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FROM THE EDITOR

Professor Edward Allworth in his recent letter accompanying the Report on Soviet Nationality Studies in North American Universities (November 1973) compiled by Columbia University's Program on Soviet Nationality Problems observes: "Despite the obvious need to understand the crucial Soviet nationality question in its broadest dimensions, as a whole North American Universities and colleges today employ only sporadic measures, and almost no budgetary resources, to integrate this important field of study effectively into their sustained educational efforts regarding the USSR."

This rather unhappy, yet hardly surprising, finding has been well documented in the Report itself and we urge our readers to study it and to find ways and means to correct, to initiate, and to see to it that in this regard balance will be restored soon. A long list of specialists and students interested in the nationality question (circa 300 persons) suggests that, basically, we have the intellectual capacity necessary to perform the function; what is, however, desirable is the initiative on all levels of study and scholarhip. This obvious intention motivated many American scholars in setting up the Association for the Study of the Nationalities (USSR and East Europe) and institutions like the Program on Soviet Nationality Problems. The plain purpose is not to compete with anybody but to enrich and broaden American academic achievements.

This very meaningful purpose is also present in the third issue of the Nationalities Papers.

In the last issue of the N.P. (Vol. I, No. 2) on p. 15 in the first two paragraphs from the top an error slipped in: "Latvian" instead of "Lithuanian." Please excuse and correct it.

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