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ENTER A NEW EDITOR

by ALEX DAWYDOFF, Editor

With this issue I am taking over the editorship of *Soaring* from my predecessor, Lloyd M. Licher. I am very happy that SSA's Board of Directors has chosen me for this position and I am also grateful to many of my friends and acquaintances who have written as well as spoken to me of their pleasure that I have been appointed editor of the magazine. A number of them were somewhat over enthusiastic though, expecting drastic overnight change in the format and contents of the publication. To them I will say that I am not going to make any changes just for the sake of a change.

The changes or improvements in the magazine will be entirely due to the fact that now there will be one person devoting all his efforts to *Soaring*, something Lloyd could not do because his prime duties of Executive Secretary imposed a heavy demand on his time. Whatever changes will be made in the magazine will be gradual, but there will be changes, first, because any publication reflects the personality of its editor and second, because in my position as full time editor I will be able to plan each issue ahead, look for material in the form of articles and art, generate new ideas and generally concentrate on making *Soaring* even more interesting and attractive than it was before I took over.

Naturally, we all want a bigger book, more pages, in order to accomplish a better balance through a greater variety of material, but not until our editorial budget is bigger can we markedly increase

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