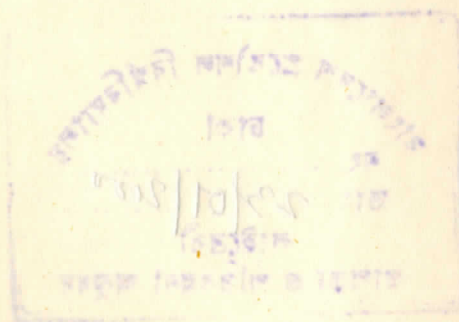


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FOREWARD

After many lapses and delays this is the second issue of ENVIRONMENT. Notwithstanding a rather compulsive desire for an excuse, I lay no claims on the 'inevitability of the unavoidable,' but find consolation in 'better late than never.'

ENVIRONMENT does not seek originality or works of excellence. Such is not the intent. ENVIRONMENT will have served its purpose if it generates discussions, promotes interest or just provokes thought. Much of what have been presented in this issue are in this spirit.

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