

IT IS REGRETTED

The delay in the appearance of this issue of the JOURNAL is so great that, although it involves personal affairs of the EDITOR, an explanation is offered, and an apology.

The first issue of the present volume was published on schedule, about the first of April, although because of vagaries of the postal service to Cuba no copies were received in Havana before the closing of the Congress. The second issue—the Havana Congress Number—was delayed somewhat despite the most intensive of efforts, because of the amount of material involved and of labor required to assemble and prepare it. The third issue was further delayed because its material could be prepared only in part before the writer's return to his base at Culion, a trip which had to be made by ship for the respite so afforded, and which was prolonged for a month by visits of investigation to Cebu and Okinawa. It was expected that, again settled at the home base with normal facilities at hand, publication could speedily be returned to normal.

That expectation was not fulfilled. Preparation of the material for the present issue was only well begun when there intervened a sudden illness which proved so crippling that all work had to be suspended for

⁵ Insertion, transferred from later in the original.

more than three months, recuperation though steady proving very slow. The fact is deeply regretted, and the writer's most sincere apologies are offered for any inconvenience to anyone which has resulted. Every effort will be made to get back to normal schedule by the end of the next (1949) volume.

Because of the delay in publication the index to Volume 16 will not be mailed with the fourth issue as is the custom. It will be mailed with the first issue of Volume 17 or separately to those who have not renewed their memberships and subscriptions by that time.

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