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As far as political science is concerned, the events of the year that is just ending have been thoroughly satisfying. No, it is not because all that have transpired have been beautiful and smooth and according to plan or expectation. Indeed, some of these events have aroused no little amount of chagrin on the part of some political scientists and other observers of the social scene. But it is precisely because so much of what have occurred that are of political significance seem to have taken place so fast and almost all at the same time, that we have been rendered breathless trying to keep up with these developments and attempting to make sensible assessments of them.

It is in this sense that we view the recent events as having been satisfying; they have been intellectually challenging. Each new or unexpected occurrence has triggered the posing of issues which the practitioners of what Aristotle called "the master science" consider more or less fundamental. The articles in this issue are well-considered attempts to grapple with those issues.

Perhaps it is reflective of the poor financial situation of a fledgling professional organization such as the Philippine Political Science Association that it can publish the second number of its *Journal* only now, a full year-and-a-half after its first issue. But it took time to solicit the necessary subsidy for this number. In the process, fast-developing events overtook us so that the contents of some of the manuscripts had to be returned to their respective authors for updating; the others simply had to fall by the wayside. This naturally caused further delay in the printing.

Nevertheless, we are pleased that we can finally present this issue to our colleagues. It offers a rather varied intellectual fare, covering topics ranging all the way from questions of legitimacy, political leadership, national development, the socialization of young people to particular political attitudes, to the more esoteric scrutiny of

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Marx's methodology. Some of us have even indulged in the intriguing intellectual pastime of futurology. We have even felt it fitting to join in the celebration of International Women's Year with an article on the perception of selected women about their status and role in society.

And so, as we happily receive the subscription requests of our friends — subscriptions which we hope will grow in number soon enough to enable us to come out with issues more regularly — we again invite reactions either in the form of letters or article-contributions from our readers so as to insure that this *Journal* will be of such quality as to be truly deserving of their support.

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