

Editorial

Itinerario 1981-2 combines two recent editorial trends: the special issue and the general "think" article. As for the special issue, its hero is of course none other than the great Fernand Braudel, whose life and works are discussed by four historians of as many countries on occasion of the publication of his recent *Civilisation Matérielle*. Braudel, of course, is not primarily an expansionist, but his work is filled with implications, direct and indirect, for the expansion of Europe. We had planned to bring you a transcription of our interview with him, too, but a gremlin stole into our tape recorder while it was in progress and all we recovered from the tapes was its cackling laugh. (History in our grasp, and we let it slip!)

The second trend reiterated in this number is that of the general article, to wit on the colonial military theme begun last issue by Roger N. Buckley. The new one is by our own H.L. Wesseling (whom you may notice has also written another on Braudel), and it fits in very nicely. It may serve to remind you, by the way, that your contributions on this subject or that of colonial archaeology or of the "Great Debate" (on history and underdevelopment) or of archives - all inaugurated in the foregoing issue - will be most welcome. (If they are to make the next issue, we would like them by 15 January, by the way.)

Now for some other matters. Last June, we were both gladdened and saddened by the loss of our documentalist, Gerard J. Telkamp. We were happy that the devotion and skill he has demonstrated on our behalf during the last five years obtained him the post of Managing Editor of the political quarterly, *The International Spectator*, but we did not enjoy losing him. Until we can replace him, we shall have to limp along; one of the most direct consequences is that there will be no bibliographical issue forthcoming this year. In its place, however, we plan to send you an index to his four previous ones.

You may also notice that our type face is somewhat different in this issue. It is due to the fact that the text department at the Faculty of Letters of this university stepped in and helped us out. For which our grateful thanks.

Do continue to send us your books and offprints for filing and review.

The Editors