A new chapter is starting. For several years now people have said from time to time things like 'There should really be a proper humanistic journal in this country'. Yet it has been hard to see how one could start. Who would do it; where would the material come from; how could we be sure that it would be good enough?

A group of us have been concerned enough to get together and create at least a beginning for this to happen. The group consists of (in alphabetical order) Petruska Clarkson, Vivian Milroy and John Rowan. What we have proposed is a first issue, to appear in a year's time.

We would intend to bring out the journal twice-yearly at first. With sufficient success and encouragement and support it could turn into a quarterly journal, leaving **Self and** Society to be free to be much more consistently popular and full of human interest, thus aiming for a much wider market in a much more whole-hearted way.

For now, of course, Self and Society has to continue being what it has always been - a mixture of the academic and the popular, sometimes veering more in the one direction, sometimes more in the other, which some people find frustrating while others find it stimulating and appropriate.

For the new journal, the provisional title for which is **The Journal of Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology** we have recruited a strong editorial board who will referee papers and advise generally on possible contributors and so forth. This board includes at present: Nicholas Albery, Donald Anders-Richards, David Boadella, Meg Bond, John Crook, Windy Dryden, Joan Evans, Dina Glouberman, Ian Gordon-Brown, Helen Graham, Eric Hall, Peter Hawkins, Gaie Houston, David Jones, James Kilty, Ken Knight, Oded Manor, Tony Merry, John Andrew Miller, Alix Pirani, Peter Reason, Dorothy Rowe, Robin Shohet, Peter Smith, Barbara Somers, Richard Stevens, Emmy van Deurzen-Smith and Diana Whitmore.

Contributions are now invited for the new journal, which should be of academic standard, with your name only on a detachable front sheet, an abstract, double spacing, two copies, references in the Harvard style, non-sexist language and so forth. If you are not certain about these formalities, please send for a style sheet, which contains all the information. There is no theme or topic for the first issue; so this is a general request. We will accept research papers, and will particularly

favour new paradigm, research methods, but will also accept papers which survey a particular field, or raise a relevant social or philosophical issue, or review an important book at length. Book reviews will be published.

We hope for a good response to this appeal, and would welcome any ideas which anyone has been harbouring over the last few years around this sort of project. Also if you would like to propose other names for the editorial board, people who should be there but are not at the moment, please let us have them as soon as possible. All material should be sent to the Self and Society address.

Petruska Clarkson, Vivian Milroy, John Rowan.

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