

CHANGES IN LARR'S FORMAT

In the present issue, LARR initiates a change in its Current Research Inventory section. The Research Inventory now will be published only once a year, in the final number of each volume, rather than in three installments broken down along geographical lines.

There are several reasons for this change. First, the editors decided, beginning with Vol. VI, No. 1, to abandon the listing of projects by institutions for the more practical listing by disciplines; thus, one of the primary rationales for dividing the listings along regional lines was destroyed. In Vol. VI, the regional division was maintained as a way of organizing the three mailings, but was not palapable in the organization of the section as printed. The second benefit of this consolidation is to produce one large mailing and reporting instead of three smaller ones, which results in a marked saving of time and energy, with no resultant loss of coverage. Each researcher reported only once a year under the old system and will continue to report once yearly under the new system. Questionnaires will be mailed out each January.

The consolidation of the Research Inventory, together with a saving of work and space by shifting some items from LARR's News Section to LASA's *Newsletter* resulted in a major administrative reorganization. The two offices of News Editor and Research Inventory Editor have been combined, and Mrs. D. Cheryl Wilkins has assumed the title of Administrative Editor.

This reorganization will result in a considerable saving to LARR, which has been pressed by rising production costs, but will in no way sacrifice the quality or quantity of publication.

These changes have been instituted with the advice and consent of LARR's Editorial Advisory Committee and the Executive Council of the Latin American Studies Association. The Editorial Advisory Committee and the consulting Editors have now completed their terms of office and depart the masthead with the hearty thanks of the editorial staff for their help in the period of transition. The new Board for 1972 and 1973 includes Richard N. Adams, Carlos F. Díaz-Alejandro, David Maybury-Lewis, Francine F. Rabinovitz, and Joseph Sommers. Professor Richard R. Fagen continues on the Board for the second year of his term. The advisory role of the Consulting Editors (Professors Luis A. Arocena and Lawrence S. Graham) in the transitional period between the first two occupants of the editorship has now been completed and these position will not be continued.