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As subscribers and regular readers know, effective with this issue the JOURNAL will no longer contain a separate section devoted to police science. The JOURNAL will now focus solely on criminal law and criminology, treating issues in law enforcement only as they relate to these topics. The subject of police science will be ably—and, we think, quite effectively—treated in a new publication, the *Journal of Police Science and Administration*.

The decision to divide the JOURNAL into two separate quarterly publications was neither easily nor hastily made. Nevertheless, circumstances of the past decade have demonstrated that the disparate, yet interrelated, needs of criminologists, attorneys and legal scholars, and law enforcement personnel could be more effectively served by two publications, each with its own focus and direction.

We welcome the challenge which this division presents. We are confident that it will enhance the JOURNAL'S long tradition of publishing scholarly articles and commentary on a variety of topics in criminal law and criminology.

This first issue of Volume 64, we feel, exemplifies the diversity and scholarship which have made the JOURNAL preeminent in its field. The two-part article on Florida's experience with the competing political, legal, and social issues surrounding legislative reinstatement of capital punishment is a timely sketch of the problems raised by the Supreme Court's decision last Term in *Furman v. Georgia*. Mr. Vess' well-researched piece on the limitations facing a prosecutor during closing argument will, we think, prove to be of great practical help to prosecuting and defense attorneys. The comments and criminology articles appearing in this issue range across the whole spectrum of criminal justice, from comparative criminology to criminal procedure.

A number of equally fine articles have already been accepted or scheduled for future issues. Among the articles already in preparation is a comprehensive study of the use of fatal force by police officers, drawing on data from several large American and European cities. An interdisciplinary Symposium, revolving around the central theme of innovation in the administration of criminal justice, is planned for an upcoming issue.

The year ahead promises to be a good one. We hope that you will join us.

THE EDITORS