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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**Behind the Bamboo Curtain.** One of our most valued colleagues sent us the following memorandum recently. Since it bears centrally upon the intellectual mission of the *Review*, we reprint it herewith:

On the off-chance that you have not already done a similar analysis yourself, I enclose an exquisitely rigorous tally of the area-related pieces which have

appeared in our journal over the past five years. There are a number of tidbits of information that could be teased out of these data, but I particularly call your attention to the final entry.

Over the last year or so I have had occasion to satisfy myself that one possible explanation for that entry is false: it is *not* the case that the quality or general interest of scholarship on China is so low as to disqualify it from appearance in our journal. My alternative explanation is that scholarship mirrors reality—that China scholars have lived in splendid isolation, only occasionally interested in those of us who live outside the Middle Kingdom, but also that we have not encouraged them to be outward-looking.

My message to you as our Leader is simple: go to Peking.

Or failing that, go to some of the gurus of Chinese scholarship and invite them to begin submitting stuff to us.

Bring us together.

**Disregard Previous Fortune Cookie.** This same correspondent then sent us another letter:

Here is the copy I promised you of those data on area-related articles in journals other than the *APSR*. These data are consistent with those from the *APSR*. Indeed, if you ignore *World Politics*,

### Area-related articles in APSR, 1968–1972

Western Europe	11
Africa	7
U.S.S.R.	7
Latin America	6
South and Southeast Asia	4
Japan	3
Canada	2
Near East and North Africa	1
Eastern Europe	1
Underdeveloped areas in general	4
Communist countries in general	2
Sino-Soviet relations	1
China	0

Area	J.P.	C.P.S.	C.P.	W.P.	MWJPS	W.P.Q.	Pol.	Totals
Western Europe	14	13	35	12	6	19	8	107
Africa	3	4	7	5	1	4	0	24
USSR	5	1	3	7	1	5	2	24
Latin America	7	8	4	8	4	13	1	45
South and Southeast Asia	1	1	7	5	4	6	3	27
Japan	3	2	3	0	0	3	1	12
Canada	2	0	0	1	0	7	1	11
Near East and North Africa	2	4	4	4	1	3	0	18
Eastern Europe	3	2	3	1	1	1	0	11
Underdeveloped areas	0	19	10	11	1	0	3	44
Communist Countries	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	5
Sino-Soviet Relations	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
China	0	0	2	5	0	2	0	9
	43	54	78	60	19	65	20	339

Where possible volumes between 1968 and 1972 were consulted.

there have been only four articles on China in political science journals over the last five years.

One possible explanation is simply that less research is being done by political scientists on China. This is part of the explanation, but only part, as I think I can show. Let us use completed dissertations as one index of overall research activity, both in a direct sense (dissertations become journal articles) and in an indirect sense (dissertations are spawned by productive instructors). Assume a year's lag between dissertations and publication; hence look at dissertations produced 1967-1971. Using Steve Blank's data from the Fall, 1972 issue of *PS*, (and combining China and Japan because Steve's data do not break down the category "East Asia"), we get the following results:

	East Asia	Western Europe
Proportion of all area-related dissertations which deal with this area:	11%	17%
Proportion of all area-related articles which deal with this area:	6%	32%

The apparent conclusion: Research on Western Europe claims nearly twice its "fair share" of the general political science "publication space" devoted to area-related research, while research on East Asia claims barely half its "fair share," if by "fair share" we mean "proportionate to volume of (dissertation) research." As I said in my earlier letter, a variety of explanations are possible; I think the East Asian half of the problem, at least, deserves attention.

In general, we only occasionally solicit articles for the *Review*. Perhaps this would be a suitable occasion. We have the feeling that the specialized journals in the Asian field are doing such a good job that they have choked off sub-

missions to the *Review* as well as to most other general purpose journals in political science. With a little luck, however, this note might provoke a freshet of submissions here. If so, we pledge ourselves to give each and every submission serious consideration, and not to restrict ourselves to one from row A and one from row B.

**Typoes.** Although we do a lot of complaining about the complaints we get, every once in a while a complaint comes along that charms even while it chagrins. Here is one we received the other day:

Let this letter be my official concession of defeat. I fought the good fight but I lost. In my review of Dale Vinyard's book *The Presidency* (*APSR* 67, March 1973, pp. 234-236), illustrating Vinyard's error-prone ways, I pointed to his spelling of McGinniss. Vinyard insisted on omitting the second and final "s". Strangely, so did the secretaries, assorted editors, and printers of the *APSR* book review section. Painstakingly, I added the requisite "s" in my letters and final proof pages. You won. There is McGinniss, the last "s" glaring in its absence, the last word on page 234. Vinyard must be giggling in his cups as I cry in mine.

David L. Paletz

P.S. It is clever of you to have misspelled Vinyard as Vynard on p. 235 first full paragraph, first column.

What to do about typos? Our peerless proof-reader, Jeanne Dritz, ferrets out nearly all of them. Once in a while she misses. Sometimes, our printer inserts new errors while correcting the old, even after the page proof stage. The March 1973 issue, of which Professor Paletz complains, was a rats' nest of errors by every-

body, and there wasn't much we could do about it. Except complain.

#### Articles Accepted for Future Publication

- Paul R. Abramson, Michigan State University, "Generational Change in American Electoral Behavior"
- Peter H. Aranson, Georgia Institute of Technology, Melvin J. Hinich, and Peter C. Ordeshook, Carnegie-Mellon University, "Election Goals and Strategies: Equivalent and Non-Equivalent Candidate Objectives"
- William I. Bacchus, Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy, "Diplomacy for the '70s: An Afterview and Appraisal"
- Paul Allen Beck, University of Pittsburgh, "Environment and Party: The Impact of Political and Demographic County Characteristics on Party Behavior"
- Robert A. Bernstein and William W. Anthony, Texas A&M University, "The ABM Issue in the Senate, 1968-1970: The Importance of Ideology"
- Gordon S. Black, University of Rochester, "Conflict in the Community: A Theory of the Effects of Community Size"
- Steven J. Brams, New York University and Morton D. Davis, City College of New York, "The 3/2s Rule in Presidential Campaigning"
- Christopher Bruell, Boston College, "Thucydides' View of Athenian Imperialism"
- Walter Dean Burnham, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Theory and Voting Research: Some Reflections on Converse's 'Change in the American Electorate'"
- Blair Campbell, University of California, Los Angeles, "Helvétius and the Roots of the 'Closed' Society"
- Edward G. Carmines, State University of New York, Buffalo, "The Mediating Influence of State Legislatures on the Interparty Competition-Welfare Expenditures Linkage"
- William Cavala, University of California, Berkeley, "Changing the Rules Changes the Outcome: Party Reform and the 1972 California Delegation to the Democratic National Convention"
- John Chamberlin, University of Michigan, "Provision of Collective Goods as a Function of Group Size"
- Wayne A. Cornelius, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Urbanization and Political Demand-Making: Political Participation Among the Migrant Poor in Latin American Cities"
- Lawrence C. Dodd, University of Texas, "Party Coalitions in Multiparty Parliaments: A Game-Theoretic Analysis"
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, University of Rochester, "Need for Achievement and Competitiveness as Determinants of Party Success in Elections and Coalitions"
- Peter Eisinger, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Racial Differences in Protest Participation"
- David J. Elkins, University of British Columbia, "The Measurement of Party Competition in Multi-Party Systems"
- John A. Ferejohn and Morris Fiorina, California Institute of Technology, "The Paradox of Not Voting: A Decision Theoretic Analysis"
- Ada Finifter, Michigan State University, "The Friendship Group as a Protective Environment for Political Deviants"
- Peter C. Fishburn, Pennsylvania State University, "Paradoxes of Voting"
- Ronald P. Formisano, Clark University, "Deferral-Participant Politics: U.S. Political Culture, 1789-1840"
- Mark Gavre, University of California, Los Angeles, "Hobbes and His Audience: The Dynamics of Theorizing"
- Ted Robert Gurr, Northwestern University, "The Neo-Alexandrians: A Review Essay on Data Handbooks in Political Science"
- Larry B. Hill, University of Oklahoma, "Institutionalization, the Ombudsman, and Bureaucracy"
- Ole R. Holsti, University of British Columbia, "The Study of International Politics Makes Strange Bedfellows: Theories of the Radical Right and the Radical Left"
- Donald B. Johnson and James R. Gibson, University of Iowa, "The Divisive Primary Revisited: Party Activists in Iowa"
- Kenneth Jowitt, University of California, Berkeley, "An Organizational Approach to the Study of Political Culture in Marxist-Leninist Systems"
- Donald R. Kelley, Monmouth College, "Toward a Model of Soviet Decision Making: A Research Note"
- Stanley Kelley, Jr., Princeton University and Thad W. Mirer, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "The Simple Act of Voting"
- Eugene B. McGregor, Jr., Indiana University, "Politics and the Career Mobility of Bureaucrats"
- Arthur H. Miller, Ohio State University, "Political Issues and Trust in Government: 1964-1970"
- James T. Murphy, Wesleyan University, "Political Parties and the Porkbarrel: Party Conflict and Cooperation in House Public Works"

- Committee Decision Making”
- Thomas C. Nowak and Kay A. Snyder, Michigan State University, “Clientelist Politics in the Philippines: Integration or Instability?”
- John C. Pierce, Washington State University and Douglas D. Rose, Tulane University, “Non-Attitudes and American Public Opinion: The Examination of a Thesis”
- David Ray, Stanford University, “Membership Stability in Three State Legislatures: 1893–1969”
- Stephen G. Salkever, Bryn Mawr College, “Virtue, Obligation and Politics”
- Kenneth A. Shepsle, Washington University, “On the Size of Winning Coalitions”
- Brian Silver, Florida State University, “Social Mobilization and the Russification of Soviet Nationalities”
- Arthur G. Stevens, Jr., University of Virginia, Arthur H. Miller, Ohio State University and Thomas E. Mann, American Political Science Association, “Mobilization of Liberal Strength in the House, 1955–1970: The Democratic Study Group”
- Peter G. Stillman, Vassar College, “Hegel’s Critique of Liberal Rights”
- Kent L. Tedin, College of William and Mary, “The Influence of Parents on the Political Attitudes of New Voters”
- Timothy A. Tilton, Indiana University, “The Social Origins of Liberal Democracy: The Swedish Case”
- Glenn Tinder, University of Massachusetts, Boston, “Beyond Tragedy: The Idea of Civility”
- John Wanat, University of Kentucky, “Bases of Budgetary Incrementalism”
- Herbert Weisberg, University of Michigan, “Models of Statistical Relationship”
- Roger E. Wyman, Rutgers University, “Middle-Class Voters and Progressive Reform: The Conflict of Class and Culture”