

## EDITORIAL NOTE

With this issue, I conclude an eight-year editorship of the *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*, as I plan to retire from academic life at the University of Miami on June 1, 1972.

I shall miss the *Journal*: the daily excitement of the mailbox surprises—sometimes a treasure chest, sometimes a Pandora's box—and the many, many interesting, rewarding, challenging, frustrating, exciting professional and personal contacts with my colleague Latin Americanists.

The problems—unexpected, critical, time-consuming, exacerbating, and frustrating—I can do without. They are, in fact, already forgotten in the satisfying realization that the *Journal* has now passed through its hectic, strenuous period of adolescent growth to a quieter, but hopefully even more impressive, maturity under the continuing sponsorship of the Center for Advanced International Studies, University of Miami, and with a new editorial staff.

Speaking for myself, the associated editor, Julian I. Weinkle, and the book review editor, Harry W. Hutchinson, together we say “Thank you so much” to all those who have made this possible.

It's been fun! My congratulations and best wishes to the incoming editors: John P. Harrison and Jan Peter Wogart.

—Ione S. Wright  
Editor

# Latin American Urban Policies and the Social Sciences

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Accelerated urbanization and rapid population growth have drawn particular attention to Latin America in recent years. Current statistics on the growth rate of the nations of South America indicate the highest continental growth rate in the world, and there is no evidence that it may decelerate significantly.

Editors Miller and Gakenheimer have addressed various policy issues related to urban development in Latin America at international, national, and local levels from the points of view of different social sciences. The problems and potentials generated by rapid urbanization and the use of the social sciences for understanding and guiding urbanization and the process of national growth are treated extensively.

This volume is based on the Jahuel, Chile, Conference sponsored by the Ford Foundation—at which eminent scholars from both North and South America met to discuss Latin American Urban Policies.

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