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Mrs. M. J. Aerni's remarks (CA 8:273) on the contributions that are sought from social anthropology in new nations, with regard to development plans for example, are way off target if they are meant to imply that social anthropology is on the retreat—at Makerere University College, Uganda, for example. Here it is not. Social anthropology keeps its place along with newer developments in sociology, social psychology and demography, and is itself expanding somewhat.

RAYMOND APTHORPE  
Kampala, Uganda

The theme of Ralph Beals' article "International Research Problems in Anthropology" (CA 8:470) will probably require much attention in the future considering the steady growth of field research, particularly in connection with pilot projects and foreign aid plans. In Norway, for instance, there seems to exist a growing awareness of the potential contribution of social anthropology to programs directed at bilateral help in other countries.

HENNING SIVERTS  
Bergen, Norway

I would like to see abstracts on Soviet physical anthropology included in S. Dunn's Abstracts of Russian-Language publications in anthropology.

M. H. CRAWFORD  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

I should like to see a section in CA for announcing openings of anthropological museum shows. Also a listing in CA of titles only of new anthropological films available for renting would be helpful.

ALBERT B. ELSASSER  
Berkeley, California, U.S.A.

I imagine that Associates would appreciate being periodically informed of dissertations approved by all universities. It is often very difficult to find out what thesis topics have been treated. Would it be possible to enlist the cooperation of university staffs all over the world? In Western Germany there is a central file at the Institut für Völkerkunde der Universität, Theaterplatz 15, D-34 Göttingen, Germany where even dissertations in preparation are registered and where any changes in their status (rejection as well as approval) are reported. A list of suc-

cessfully concluded dissertations, published perhaps once a year, would be of great use. This list should include the name of the author, the title, the university, and perhaps the name of the professor under whose guidance the paper was written. Also helpful would be an indication of whether publication was intended totally or in part and, if known, in what journal or series.

JURGEN ZWERNEMANN  
Ludwigsburg-Pflugfelden, Germany  
[Editor's note: See CA 7:606-631; also a supplementary list, now in preparation, will be published in the December 1968 issue].

Using the computer index (CA 8:524), I could not avoid noticing the complete lack of such terms as "metallurgy", "miner", and "smelter". This indicates a deficiency in the thematic content of CA. This problem does not seem to be one of editorial bias; in fact, it is beyond the power of any editor to correct such thematic one-sidedness. However, the worldwide character of CA requires that these areas of material culture not be ignored.

HELMUT M. WILSDORF  
Saxony, Germany

I think that about ten reviews of a book would suffice to include divergent opinions. Also I agree with Brookfield (CA 8:273) that there should be a limited length of the comments of the reviewers.

WOLFGANG LINDIG  
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

[Editor's note: In the cover letter sent to potential reviewers, a maximum of 1000 words is recommended. However, the average length of a review is 1300 words, and approximately 60% of the reviews received by CA are over 1000 words.]

I write to inquire about the possibility of making available—free or on a concessional basis—such journals as *Radiocarbon* or *COWA Surveys and Bibliographies*. I regret that no action has been taken to an earlier similar inquiry. I strongly feel that CA should afford this service to its Associates who, due to various reasons, cannot get all the books published on the subject.

SHRI B. K. THAPAR  
New Delhi-11, India

Orchids to reader Suchy (CA 8:273), who wants photos of anthropologists published in CA. I would like birth dates as well, so that we can have regular birthday greetings, in the appropriate language, published in each issue.

SIDNEY W. MINTZ  
New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.

Titles for review articles should be followed by one or two sentences of explanation. Titles alone are sometimes misleading. One often discovers after publication that he would have liked to comment, but the title of the article did not point clearly to the content.

LIONEL VALLEE  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

The published texts of manuscripts are too short; thus illustrations, maps, and charts would augment the attraction of CA.

LOUIS PRADEL  
Chatellerault, France

Will you please indicate at the heading of your "Journal Contents" which journals are covered and if they are guaranteed to be covered? If we can depend on this coverage, this is a service that can be duplicated in no other way since few of us could afford to take these journals.

WILLIAM HENRY SCOTT  
Manila, Philippines

## Associates Suggest Articles

I am still waiting for a discussion of Donoghue's "Preliminary Report" (CA 4:382-84) on "The Rhade of South Viet Nam." Non-U.S. Associates of CA might be interested in some more general information about the role of military advisory anthropologists.

LORENZ G. LÖFFLER  
Heidelberg, Germany

I support Louise E. Sweet's suggestion for an article on Peasants (CA 7:394), though not necessarily confined to the "Contemporary world," nor to any particular geographical areas.

GERAN WIJEWARDENE  
Canberra, A.C.T., Australia

Transcultural role of wisdom is one of the most neglected fields of anthropology. I should like to see a competent anthropologist write a book or article on wisdom in primitive and

civilized societies. It should be a contribution to a humanistic approach.

EUGENIO FERNANDEZ-MENDEZ  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

More articles on religious themes: messianism; morphology, phenomenology, and history of religions; "Cargo Cult" in the South American area.

STEFANO VARESE  
Lima, Peru

I would like to see a review article on oriental porcelain. It should include the museums of the world where fairly good collections may be found or studied, their provenience and periods covered, and contemporary experts on them. A comprehensive bibliography is of course a desideratum.

E. ARSENIO MANUEL  
Quezon City, Philippines

I think a general discussion on socio-cultural change (induced, expected, forecasted) would be of interest to CA readers.

RENE RIBEIRO  
Recife, Brasil

Would it not be useful to continue to publish concise surveys of anthropological research actually accomplished in individual countries? Such surveys might be limited; the Heine-Geldern survey, for example, was too detailed. It would be sufficient for CA Associates to cite the most important research institutions and research problems in their country. I think such information would be useful especially in relation to Slavic countries; for example, what is known about the state of ethnology in Czechoslovakia?

KAREL FOJTIK  
Brno, Czechoslovakia

It would be interesting to know what is being done in the Soviet Union in the field of "Salvage Ethnology." There is little doubt that the cultures of the peoples of the Eurasian North ("Norody Severa") are rapidly changing.

VIKTOR KORESSAAR  
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

An article on "The Present Position of Ethnohistory."

ÅKE HULTKRANTZ  
Stockholm, Sweden

An article on North Asia, for comment by Soviet colleagues, similar to that on Central Asia by the Dunns (CA 8:147-196).

GEORGE NELLEMAN  
Brede, Denmark

Anthropological literature on Central Asia is either meagre or unknown. It would be of much help to many Associates if CA could publish a current five year bibliography on this geographical region. Also, help from the Russian Academy of Sciences would be most useful in this matter.

MOHAN K. GAUTAM  
Leiden, The Netherlands

Articles dealing with traditional life among Arab peasants and Bedouins can be useful since there is a growing demand for information about this region of the world.

ISHAQ Y. QUTUB  
Amman, Jordan

Is it perhaps time to take another look at agricultural systems in relation to society? Several years have now passed since Conklin's review of the literature on shifting cultivation, and much has been written during this period. This is a task for a number of people rather than a single person, since it would entail gathering together material and ideas on such questions as the typology of agricultural systems, 'intensity' of agriculture, relation of agriculture to land tenure and settlement patterns.

H. G. BROOKFIELD  
Canberra, Australia

I would like to urge that Robert L. Rands's suggestion (CA 8:2) of an article on various forms of archaeologically-inferred culture contact be given every consideration. A systematic coverage of this nature would be of great value to students and professionals alike.

W. RAYMOND WOOD  
Columbia, Missouri, U.S.A.

I would like to see a review article on human ecology, a field which is being more frequently talked about and on which good readings seem to be rare. The article should show particular emphasis on the knowledge that has been gained through the study of living populations.

JEAN ERNEST FRISCH  
Tokyo, Japan

I would like to see comments in CA from cultural anthropologists, physical anthropologists, and prehistorians concerning whether prehistory is an integrated part of anthropology or a separate discipline.

ASOK K. GHOSH  
Calcutta-19, India

I would like to see a survey article by a competent ethno-botanist on the origin of cultivated plants of tropical Africa. Especially interesting would be the question of which plants are definitely African, if there are any.

JURGEN ZWERNEMANN  
Ludwigsburg-Pflugfelden, Germany

A review paper by an acknowledged expert on the current application of anthropology in the developmental field; particular reference to agricultural extension in technically unsophisticated societies.

A. J. B. HUGHES  
Greendale, Salisbury, Rhodesia

I suggest discussion through CA of general bibliographic and abstracting services for anthropology. To start such discussions, I suggest an article by Dee Green, who has worked on one such system for *American Antiquity*.

DELL H. HYMES  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

It would be of great importance and interest to have the most recent knowledge about using a computer for linguistic questions. With computer use, I think, one can gain new points of view, such as in morphology and phonetics for any language family. Computer use might also clarify the question of relationship between language groups, such as Hamitic and Semitic. Many colleagues would appreciate such a statement.

KURT JARITZ  
Graz, Austria

A review paper on the heredity of quantitative traits by Neel or Dunn. A review paper on the modern problems in human population genetics by Schull.

NAPOLEON WOLAŃSKI  
Warsaw, Poland

I suggest an evaluation of new techniques used in the interpretation of radiocarbon dates along with an evaluation of how the radiocarbon dating techniques are used by researchers (i.e., what are criteria for acceptance or rejection of a date).

JAMES E. FITTING  
Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.

I echo Donn V. Hart's suggestion (CA 8:145) for an article synthesizing contemporary knowledge of the Paleolithic and Neolithic periods of South and Southeast Asia.

MORTON KLASS  
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.