

Editorial Foreword

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION. In its first year *CSSH* carried an article on social mobility in China (1:4); and in this issue Howard Newby and David Lane add to the discussion of stratification that has continued ever since, both by treating different cases and by their attention to the problems posed by economic change. Their studies can thus be compared with those of Emilio Willems (12:1) and Manfred Halpern and Amos Perlmutter (11:3, 12:1). Newby's article also supplements Robert Kaufman's model of patron-client relationships (16:3) and underscores the importance of social ritual treated by Hilda Kuper's essay on 'Costume and Identity' (15:3). Lane's study of an ideologically-based strategy for overcoming ethnic differentiation similarly offers an interesting contrast to Kenneth Vickery's analysis of the effort to maintain it in South Africa and the American South (16:3) and to Charles Gibson's analysis of Spain's contrasting course in Mexico (2:2).

TRADITIONAL BELIEFS. Christel Lane's article is in many ways a bridge to the role of religious belief in acculturation, a topic discussed by Charles Woodhouse and Henry Tobias in their study of Jews in pre-revolutionary Russia (8:3), by Rhee in terms of Chinese Jews (15:1), and by Stephen Sharot in a more general essay on Jews (16:3). But it is also part of the continuing interest in the relation between belief systems and social behavior reflected in the studies by Richard Gombrich and Shahrough Akhavi. The problems raised extend from those of the Weber theory commented on by Reinhard Bendix (9:3) and Joseph Spengler's discussion of economic thought in Islam (6:3) to the structural ones in Leonard Kasdan and John Appleton's article on tradition and change in music (12:1), and directly treated by George Totten's study of Buddhism and socialism in Japan and Burma (2:3).

MODERNIZATION. L. E. Shiner's point that an ideal type cannot be tested empirically supplements Dean Tipps's rejection of the concept (15:2),

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while the concept's continuing stimulus to controversy is evidenced in the exchange between Oriol Pi-Sunyer and Jane and Peter Schneider and Edward Hansen.

QUANTIFICATION. Harry Miskimin's review of three important works that reflect the growing interest in quantitative history deals with a method less frequently represented in these pages than we would like.