

## A Word from the Editor

We are pleased to offer the first issue of the Nationalities Papers to the members of the Association for the Study of the Nationalities as well as to all others interested in the nationalities of the USSR and Eastern Europe. As a result of the ferment within the USSR and countries of Eastern Europe in the last few years, we observed an intensively growing interest in this particular aspect of modern history. The emergence of our Association, among other responses, is not only an academic necessity but also a measurement of our Zeitgeist.

As announced previously in the "Newsbox" (No. 3, 1972), the Association is taking another step forward in the execution of its aims and purposes by publishing semi-annually Nationalities Papers. For the time being, N.P. will concentrate on scholarly papers delivered at professional meetings in the U.S.A. and Canada. We feel that many of them deserve wider attention than afforded by the audience of the lecture room. We therefore invite scholars with papers touching upon the topics of nationalities in the USSR and Eastern Europe to submit their manuscripts for consideration.

By not claiming much and being aware of the virtues of modesty, we hope to continue our task expecting that the future shall offer us additional avenues for our activities. Without your benevolent support through subscriptions for yourself and libraries, and recommendations to your friends we shall not be able to fulfill our well-intended resolutions. We trust we deserve a chance.

--S. M. Horak