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The Journal has been founded to provide space primarily for articles on Southeast Asia written by that growing body of specialists, the Asian historian. It welcomes also articles written on any aspect of Southeast Asian History, from the stone-age to the contemporary scene, from scholars in any part of the world. Wherever possible, articles should not exceed 5-7,000 words, and should be in typescript.

The Editor would appreciate comments and suggestions.

NOTE

All the papers in this special issue of the Journal were submitted to the First International Conference of South-East Asian Historians held in Singapore on January 16-21, 1961. They are not, however, all the articles on Indonesia which were submitted to that Conference. A study of Indonesian Nationalism by Sartono Kartodirdjo of Gadjah Mada University has been held back, partly because of its length, but mainly because it is planned to devote a number of the Journal next year to Nationalism in South-East Asia, and it seemed more appropriate to reserve the paper for that; a paper by Mahommed Ali, Director of the National Archives in Djakarta, has been held back for inclusion with the special collection of source-material papers which this Journal is sponsoring and which will appear this year; a paper on the origins of the Javanese mosque, by Dr. H. J. de Graaf of Leiden, could not be printed as its basic illustrations unfortunately were not available; while Soedjatmoko's paper on Indonesian Historiography is being published elsewhere, as is that of the late Dr. A. H. Hill of Sydney, who crashed and died in Java shortly after conference ended.

These seven papers are the first collection of Conference Papers to appear. It is hoped that within eighteen months all those remaining that are available, approximately forty, will be published, either in or by this Journal. They were submitted by some of the ninety-odd delegates from twenty different countries who, attracted by their interest in the history of South-East Asia, attended the Conference in Singapore.

One opinion of the Conference was that given by the American Association for Asian Studies in its newsletter. "The conferees were royally entertained throughout the week with luncheons, dinners, tea parties, receptions, exhibitions of books and Chinese art, a tour of Singapore, a cultural evening and a special lecture by Professor C. P. Fitzgerald. Housing was provided for many in University colleges or messes.

"As at all conferences, the informal exchange of ideas among scholars with like interests was highly stimulating and rewarding. The cosmopolitan atmosphere at this conference encouraged spirited and useful discussion. The success of this first venture convinced all delegates that future conferences should be held triennially."

Towards that end the editors of this Journal already are working, for they agree with the viewpoint expressed in the Australian Journal Hemisphere that the Conference "was eminently worthwhile, not only for the amount of original research embodied in the papers given, but for the new concepts of South-East Asian history which emerged, and the immense stimulation and encouragement derived from personal acquaintance and discussion with colleagues working in allied, though variegated, fields and disciplines."

As a salute from Singapore to those delegates now departed, and as a stimulus to the further study of Indonesian history, this special number of the Journal is issued.