

EDITORS' STATEMENT

In association with our readers, we wish to thank Kenneth C. Wylie for his excellent work as editor of the *Review of Books*. Ken was book review editor for the *African Studies Review* until 1974, then shepherded the *Review of Books* admirably from its foundation in 1975 through its first three issues. He also helped to get the present issue underway. Since assuming the editorship in spring, 1977, we have had ample opportunity to appreciate the broad scope of the job which he did.

We continue the policy of publishing reviews and review articles. In addition, in this issue we have grouped works on a particular theme or region, opening each group with a review article or articles. We hope that such a format will not only give the reader a compact overview of recent research and publications, but also that the juxtaposition of various books and review opinions will prove stimulating. The themes in future issues will depend upon a number of factors: topicality of a subject, availability of sufficient works of significance to group together, and willingness of reviewers to write lead articles.

Readers will note one change which we keenly regret. "The Select Bibliography of Africana," compiled by Eugene de Benko and (1977) Gretchen Walsh, has been discontinued because of production costs. We join our readers in thanking them for having provided this valuable service.

We plan to expand our coverage of current publications to include more reviews of new journals, of media and other teaching materials, and of books published in Africa. We request the assistance of readers in bringing new works to our attention, thus ensuring better coverage of all fields. As in the past, we welcome suggestions regarding the *Review of Books* and are pleased to receive offers to review specific titles or to write review articles (we do not, however, accept unsolicited reviews).

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