

EDITORIAL

EARLIER this year, to the great regret of the Editors, Professor Philip D. Curtin resigned from the Editorial Advisory Board of this *Journal*. His decision to resign resulted from a disagreement with the Editors over the procedure for publishing comments on articles appearing in the *Journal*. The Editors are therefore anxious that readers should be fully aware of the procedure which has been followed in the past and which is followed in the present issue.

Readers are always welcome to send comments (preferably as brief as possible) on articles which have appeared in the *Journal*. Should the Editors decide to publish such comments, the contributor of the original article will be given an opportunity to reply; if the contributor responds, his reply will be published in the same issue as the reader's comment. The Editors will endeavour to see that this is done as soon as possible after the publication of the original article. It may happen that the original article is itself a comment on work published elsewhere, and that the author of this work will wish in his turn to comment on the article. If so, he is welcome to offer his comment to the Editors, and it will be treated in the usual way. However, the right of simultaneous reply can only be extended to an author answering criticism of an article first published by him in this *Journal*.