

EDITORIAL NOTE

The vibrant, shifting patterns of inter-American relations sharpen the focus on the constant, unchanging elements, even as they force us to view the contemporary scene from new perspectives. In this issue, in which the *Journal* commemorates the formal organization of the Pan American movement, traditional themes, such as the role of men of vision in the strengthening of ties among the American nations, and the impact that these nations make upon each other, have their usual place. But something new has been added: inter-relationships between the Caribbean Commonwealth States and Latin America that may seriously affect inter-American power structures, and new relationships between Latin America and Africa that again introduce shifts in power balances—this time in the United Nations.

We believe that this is all to the good. Only as the various and individual American nations explore every channel of communication and relationship with each other and with nations elsewhere can the New World reach its own full potential and make its authentic contribution to contemporary society and its future development.

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