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#### FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

It is with regret that we inform our readers of Dr. Edwin G. Beal's decision to relinquish his editorship of the CEAL Bulletin with the publication of this issue. When he took on this responsibility in June 1980, with issue number 62, he explained in his "Editorial Note" that he had agreed to assume the task of Editor for one year. Happily this period has been extended to more than three years, during which time he has edited ten issues (one of them a double issue) of the Bulletin. Under his judicious and talented direction our publication has prospered, and the quality of its content has been notably enhanced. We are truly grateful for the unstinting effort he has given to this task and congratulate him on the high level of his editorial achievement.

In 1974 Dr. Beal retired from the Library of Congress after a long and distinguished career in the service of the East Asian library profession. Not the least of his many lasting contributions to the field have been those that resulted from his activities in the Association for Asian Studies Committee on American Library Resources on the Far East (CALRFE), which in 1967 was renamed the Committee on East Asian Libraries. It was while he served as Chair of CALRFE, from 1963 to 1966, that Dr. Beal personally undertook to compile and edit the first fourteen issues of the CALRFE Newsletter, of which the present 72nd issue is the direct lineal descendant. To him, therefore, our readers owe a two-fold debt of thanks--not only for the superlative job he has done with the Bulletin over the three and more years just past, but also for the far-reaching initiative he took some twenty years ago in bringing our publication into being.

We are pleased to announce that Diane Perushek, Curator of the Gest Oriental Library and East Asian Collection at Princeton University, has agreed to assume the editorship of the Bulletin, beginning with the next issue. For the past two years, Ms. Perushek has served on the Subcommittee on Publications as the coordinator for contributions to the Bulletin relating to China, and under her editorship we look forward to a period of continued achievement for our publication.

#### CEAL ELECTIONS

The terms of a number of elected officers of CEAL will expire in March, 1984. In accordance with the CEAL Procedures the Executive Group will constitute the Nominating Committee and is now inviting nominations from the membership of CEAL of individuals to stand for election to the following offices: Executive Group (2 members); Chairperson, Subcommittee on Publications; Chairperson, Subcommittee on Technical Processing; Chairperson, Subcommittee on Chinese Materials; Chairperson, Subcommittee on Japanese Materials; and Chairperson, Subcommittee on Korean Materials. Nominations should be sent at an early date to the Chairperson of CEAL for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

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