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Editorial

This number of the Journal is concerned almost entirely with recent constitutional and legal developments of a radical character in different African countries. The Editorial Committee was conscious of the fact that it is now becoming increasingly difficult to discover the exact status and content of legal institutions in countries which have been affected by military coups or other violent constitutional upheavals. The stresses and strains to which legal and constitutional systems are now being exposed are clearly brought out in the articles and cases which are printed below. It must be emphasized that the views expressed by the authors in connexion with these controversial topics must not be taken as necessarily reflecting the views of the Journal or of its Editorial Committee.