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THANKS TO THE ACLS:

On December 31, 1960, the Triple A Double S bade a grateful farewell to its generous foster parent, the American Council of Learned Societies.

It had been the ACLS which, on March 18, 1960, just about one year ago, brought together the Joint Committee on Slavic Studies and the representatives of the AAASS, the incorporated, non-profit organization that publishes the American Slavic and East European Review. The JCSS, which is a joint committee of the ACLS and the Social Science Research Council and is administered by the ACLS, had already explored the feasibility of setting up a national membership organization of scholars working in the Slavic field. At that March meeting of the JCSS and the AAASS, the agreement was reached which converted the AAASS into a membership organization. Subsequently the special Organizing Committee was formed, as described on page two of last fall's Newsletter. That Committee, under the chairmanship of William B. Edgerton of Indiana University, proceeded to select a new editor for the Review and a secretary pro tem for the Association, and to make the other arrangements for launching the membership organization. The organizing effort, including the planning, the initial membership drive, and the other operational expenses of the Association and its Review, was financed by the ACLS through its Development Fund of the JCSS. Through this Fund, Dr. Gordon B. Turner, Executive Associate of the ACLS, supplied more than \$11,000 to the AAASS up to the end of 1960. In this way the ACLS sustained the AAASS through its period of transition and enabled the Association to enter 1961 without what would otherwise have been a crushing deficit. All those who receive this Newsletter owe a debt of gratitude to the American Council of Learned Societies.

THANKS TO JOHN HAZARD:

For more than a decade the responsibility of editing the American Slavic and East European Review has fallen upon John N. Hazard of Columbia. While he has had a series of part-time assistants--Martha Bradshaw, Nora Beeson, Frank R. Silbajoris, and, most recently, Carol Levine--the principal burden