At the end of January Edwin Shaw, who was Head of the Public Information Office for nine years, left CERN. During his term of office he developed CERN's relations with the 'outside world' to a remarkable extent. Contacts with the media benefited greatly from the fact that he had previously spent many years on the other side of the fence and knew thoroughly the requirements of journalists, television teams, etc... CERN became one of the rare Organizations that journalists were ready to enter by the front door because they knew that they would be treated honestly and professionally by someone who understood the job they were doing.

In Geneva itself, home of a host of international Organizations, the reputation of the CERN Public Information Office was second to none. It was also significant that the fledgling European scientific Organizations — European Southern Observatory, European Molecular Biology Organization and European Physical Society — all asked Ted Shaw to help with their public relations.

It is with particular warmth that we record his contribution to the development of the COURIER. He brought with him broad experience as Editor and Managing Director of many scientific and technical journals and helped create an environment of freedom and responsibility which has been invaluable in editing the COURIER. His understanding, sound practical advice and unfailing encouragement have been a steady source of inspiration during the evolution from an internal 'house organ' to a journal of international standing. It is with a personal note of appreciation that the Editor wishes to mark the years that he has worked with Ted Shaw.

With the departure of Edwin Shaw the CERN Public Information Office has been disbanded and its functions absorbed in other services. Production of the COURIER now takes place in the Publications Section of the Scientific Information Service.