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The essays in this special number of *Issue* on African studies 1956-1976 were written at the invitation of the editor. I am indebted to each of the contributors for the cooperation which went into doing what *we* wanted done. The material has been printed as we received it, with little more than a light copyediting. There are a variety of opinions and memories, some which will not be agreeable to every eye. But the development of African studies in the United States in the last two decades has produced controversy, some of it bitter, and I have made no attempt to exclude or edit essays which record that controversy. *Issue* was created to be a journal of opinion.

I regret that the special edition is not as special as I hoped when we began. Significant by their absence are articles on "African Studies and United States Policies in Africa," a review of "Significant Books on Africa by American Scholars or Specialists," "The Views *from* Africa," and a survey on "Resources on Africa in American Libraries." In some cases I could not find a contributor; in others, the contributions did not materialize.

Although it is not the general policy in *Issue* to publish letters and opinions, we will print a special section of responses to essays in this number, should they be forthcoming.

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