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### NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

With this issue we expand the role of the Bulletin to become a more effective medium of interaction among scholars. The article by John Avedon, originally given at a conference on Tibet at Columbia University in March, 1987, formed the basis of his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on September 17th of last year and subsequently in his presentation to the House Foreign Affairs Sub-committee on October 14, 1987. He has discussed difficult issues that are impossible to ignore and that are bound to provoke controversy. As scholars of the Himalayan region, we are all confronted by the questions raised here, whether we agree with the author's viewpoint or not. We hope that this piece and others to follow will inspire you to react and reply. As editors, we do not wish, of course, to use this venue to present any particular perspective as our own or as that of the Nepal Studies Association. We eagerly look forward to your response.

The Editors

### NOTICE

Please remember to update your membership for 1988 using the form provided at the back of this issue. Also note that the results of the election for the Executive Committee of the Nepal Studies Association are reported on page 55.