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A FEW PARTING WORDS

by

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The publication of this issue brings to an end thirteen years of my involvement with this Journal as Managing Editor, Publisher, and Editor. Ralph Segalman and I put the first issue together in the backyard of my house in West Hartford in 1972. The issue was printed in 1973 and marked the beginning of an adventure that has lasted all these years. We advanced the money to pay for the printing of that first issue. The subscriptions that came in enabled us to pay back the advances and to be self-supporting.

We established a policy of inclusiveness rather than exclusiveness. Members of the editorial board worked with authors in order to help them bring their manuscripts into publishable form. This Journal has the distinction of publishing more first time authors than any other comparable Journal. We are proud of this achievement.

Two of our special issues were published as books by commercial publishers.

It is possible to list scores of important contributions this Journal has made to the field of social welfare and sociology. However, suffice to say that a group of dedicated people have made possible the development of this Journal and to them I want to say "Thank You."

We are indeed fortunate that our colleagues Bob Leighinger, Dan Thompson and Ed Pawlak at Western Michigan University have agreed to continue to produce the Journal.

I plan to continue my association with this Journal, but not as managing editor, publisher, subscription manager, mailing clerk and treasurer all at the same time. I can now devote my attention to helping authors publish their works.

I am pleased to be able to say that I helped create this Journal. It is an opportunity that comes along very rarely.

To all my colleagues and friends, I wish a long life of meaningful activities in trying to create a humane world

Peace, Love and Justice