Note from the Editors

This is to introduce the first number of Indonesia, a publication we hope to issue twice a year. It is intended to provide an opportunity for all those interested in Indonesia, specialists and nonspecialists alike, to exchange views and information. It has long been felt, particularly by Indonesia specialists, that too narrow a confinement within the framework of their own particular disciplines hinders an approach to Indonesia as a whole; we therefore hope that Indonesia, which will aim at the widest possible range of subject matter, may help to overcome this disadvantage. As the reader will see from the first issue, we have included contributions covering religion, sociology, musicology, anthropology, politics, history, literature, and travel. Our intention has also been to include items which would otherwise be inaccessible to the interested public as well as articles which, because they cross disciplinary lines, may find no ready outlet in existing journals.

We hope to maintain an informal character in this publication. Thus, while reserving the right to full editorial discretion in what is published in Indonesia, we would especially welcome articles which, though still tentative or exploratory, will help stir discussion and criticism. We accordingly wish to make clear that publication of an item in Indonesia should be no bar to subsequent elaboration and publication by the author elsewhere. Our copyright is simply designed to protect the contributor himself. In the interests of freedom of discussion, the editors are quite willing to consider for publication articles to appear anonymously.

As will be evident from the contents of this number, we are not simply interested in articles as such, but also in documents of unusual interest, translated or untranslated. We do not plan to publish reviews, but we would welcome review articles. We look forward to correspondence on any article in Indonesia and intend to publish letters of interest in order to further the exchange of ideas and experiences. Bibliographical items will also be gladly received, and we hope to make this a regular part of our publication.

The editors would be grateful if contributions could be submitted in typed form, double spaced. All correspondence should be addressed to Indonesia, 102 West Avenue, Ithaca, New York. The charge for one year's subscription is $5.00. The charge for a single issue is $3.00.