

LETTER FROM THE CENTRE

As usual in the past couple of years, *Itinerario's* first issue is only going to press in the first days of July. We have long depended on the Word Processing Department of the Leiden Faculty of Letters and its delightful trio, Jennechien Nieuwstraten, Sylvia Kleijn-Visser and Carin Honsbeek-Compeer, whom we have counted as friends as well as professional associates. In the early days (five years ago!) their department had little to do, but now it is fairly bursting with copy from other sources and we must wait in line. Not, of course, that the ladies do not infinitely prefer our deathless prose to the dull copy they receive from other sources. But the fact remains, we do now have a problem with our scheduling. In our next letter, we hope to have an important announcement.

In this issue, our articles tend to run in pairs, if not by design, then purely by coincidence.

In February, our editor, George Winius, was in Rome and had the idea of writing a story on the archives of the Vatican from an expansionist's point of view. Soon after he returned, Dr J.P. de Valk, of the Rijkscommissie voor Vaderlandse Geschiedenis, sent in one on the same topic - or almost so. Happily, the stories focused upon different aspects of the archival spectrum - and we decided to run them both. Then we have two articles on historical memoir - travel accounts, one "new" and one grossly neglected, for which we had momentarily thought of creating a new editorial rubric.

Finally, there is the long article on racial mixing in Sarawak by Robert Reece, which ought to make *Itinerario* 1985-I a memorable issue, all by itself.

The Editors.

