

A New Journal

An Editorial Preface

In an era when probably more journals are being published around the world than ever before and the number continues to increase almost hourly, there is probably a certain moral obligation to explain and perhaps to justify another journal. It is the intent of this editorial, and the hope of the editors, that the justification is sufficient.

Despite the burgeoning number of journals there are backlogs of manuscripts awaiting publication and long periods of waiting between the submission of manuscripts and their ultimate appearance. Admittedly there are too many manuscripts being published which either should not have been published at all or should have been modified. On the other hand prompt publication of worthwhile material is clearly desirable. MICRONESICA is obviously a regional journal, geographically focussed, and next, categorically limited to the sciences of anthropology, botany, and zoology. This design implies a certain specialization, yet it leaves large general areas open as well. There are clearly enough regional specialists in the three fields, judging from the favorable response to our preliminary survey, so that MICRONESICA will fulfill a need. This is, we believe, adequate justification to proceed.

The title of the journal bears mention. In keeping with a trend to simplify bibliographic citations, and at the same time to provide in the journal title a clear idea of its contents and uses, the name MICRONESICA was chosen (a geographic adjective form in Latin based on *Micronesia*, the region of islands which includes the Caroline, Mariana, Marshall, and certain adjacent groups). (See Merrill, E. D., "One-Name Periodicals", *Brittonia* 1: 1-5. 1931).

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