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Editorial

Not long ago Ralph Segalman wrote to me asking to be relieved of the responsibility of reviewing manuscripts. He has been told by his heart and his doctor to slow down a bit. As many of you know, Ralph is a Founding Father of JSSW. Along with Norm Goroff, and with the financial and intellectual support of group of members of the Division of Sociology & Social Welfare at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, he got us into print. Volume 1, Number 1, Fall 1973 was on 8« x 11" paper with a blue cardstock cover held together by two big staples. It contained 13 articles drawn from five years of SSSP sessions. There was no guarantee that there would be a Number 2, but there was. The appearance was upgraded slightly with a saddle-stitched cover. And, twenty-four years later we're still going. Ralph and Norm were convinced there was a need to be served. They were right; and we have continued to prove how right they were for almost a quarter century.

I'll miss Ralph's hand-written, extensive, and passionate reviews, even the ones I had to censor. I'm sure Ralph will continue to find ways to express his deep commitment to scholarly excellence. But it is probably good for his heart not to get so excited.

In behalf all the students who have found grist for term papers in *JSSW*, from all the scholars who have found new ideas there, from the decision-makers who (we hope) made more enlightened decisions based on research presented there, from all the authors who had their first articles published in its pages and went on to distinguished careers (as well as the ones who were already distinguished), I say: THANKS, RALPH.

In my own behalf, thanks for having faith in me to continue the noble enterprise you began. I hope I'll continue to deserve your support.

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