

FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the Nationalities Papers offers three papers together with comments delivered at the sixth national meeting of the AAASS in New York on April 19, 1973. The special session entitled: Dissent Among Non-Russian Peoples of the USSR was organized and sponsored by the Association for the Study of the Nationalities (USSR and East Europe) and chaired by Professor Stephan M. Horak. Since the session inspired a lively and lengthy discussion, the Editor is pleased to make these papers available to the readers of the N.P.

Basically, the style of all three papers has been preserved with only minor editorial "touch ups." By doing so it was the Editor's intention to simulate among the readers the feeling of intimacy as it prevails in a lecture room. The discussants' comments are included for the same reason and by themselves provide additional new insights instead of being limited to the framework of the papers alone.

Due to the financial assistance by Eastern Illinois University, the future of the Nationalities Papers seems assured. Under such favorable circumstances, we shall try to improve upon quality and quantity in order to become a forum for scholars specializing in the area of our concern and concentration.

With this in mind we invite you to submit papers, articles, notes, book reviews, and other related material for consideration for publication in the N.P.

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