

# Editorial

THE Editor would like to pay belated tribute to the late Alastair Buchan, without whose drive, enthusiasm and wise counsel the *Journal* would never have been established. At the time of his death he was preparing an article on American Foreign Policy for the *Journal*, and it is a matter of great regret that he was unable to complete it.

The *British Journal of International Studies* is now in its third year of publication and the Editor is happy to report that the interest generated by the publication of the first two volumes has been amply sustained during the last twelve months. There has been no slackening in the flow of manuscripts, especially in the fields of international politics and history, and we have tried to maintain a balance between the variety of disciplines the *Journal* was established to cover. As this number demonstrates, economists are becoming aware of the *Journal's* existence and, perhaps more by accident than design, the contents of this particular issue are biased in favour of discussion of the problems facing the European Economic Community – a happy co-incidence with the accession of Mr Roy Jenkins to the Presidency of the Commission in January 1977.

International lawyers and economic historians have proved more elusive, however. Yet as we go to press, material relating to these disciplines has just come to hand and we hope that this marks the beginning of a new and welcome trend. Replies to articles are also being received and the Editor is very willing to publish short reports on the work of the specialist groups established by the Association in recent months. There is, too, room for articles dealing with new approaches to the teaching of international studies; we shall, for example, shortly be publishing an account of one department's experience gained in running crisis games for undergraduates. We are also interested in receiving bibliographical material, particularly if it has interdisciplinary appeal: in short, the Editor is open to suggestions for improvements in the scope and presentation of the *Journal* and letters on this subject will be most welcome.

The fact that we have enough contributions promised to fill the next three numbers should not deter potential authors. The Editorial procedures remain flexible enough to include really outstanding articles at relatively short notice, and promises – as every Editor knows to his cost – are not always kept! Every contribution is refereed and the Editor encourages his anonymous readers to supply detailed and constructive criticism and to do so without undue delay. In this context, we are grateful to all those who have helped with the reading of manuscripts and in particular the members of the Editorial Committee.

Ms Anna Byrne has given up the post of Editorial Assistant and the Editor is most grateful for her assistance during the last two years. Her place has been taken by Mrs Marie Forsyth who has very quickly mastered the complexities of the *Journal's* affairs.

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