

Editorial Foreword

NEW VIEWS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. Out of long research in the Caribbean area A. W. and N. L. Singham forge a new model of the position in which economically dependent states find themselves *vis-à-vis* super-states and multi-national corporations.

WOMEN AND SOCIAL CONTROLS. Hanna Papanek describes the working and the purposes of the purdah system in its Hindu and Pakistani patterns from the point of view both of men and of women. Nadia Youssef, examining two other systems of social control, finds the fit between the ideal and the actual behavior of women much tighter in the Middle East than in Latin America. For examples of genuinely free women see Sidney W. Mintz, 'Men, Women and Trade', in *CSSH* 13: 3 (1971).

CULTURAL CHANGE. T. C. McCaskie in vol. 14: 1 (1972) argued that the decision to borrow even material artifacts from an alien people is a cultural process. Hilda Kuper now shows how serious a matter it is for an African to adopt Western dress. The decision means altering his or her 'total structure of personality'. Ruth Katz sets a cultural change in nineteenth-century Europe—the triumph of the waltz over the minuet—in similarly dramatic light.

PEASANT WARS. Henry A. Landsberger's review essay stresses the political complexity of peasant movements.