Edmond Keller, who have agreed to join the Board, which is still in process of formation.

We seek articles that are: thoughtful and lively; provocative but not glib; serious without pedantry; balanced but not neutral.

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