

Editor's Note

With this issue, volume XXI, I must offer my farewell and my many thanks to the readers of the *Austrian History Yearbook* and to the authors and reviewers who have published in the *Yearbook*. My labors with the *Yearbook*, which I have greatly enjoyed, have been brought to an involuntary and abrupt end just as the measures that I had taken to bring publication on schedule were proving to be effective. I regret that I shall not be allowed the opportunity to carry the process to conclusion.

Many of you who write for and read the *Yearbook* wrote or called recently to express very kindly your support and encouragement; I am deeply grateful for your expressions, for they did, indeed, encourage me.

My very warm thanks go to John Rath for his wise instruction, gracious confidence, and steady encouragement. Barbara Krauss-Christensen and Mary Vik accomplished exceedingly demanding tasks with great skill and good humor. Dr. Peter Urbanitsch earns thanks from all of us for his extraordinarily rich bibliographies from Austria and for his management of the reviews done there. Several graduate students, who are named on the inside covers as editorial assistants, have ably and enthusiastically compiled, checked, and proofread materials for the *Yearbook*. To all of them and to our Correspondents go my sincerest thanks for making the *Yearbook* better by their efforts.

It is a pleasure to report that the Austrian Cultural Institute in New York has taken a subscription for a large number of copies of the *Yearbook* in behalf of the Austrian government. For this recognition of the *Yearbook* and the assistance it affords, I am grateful to Dr. Wolfgang Waldner, Director of the Institute, and to the Austrian government.

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