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Hella sho-shin reader, We apologize...

We are late from the gate with #2, but not for lack of constant effort. Many elements, outside our control, must be corralled or cajoled, as the case may be, into their various contributions. As head wrangler, I pledge greater industry in this regard. News: The first **sho-shin** was sent 3rd Class mail. This was unacceptably slow, taking as long as 45 days to be delivered. We have therefore had to switch to 1st Class mail. Unfortunately, the extra postal charges has forced new subscription rates.

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Those of you who own computers will be excited to know that a new discussion group has begun on the internet. A constant stream of information and news, on our favorite subject, is flowing from all over the world. Diverse participants donate expertise and opinion in a friendly and free dialog. Linvite you to join. See address above. For those who are unfamilar: the internet is easy. Approximately \$10 a month to a local internet provider, gives FREE international communications. You can carry forth national or international business and/or friendships without further cost. A local provider can be found in your yellow pages. AOL, Prodigy or CompuServ are not local providers but also allow internet access. Feel free to phone me with any questions.

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The Dr TOKUNO interview continues in this issue and further interviews will appear in the future. I am happy to announce that Dr TOKUNO has allowed our translation and treatment of the excellent sword studies from his private class. Dr TOKUNO creates five such technical works for distribution at his private monthly lecture. We will start by presenting two, a KOTO and a SHINTO. These you will find as an accompanying insert and may be kept as a growing addition to your library.

Again, I would like to call your attention to the GEN-DAI armor being offered through **sho-shin**. This armor is in every way equal to any in the world. The armorer is a major and accepted exhibitor not only at the largest and finest sword shows in Japan but also at museums. The work is stunning. These pieces have earned their standing in the world of arms and collecting; and considering the exchange rate, I must state this is by far the best deal for value, and to a collection, that can be found anywhere in the world. If you are interested in armor - we have it.