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NOTICE TO ILAS NEWSLETTER READERS

With this issue, the circulation of the newsletter has been very considerably expanded as part of the institute's outreach program. For at least the next year it will serve as an alternative means of off-campus communication now that the "Latin American Review," our weekly radio half-hour, is no longer being broadcast. We shall, for this reason, be diversifying the content of the newsletter in an effort to bring to our new readers information that may be of interest to them—without, however, either relinquishing the coverage our existing readers have judged useful or duplicating the coverage already available in other publications.

1984 TINKER APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Appointments to the Edward Larocque Tinker Chair in Latin American Studies for the 1984 fall semester at UT-Austin have been announced by the Board of Regents. Our readers are reminded that it is the expectation that these appointments will serve as a special resource, not only for the departments in which the visiting professors serve, but also for other departments and units, for off-campus groups, and for other campuses.

Pedro Pinchas Geiger, a geographer at the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, will be a visiting professor in the Geography Department. Prof. Geiger has been associated with the Brazilian institute for more than 40 years, and is internationally known for his work on urbanization and spatial organization. He is author or coauthor of four books and numerous other scholarly articles. Other visiting faculty positions he has held include Columbia University, the University of Toronto, the University of Ottawa, and the University of Paris.

Enrique Lihn, professor of literature at the University of Chile since 1972, will be visiting professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Internationally recognized for his poetry and essays, Prof. Lihn is the author of fifteen books, and has won several national and international literary awards for his books of poetry and short stories. He received a John Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship and has lectured frequently at American universities. Some of his poetry has been translated into English by UT's David Oliphant (see below).

SUMMER FIELDWORK AND RESEARCH IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The LBJ School of Public Affairs, ILAS, the Department of Sociology, and the College of Liberal Arts of UT-Austin announce a summer program of fieldwork research and study of the health sector in the Dominican Republic, made possible by a grant from the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program of the U.S. Department of Education.

The university is offering up to 12 paid fellowships to support training and research on health problems in the Caribbean. All expenses associated with this summer program will be covered, including travel and up to nine hours of graduate course credit at UT-Austin. Research expenses will also be covered, including in-country transportation. Students will live in Dominican homes and will be placed within Dominican health institutions to provide exposure to Caribbean culture and the challenges of field research in a developing nation.

Students will be expected to engage in full-time research and training on the order of 48 hours per week, developing research on a topic relating to health in the Caribbean. Research may relate either to rural or urban themes. In addition to research, students will be expected to enroll in two or three graduate courses through UT-Austin.

Persons not selected for paid fellowships may participate in the program if they can pay their own expenses. Further information may be obtained from the program directors, *Profs. David Eaton and Antonio Ugalde, Health Fieldwork Program in the Dominican Republic, c/o LBJ School of Public Affairs, SRH 3.307, UT-Austin, Drawer Y, Austin, TX 78712; (512)471-4962, ext. 272.*

THEORY AND PRACTICE IN POLITICAL RISK ANALYSIS

The Association of Political Risk Analysts, ILAS, and the LBJ School of Public Affairs will sponsor a seminar on political risk analysis to be held May 22 in the LBJ School, Sid Richardson Hall, Unit 3. Speakers for the seminar will include Mr. Joseph Tunney, president, Association of Political Risk Analysts and vice-president of Chemical Bank, New York City; Dr. Siegfried Marks, chief

economist, Esso Inter-America, Coral Gables, Florida; Dr. Edward Morse, vice-president, Petroleum Finance Corporation, Washington, DC; Mr. John Silak, political analyst, Pecten International Company of Houston; and Dr. Karel Kovanda, international analyst, Fluor Corporation of Los Angeles.

Interested faculty and students should contact the ILAS office, 471-5551, for further details and to make arrangements to attend the seminar.

VENEZUELA: BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT ROUND TABLE

On May 23, the Council of the Americas will sponsor a business environment round table on Venezuela at the Four Seasons Hotel in Houston. Participants in this off-the-record round table will look at and analyze trends in Venezuela and their impact on business operations. Further information on the round table may be obtained from *Council of the Americas, 680 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021; (212)249-8950.*

INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY AND POLICY: MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES

Government officials and scholars from Mexico and the United States gathered at UT-Austin on April 27-28 to participate in a workshop on "Industrial Strategy and Policy: Mexico and the U.S.," sponsored by the Office for Mexican Studies of ILAS, assisted by the Organization of American States and the C. B. Smith, Sr., Centennial Chair in U.S.-Mexico Relations of UT. Sessions included such topics as industrial strategy and policy, protection, promotion and regulation, petrochemicals and steel, the automobile industry, microelectronics and high-tech, industrial planning and strategy in the border region, and complementation and conflict.

Participants included Ambassador Paul Boeker, U.S. Department of State Policy Planning Council, Dr. René Villarreal, undersecretary for industrial and commercial planning in Mexico; Dr. Francisco Barnes, director general for Mexico's chemical and petrochemical industry; Diputado Alberto Santos de Hoyos, congressman from the state of Nuevo León, Dr. Jon Rosenbaum, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Dr. Gerardo Bueno, economist from El Colegio de México; Lic. Mauricio de Mari y Campos, subsecretary for industrial development in Mexico; Neil Schuster, senior analyst for the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers' Association; Dr. Jerry Ladman, Arizona State University; Dr. Clark Reynolds, Stanford University; and Ambassador H. Eugene Douglas, U. S. coordinator for refugee affairs.

UT-Austin faculty participating in the conference included Profs. Sidney Weintraub, William P. Glade, William Livingston, and Stanley Ross.

OF INTEREST FOR BUSINESS ANALYSTS AND JOURNALISTS

Caribbean and Central American Action, a public-interest information group formed to help implement the Caribbean Basin Initiative, has recently issued a number of publications of possible use to some of our newsletter readers. The *1984 Caribbean and Central American Databook* is a compendium of basic information on some 29 countries along with lists of shipping agents, transport services, private nonprofit organizations, and U.S. businesses operating in each of them. There is also a section on regional organizations. Congressman Date Fascell, a trustee of Caribbean and Central American Action, expresses in a foreword the hope that this handbook will be of service in carrying out the Caribbean Basin Initiative, and we feel certain that this would be the case.

Complementing the handbook is a set of fifteen country-specific studies called Investment Profiles. These are designed to provide the initial information needed for comparative studies of investment sites, for market analyses, and for examinations of tax regulations, trade agreements, a number of government development programs, and the like. The countries included thus far are the island states.

A certain scarcity value (reflected, we might add, in the price) is associated with information on a number of countries included in these studies. In any case, the handbook and the set of investment profiles can be ordered from *Caribbean and Central American Action, 1333 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Suite 1010, Washington, DC 20036.*

LAW IN LATIN AMERICA

The *Texas International Law Journal* of the University of Texas School of Law has issued a special centennial edition of their journal focusing on "Law in Latin America." Articles included in the issue are "Expropriation and Aftermath: The Prospects for Foreign Enterprise in the Mexico of Miguel de la Madrid," by Ewell E. Murphy, Jr.; "Private Investment in Latin America: Renegotiating the Bargain," by Joseph J. Jova; "Observations in Loco: Practice and Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights," by Robert E. Norris; and "Transnational Companies in Latin America: International vs. National Attitudes," by Frank E. Nattier. Also included are an essay on "Mexico and the United States: The Need for Frankness," by Dr. Guillermo F. Margadant, visiting professor in the UT School of Law from UNAM, and "A Bibliography of Latin American Law: Primary and Secondary Sources in English."

Single issues of the special centennial issue are available for \$7.00 (domestic)/\$8.00 (foreign); subscriptions to the journal may also be ordered. Contact *Managing Editor, The Texas International Law Journal, The University of Texas School of Law, 727 East 26th Street, Austin, TX 78705.*

CARIBBEAN BASIN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

San Jose State University School of Business and The Caribbean Basin Investment Center are cosponsoring a conference on 'Taking the Initiative in the Caribbean Basin' May 21-24 in San Jose. The conference will be the first West Coast comprehensive conference on business and investment opportunities under the new Caribbean Basin Initiative, and will feature forums, country presentations, capital presentations by businesses seeking investors, and exhibits from the countries of the Caribbean Basin.

Keynote speakers for the conference will be **Langhorne A. Motley**, assistant secretary for inter-American affairs of the U.S. Department of State, and **Mary Eugenia Charles**, prime minister of the Dominican Republic. Further information may be obtained from *Caribbean Basin Business Conference, 9063 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003, (408)688-3718*.

ASOCIACION HISPANICA FORMED

A group of Latin Americans and Spaniards residing in Austin have organized the Austin Hispanic Association together with Americans interested in the Spanish-speaking countries. This new nonprofit organization includes four committees: Cultural, for the artistic promotion and activities in the humanities; Social, for gatherings and special events and celebrations; Professional, in order to establish better relationships among the Hispanic communities at this level; and Human Relations, for humanitarian help.

Activities already planned by the organization include a \$1,000 fellowship to be offered to the best UT-Austin student from a Spanish-speaking country or an American student dedicated to Hispanic studies and a literary contest among high school students in the fall involving a creative composition written in Spanish.

For further information on the association, contact *Prof. Julio Ortega, 471-4936*.

LATIN AMERICANS VIEW U.S. POLITICS

From now until November, we shall present occasional reports on how the quadrennial presidential bullfight in the United States looks to various Latin American groups. There are, of course, many different interests and perspectives present in the region, so we cannot hope to be comprehensive. Nevertheless, we trust that a sampling of views, culled from various sources, both written and oral, might be of interest to our readers.

One of the interesting developments thus far is the low visibility of Senator Hart in Latin America. Although John Kennedy, whom he in some ways resembles, was widely and wildly popular in Latin America, Hart has yet to project strongly enough abroad to elicit much comment. Most of the discussion, therefore, has centered on Vice-President Mondale and President Reagan.

Mondale, for his part, seems to be drawing mixed reactions. While his association with the Carterian human rights emphasis is for the most part favorably viewed, industrial circles and trade policy officials in the major countries, especially in Mexico and Brazil, appear to harbor certain anxieties about what a Mondale victory would mean for exports to the U.S. and, hence, the ability to service foreign debt. Because of his support of protectionist 'domestic content' legislation and his compromises with labor and business interests in the older industrial areas of the United States, there is a fear that more restrictionist U.S. policies might hamper Latin America's struggle to diversify exports into manufacturing and, hence, the region's growth rate. While Mondale is viewed as being relatively more favorable to foreign aid, President Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative has to some extent offset this factor and, in any case, no one seems to expect much from Congress on this score, given the problems of dealing with the U.S. deficit.

President Reagan, on the other hand, is still saddled with a certain legacy of resentment in some quarters because of the failure of the United States to uphold hemispheric solidarity during the Falklands crisis. Among the Contadora countries, there are, moreover, apparently doubts about the willingness of the U.S. to accommodate Latin American foreign policy initiatives in Central America. More strikingly, however, there are reports, according to an authoritative newsletter, that Cuba and its political allies fear a Reagan victory on the grounds that this might set back for 20 years the plans of the Left for Central America.

From the point of view of economic policymakers there has been some appreciation of the role the U.S. government has taken in alleviating (however temporarily) the stresses of debt management, and this has benefitted President Reagan's reputation. It is probably not inaccurate to say, however, that there is a widespread feeling in Latin America that neither party in the U.S. political arena has yet found the kind of solution that would provide long-lasting relief for the excessive external debt. For the moment, therefore, relief is still spelled **ROLL-OVERS**—and the fear is that, irrespective of who wins the U.S. election, a future roll-over operation will roll right into the next U.S. recession.

VALE LA PENA.

While summer reading is ordinarily geared to the vacation mood, this year it might be good to work in more substantial fare to get ready for the political controversies of fall. Two recent works can be especially recommended, and since each is a collection of essays, one gets the benefit of widely varied insights into the problems of Central America and the Caribbean (the region surest to stay in the public view over the months ahead). Both books are issued in paperback.

One of these items of literary beachwear is *Confrontation in the Caribbean Basin*, edited by Alan Adelman and Reid Reading and published by the University of Pittsburgh's

Center for Latin American Studies. Following three chapters that turn the spotlight on Guatemala and El Salvador, Nicaragua, and the English-speaking Caribbean, the collaborators in this work look at both the regional powers that have begun to dabble in the troubled Caribbean (Mexico, Venezuela, and Cuba—though Colombia is, unfortunately, not covered) and the larger powers (the U.S., the U.S.S.R., and the European Economic Community) that are also caught up in the stew. A particular advantage of the volume is the considerable diversity of perspective taken by the chapter contributors and commentators. These range from those who see strong merit in an active U.S. posture to those who are close to (if not caught up in) the cut-and-run school—with intermediate positions represented as well.

The second volume, *Rift and Revolution: The Central American Imbroglia*, is edited by Howard Wiarda, who is, as it happens, also a contributor to the Pittsburgh effort. It is published by the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. Jim and Virginia Valenta, who coauthored one of the papers in the *Confrontation* volume, present here a somewhat longer version of the same piece. Eusebio Minjal-León's chapter on European socialism and Central America, however, makes an interesting parallel to Wolf Grabendorff's coverage of rather similar territory in *Rift in Revolution*. These two chapters apart, the rest of the essays in this book manage to tackle the subject in perspectives no less varied but essentially complementary to those of the *Confrontation* volume. Thus, the two books together make for an excellent set of readings for the perhaps dwindling number of Americans who are still seeking for truth in regard to the region rather than convinced that revelation (of one sort or another) has already shown upon them.

A particularly provocative volume, *Culture and Ideology: Anthropological Perspectives*, has been edited by Jean Barstow and produced at the University of Minnesota as the first publication in its new Minnesota Latin American Series. Among specialists on this topic, feelings usually seem to run high, and the line of argumentation is often labyrinthine. Thus, the whole field tends at times to resemble trench warfare in Byzantium.

Jean Barstow's helpful introduction probes the theoretical no-man's-land that lies between functionalist models of culture theory and what is euphemistically called 'class perspectives on ideology. Identifying various types of issues, she also maps out many of the major contributions to analysis, or at least to discussion and debate on the subject. Following this, Larissa Lomnitz, who is well known to the ILAS community, contributes a sensitive and illuminating essay on 'Culture and Ideology Among Mexican Entrepreneurs, a harbinger, we suspect, of a longer work in the making. Although Lomnitz does not hew closely to a particularly theoretical line, the insight she offers into the nature of ideological change is considerable.

Judith Friedlander, who also takes Mexico as her locus of study, deals with "The Secularization of the Cargo

System, in which she traces postrevolutionary changes in the meaning of a highly ritualized status system. Since outward forms accommodated shifts in both meaning and in the logic of the game, the redefinition of ideology that has occurred offers a particularly interesting parallel to the case studied by Lomnitz (and her collaborator, Mariso Pérez). The essay is also worthwhile.

The other contribution, by Elmer Miller, talks about Toba Pentecostals in Argentina, viewed from a rather inflexible Marxian framework. The editor says that "he is able to tease out far-reaching implications of specific cultural premises. Some may find them, instead, far-fetched.

FISHERIES COME OF AGE IN LATIN AMERICA

In an important sense, today's fishery industry is still at a pre-agricultural state of development. It may use sophisticated technology, but it still depends on nature to provide a supply of wild animals for capture. Efficiency in exploiting aquatic resources lags far behind that achieved by agriculture in managing terrestrial resources.

Nevertheless, the fishery industry is making major changes, in which Latin America, like Texas, is a full participant. The region is stepping up exploitation of its own resources. Both small- and large-scale producers are becoming more efficient, and the composition of the region's fishery products is changing. Latin America is also making a promising start in the field of aquaculture.

Fishery resources are concentrated in coastal waters, a fact being recognized by many countries that have extended their jurisdictions up to 200 nautical miles from the coast. For the fishery industry, these changes are spelling the end of the large factory ships. In their place, catch methods are being developed specifically geared to the ecology of the coastal areas. The countries of Latin America are themselves playing a greater role in using their own fishery resources, both as an increasingly important source of food for their own people, and for export.

The Latin American countries have made considerable progress in developing their own indigenous fishery technology. The most efficient seine fishing boats being used in Chile, Peru, and Ecuador, and trawlers in Panama, Brazil, and Mexico, among others, are locally designed and constructed at prices competitive with those from developed countries. Plants for cold storage, filleting, reduction, and preparation of nonconventional foods are also designed and frequently constructed in the countries of the region. Latin America's fishery industry is growing, and from all indications, has an ample resource base on which to draw.

Latin America's production has increased substantially in recent years. Excluding Peru, which has had strong natural fluctuations in the past decade, production increased 167 percent between 1968 and 1980. Not only output, but also the value of the final product of Latin American fisheries has increased sharply. Total export value rose from \$520 million in 1970 to \$1,943 million in 1980, with frozen and

processed fish and frozen crustaceans representing an increasing share. From the point of view of extraction of natural resources, culture of aquatic organisms, and of demand for food, Latin America's fishery prospects are good.

(Source: *IDB News*, monthly newsletter of the Inter-American Development Bank, vol. 11, no. 3 (March 1984).

GOING OUR WAY?

The institute's aging and increasingly decrepit station wagon, locally known as the 'deathmobile, threatens any day to expire for good. While this might well raise the safety level on campus-area streets (the vehicle is capricious in running and braking), it would materially lower the efficiency of ILAS operations given the off-side location of the institute.

If any of our readers know of some kind soul who no longer wants to drive a still serviceable car or station wagon, perhaps an elderly person who has just given up driving, would you explore the possibility of a donation of same (the vehicle, not the kind soul)? The fair market value would be a tax-saving gift—and heaven only knows how many lives would be saved.

SEMINAR FOR EDITORIAL WRITERS HELD AT UT

A seminar developed by the UT-Austin College of Communication and the Institute of Latin American Studies for the National Conference of Editorial Writers was held April 4-6 on the UT-Austin campus.

The keynote address was delivered by Mayor Henry Cisneros of San Antonio, who stated that although Americans are accustomed to the quick-fix approach to most of our problems, there is no easy out to our dealings with nations south of our border. The truth of the matter, he said, is that the problems of Central America and South America will not be solved in our lifetimes, leaving our children to continue dealing with problems of the region.

Mayor Cisneros drew on his recent experience working with the President's Commission on Central America, which produced the Kissinger Report. He said that one of his disappointments in working with the commission was the point to which the issues are already polarized.

The first element needed in U.S. dealings with the region, in Mayor Cisneros' opinion, are some clearly articulated principles. 'We've got to stand for something in the region, he said, adding that it's not clear what we stand for, other than anti-Communism, and therefore we are aligning ourselves "with any regime that declares itself anti-Communist." Second, as a matter of principle, he suggested that the security issues of the region must be considered. Those who say military solutions are the only answer to the problems in the area are as wrong as those who believe all dealings can be limited to people-to-people efforts. The

correct position, he believes, is a combination.

Present courses may lead to some serious outcomes, he said, but there can be some hopeful outcomes, as well, with a positive outcome in the elections in El Salvador and effective influences of the Contadora pact nations (Venezuela, Panama, Mexico, and Colombia).

Also speaking at the Editorial Writers' Conference was former U.S. Ambassador to Argentina, Richard Rubottom, who now teaches at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and has been a member of the ILAS Friends support group since its inception. Prof. Rubottom pointed to three main lessons that should be followed regarding Latin America: avoid generalizations about Latin America; develop a policy free of zigs and zags; and avoid slogans, if possible, when dealing with Latin American issues.

Some generalizations are necessary, he said, but many differentiations and shadings are needed. 'I've learned also that the U.S. should follow consistent policies, he said, noting that in recent years there has been much zigging and zagging in our dealings with nations in that region. Slogans can haunt us, he pointed out, citing as an example the image of Castro as Robin Hood perpetuated by some reporters in the early days of the Cuban Revolution. 'Latin America merits and must have higher priority in the minds and hearts of U.S. society, the ambassador said, not only in media coverage, but in government, business, finance, and elsewhere.

Education, by a lack of emphasis on the study of Latin American languages, for one thing, and the government, have tended to neglect Latin America. Another of Dr. Rubottom's lessons is that the U.S. does not carry off well the low-road approach, for example, the Bay of Pigs and now the daily public discussion of "covert assistance" to the *contras* in Nicaragua. 'I think we should respond to requests, he said, but at the same time we should very carefully evaluate our own initiatives in the area.

Georgie Ann Geyer, syndicated columnist for Universal Press Service in Washington, DC, also spoke during the three-day conference, drawing from her 20 years of experience covering events in Central and South America to share perspectives with her fellow journalists.

Ms. Geyer called the basic news coverage excellent, expressing concern, however, that the emphasis on crisis coverage is bothersome because of the fear it generates in American readers. Writers need to think of consequences of coverage, she advised, since at any one moment most of the world is a peaceful place. As an example, there is a story, too, in the working democracy in the Dominican Republic today, she pointed out. Some of the younger correspondents today seem to travel from crisis to crisis (El Salvador, The Falklands, Lebanon) without adequate time to really develop the necessary background or contacts for an in-depth interpretation of events. Many are highly ideological in their positions and go to the areas to write their views, expecting embassies to make contacts for them, while at the

same time they are highly critical of U.S. policies.

In an overview of Central American countries she is researching for a new book, Ms. Geyer said that in the case of Nicaragua, the history of the 1920s there is uncannily like today. Calling herself "prematurely anti-Somoza," she said the country today has been granted large amounts of economic aid by the Soviet Union, a very significant action, in her view, since the Russians do not support countries where they do not feel in control.

In general, she said, the strife in Central America follows the pattern of classic civil wars where people are trying to come out of feudal situations. They are later than the other Latin American countries and Mexico, she said, and are in a stage of "transformational politics." "My fear is that in five or ten years we will look back and barely remember these civil wars' because there will be so much economic breakdown all over the Caribbean and Central America that these will be things of the past. "We've got a lot of new problems coming.

LATIN AMERICAN LECTURES

The 'Native South American Discourse Conference' was held at ILAS on March 29-31, cosponsored by the Department of Anthropology, the College of Liberal Arts, and ILAS. Topics covered in the conference included ethnopoetics, language and music, reported speech, performance, style and discourse, and transcription.

Dr. Joaquín Marco, distinguished Spanish writer and scholar, gave guest lectures at UT-Austin on April 2 and 4 as part of the Iberoamerican Writing Today series. He presented a lecture on 'La obra poética de León Felipe' and a talk on 'Literatura y política en la España democrática' while at the university. Dr. Marco's visit was sponsored by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the College of Liberal Arts.

The ILASSA Student Conference on Latin America was held in the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center April 6-7, sponsored by the Institute of Latin American Studies and organized by the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association. Topics covered in the conference included development and economic policy in Latin America, topics in history and ethnohistory in Latin America, Andean cosmology, Andean ethnomusicology, traditional societies in transition, topics in Latin American literature, politics in Central America, contemporary political movements in the Andes, communications in Latin America, and linguistic issues and society in Latin America. A complete set of the conference papers will soon be on deposit in the Benson Collection.

Dennis Sullivan, senior producer of the NBC Nightly News, participated in a discussion on media coverage of Central America on April 9 at UT-Austin. The colloquium, "Two Perspectives on Media Coverage of Central America: Is Balance Possible?" took place in the Academic Center Auditorium and was sponsored by the Committee on Latin

American Alternatives of ILAS and the Department of Radio-TV-Film. Also participating in the colloquium was William Orme, Jr., bureau chief of Pacific News Service for Mexico and Central America and correspondent for the *Journal of Commerce* and contributor to the *Washington Post*.

William M. Arnold, senior vice-president of Export-Import Bank of the U.S., who is also a UT-ex and a member of the Friends of the Institute of Latin American Studies*, spoke on April 9 on "The Exim Bank and the International Debt Problem" in a talk sponsored by ILAS and the Graduate School of Business.

On April 16, the Brazilian Studies Committee of ILAS sponsored a talk by Paul Collins, United Nations consultant and visiting professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The talk, entitled "Brazil in Africa: Perspectives on Growth and Prospects of Economic Cooperation between Newly Industrialized and Developing Countries," examined Brazilian export history and the phenomenal rise in exports to oil-producing nations of West Africa in the past decade. Although Brazil's trading partners in the region include Angola, Gabon, Ghana, and the Congo (Brazzaville), Prof. Collins cited Nigeria as the primary recipient of Brazilian exports. He described the growing trade in Brazilian machines and technology, with the exception of wood products, as being dominated by large European trading firms and foreign-owned subsidiaries operating in Brazil.

Dr. Mercedes López-Baralt, professor at the University of Puerto Rico and currently visiting professor of Spanish at Cornell University, lectured at UT-Austin on April 23 on "The Political Iconography of the New World: The Foundation Myth in Catholic, Protestant, and Native Icons." Her lecture was sponsored by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and ILAS.

ILAS-TINKER GRANTS AWARDED TO FACULTY AND STAFF

The following ILAS-Tinker grants have been awarded to UT-Austin faculty members for Latin American-related research.

Rita Atwood (Radio-TV-Film), "Mass Media and National Development in Peru: 1980-1984"

William E. Doolittle (Geography), "Intermittent Use of Agriculturally Marginal Land in Eastern Sonora, Mexico"

Ann Hartness-Kane (Benson Latin American Collection), "Brazilian Reference Books, 1965-1984"

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Gregory W. Knapp (Geography), 'Investigation of Relic Field Ridges on Sloping Lands, Northern Highland Ecuador'

Ramón Layera (Spanish and Portuguese), "Usigli's Intellectual and Material Legacy: An Assessment of His Influence on the Next Generation of Mexican Dramatists and an Inventory of His Playscripts, Memorabilia, and Personal Documents'

Patricia Salinas (Community and Regional Planning), 'Growth and Development on the Texas-Mexican Border: The Case of Brownsville-Matamoros'

Chandler Stolp (LBJ School of Public Affairs), "A Needs Assessment for an Emergency Health Facility Location Model and Information Management System for Health Care in Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic'

Robert H. Wilson (LBJ School of Public Affairs), 'Regional Economic Development and Changes in Urban Structure in Brazil's Northeast, 1940-1980'

Darrel Young (Economics), 'The Future of Mexico's Manufacturing Exports'

ILAS-Tinker Grants were also awarded to the following students for research related to Latin America.

María Elena Diz (History), 'Structure and Conflict in Colonial Society: The Lay Brotherhoods of the Colored Population in 19th Century Cuba'

James P. Folsom (Botany), 'Field Studies in Costa Rica of *Dichaea* sec. *Dichaea* (Orchidaceae).'

Laura Graham (Anthropology), 'Shavante Oral Texts: Transcription and Translation'

Anne M. Helsley (Anthropology), 'Preliminary Investigations of Inca Materials in the Chuquicarita Region, Pallasca Province, Department of Ancash, Peru'

Nancy L. Jacobson and Susan J. Weller (Zoology), 'Investigation and Collection of Two Moth Families, Arctiidae and Notodontidae, in Zamora Chinchipe, Ecuador'

Betty J. Johnston (LBJ School of Public Affairs), 'Implications of Stabilization Strategies for Regional and Sectoral Diversification in Ecuador'

Carolyn S. Mackay (Anthropology), "A Phonological Description of Totonac"

Hugo Noe (Economics), 'The External Sector and the Economic Development of Small Developing Countries: The Central American Case'

Terry M. Young (History), "Power, Privilege, and the Struggle for Statehood: Local Militias in Uruguay, 1764-1852"

ANDEAN TEXTILE CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

On April 7-8, 1984, the Textile Museum in Washington, DC, organized the Junius B. Bird Conference on Andean Textiles with papers given by 24 recognized scholars in that field. Textile arts played a unique part in Andean civilization, one that has only recently begun to be Silverman-Proust also presented papers on their field research in Peru.

MALINA INSTALLED AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Prof. **Robert M. Malina** (ILAS associate director; Anthropology) was installed as president of the Human Biology Council at their ninth annual meeting held in April in Philadelphia. The council is an international organization of about 600 members devoted to the study of human biology in such areas as growth and maturation of children understood. They were the principal form of wealth and taxation, the medium of computation and record keeping, and were produced by an industry larger in 1530 than that of any European country. Today they remain the basic ethnic expression and art form of Indian communities in much of the in diverse ecological situations, genetic variation, and adaptation to different ecological conditions. Professor Malina will serve as president of the council for two years.

Prof. Malina also presented a paper, 'Implications of Historical Demography for Growth Studies,' at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists also held in Philadelphia during April. This was an invited presentation at a historical demography symposium organized in memory of UT-Austin anthropology professor Ellen R. Brennan, who died last year from injuries sustained in an accident.

FACULTY NEWS

Prof. **Richard N. Adams** (Anthropology) has been awarded a Rapoport Centennial Professorship of Liberal Arts recently by the UT System Board of Regents. Prof. Adams is recognized for his interdisciplinary work on social change and power, and has frequently served as an adviser to international commissions. In addition he has served as a visiting professor at the University of California at Berkeley, Stanford University, and Michigan State University, among others. Prof. Adams will be going to Canberra, Australia, as a visiting scholar for two months this summer, after which he will be giving six seminars at the Colegio de Michoacán in Zamora, Mexico, on power and energy models of society.

Prof. **Carolyn P. Boyd** (History) has been awarded a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies for the 1985 calendar year, in support of a study of history textbooks and history education in twentieth-century Spain. She will be in Madrid from January to July 1985, returning to Austin in August to complete the research and begin analysis of the data collected. Prof. Boyd also recently attended the annual meetings of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies held in Bloomington, Indiana, where she chaired and commented on a session on the Spanish military in the early twentieth century, and also served on the Executive Committee of the society.

Prof. **Jonathan C. Brown** (History) has been awarded a summer grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities for research on the labor history of the foreign oil companies in Mexico. During the summer, Prof. Brown will travel to Tampico, Jalapa, and Mexico City to examine archival manuscripts relating to Mexican workers in the oil industry from 1901 to 1938.

According to Dr. Brown, 'A number of foreign companies

operated along Mexico's Gulf Coast, where they were the largest and most important employers of native laborers in the nation. Organization came late to the oil workers, but a number of rival unions were involved deeply in revolutionary politics during the 1920s and 1930s. An industry-wide strike ultimately precipitated the final crisis in company-government relations that impelled the Mexican nation to nationalize the petroleum industry.

Dr. Brown is preparing to write a book on foreign companies in Mexico, which will be followed by a second volume on petroleum companies in South America. The author of *A Socioeconomic History of Argentina, 1776-1860*, Dr. Brown received the Herbert Eugene Bolton Prize for the best book in English on Latin American history.

Prof. Rodolfo de la Garza (Government; director, Mexican American Studies Center) spoke during a minority leadership seminar held recently at UT-Austin, sponsored by the Mexican American Student Affairs Advisory Committee on Cultural Diversity. Other speakers at the seminars included John Treviño of the Austin City Council and Maria Berriozabal of the San Antonio City Council.

Prof. John W. F. Dulles (American Studies) will have a book entitled *A Faculdade de Direito de São Paulo* published in June by the Editora Nova Fronteira and the Universidade de São Paulo Press. During the summer he will continue doing research for a biography of Carlos Lacerda.

Prof. Fred P. Ellison (Spanish and Portuguese) is continuing research and writing on his projected monograph on Alfonso Reyes and Brazil, a section of which was the basis of a talk he gave in the Spanish and Portuguese departmental lecture series on April 11. The talk was entitled 'Alfonso Reyes' *Monterrey* and Brazilian Writers of the 1930s. Prof. Ellison plans to conduct research this summer at the Capilla Alfonsina, Mexico City, and to give a paper on Reyes at the annual meeting of the AATSP to be held there on August 9, 1984.

Prof. William P. Glade (ILAS director; Economics) will be giving a paper in early July at the American Enterprise Institute's summer institute for corporate executives on 'The U.S. and Latin America: International Trade/Global Interdependency, in Washington, DC. Immediately following this meeting, Prof. Glade will leave for the People's Republic of China where he has been invited to spend a month lecturing on Latin American industrial policy, development options, the debt problem, and related themes. The trip, organized by the Institute of Latin American Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, will involve lectures in Beijing, Wuhan, Nanjing, and Shanghai.

Prof. Glade's study of "The Privatisation and Denationalisation of Public Enterprises" has been published as a chapter in *Government and Public Enterprise*, G. R. Reddy, ed. by N. M. Tripathi of Bombay and Frank Cass and Co. of London, 1983. During March, he participated in a conference on 'Christian Faith and Economic Organizations' held at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, speaking on "The Impact of U.S. Economic Decisions on the Economic Situation of Latin America.

Dean Earnest F. Gloyna (Engineering) addressed an audience of more than 250 seminar participants involved in clean water policy discussions on March 27 at the annual government affairs seminar of the federation held in Washington, DC. He pointed out the need for improved training of both municipal and industrial treatment system operators, urging state agencies to take the lead on the issue.

Prof. Anibal González-Pérez (Spanish and Portuguese) will be teaching a course during the second summer session on 'Literature of the Hispanic Caribbean: Cuba, Santo Domingo, and Puerto Rico' (SPN S375). The course will focus on the contemporary literature of the Greater Antilles, and will explore some of the main topics in Hispanic Caribbean writing, such as anticolonialism, race relations, the problematics of culture, feminism, and social revolution. Authors to be read include Alejo Carpentier, René Marqués, Nicolás Guillén, Manuel del Cabral, Julia de Burgos, Roberto Fernández Retamar, and Luis Rafael Sánchez, among others. The course will be conducted in Spanish.

Prof. Niles Hansen (Economics) participated in a symposium entitled 'Problem Solving Along Borders: Comparative Perspectives, held in El Paso during March. The conference, cosponsored by UT's Border Research Program and the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies at UT-El Paso, featured discussions by scholars from the United States, Mexico, Europe, and Africa. Prof. Hansen moderated a session on 'General Frameworks and Western European Borders' and delivered a paper on comparative perspectives on border region development.

Dr. Robert K. Holz (Geography) recently visited the Defense Mapping Agency, Inter-American Geodetic Survey (DMA-IAGS) cartographic and surveying school at Fort Clayton, Panama. Dr. Holz was a member of a three-person evaluation team assembled by the American Council on Education to evaluate courses offered at the DMA-IAGS school for possible college credit. This was Dr. Holz's sixth visit to Panama, where some striking changes seem to be taking place. The country has become an international banking center due to very liberal banking laws—over 187 banks now have branches or offices in Panama City. Tourism is down markedly, but this is apparently true for all of Central America. The number of ships passing through the Panama Canal is down from about 40 per day to 22 to 25, which may be due in part to the new oil pipeline that extends across the isthmus and reduces the number of tankers making the passage.

Finally, there seem to be some social changes taking place, with fewer people on the streets in the evenings walking, riding buses, and shopping. This could be due in part to the arrival of cable television in Panama, with sports, news, and movie channels available throughout Panama City. There are many new high-rise buildings and the city looks generally cleaner than in the past. Although the historic canal zone no longer exists by law, it is, in fact, still in being as a sharp change in land use. There has been some movement into the "zone" but not as much nor as dramatic as most observers predicted.

Prof. K. David Jackson (Spanish and Portuguese) has been awarded a Fulbright grant from the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars for lecturing at the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, in their graduate course in Brazilian literature from August through December 1984. He will also take part in a panel at the Sociedade Brasileira pela Promoção das Ciências on teaching Brazilian literature in other countries, at their meeting to be held in São Paulo in July. Prof. Jackson was invited to participate in a symposium at Yale University in April on the Brazilian writer Guimarães Rosa. His article, "Hallucinate Bahia: Precursors of Modernism in Pedro Kilkerry," is being published by Indiana University in a volume on Brazilian literary symbolism with a critical study by Ana Balakian. He will also serve as guest editor of a special issue of *Latin American Literary Review* on Brazilian literature, planned for 1986.

Prof. William V. Jackson (Library and Information Science) and Dr. Benjamin Whitten (former USIS librarian in Paris) are the coeditors of a new book, *Library and Information Science in France: A 1983 Overview*. The idea came to them as a result of Prof. Jackson's several trips to Paris to research Latin American resources at the Bibliothèque Nationale. Nine invited articles by leading French experts on library and information science are contained in the study. Prof. Jackson will return to Paris this summer for further field research, aided by grants from the University Research Institute and from ILAS.

Prof. Frances Karttunen (Linguistics) was a guest lecturer during March for a series of gallery talks for the "Sign, Symbol, Script" exhibit at the Texas Memorial Museum. The topic of Prof. Karttunen's lecture was "New World Literacy," in which she explained the approaches to writing systems in the New World and the impact of the introduction of alphabetic writing by Europeans.

Prof. Ramón Layera (Spanish and Portuguese) has been awarded an ILAS-Tinker Summer Field Research grant that will enable him to travel this summer in Mexico to do research and archival work at the Centro de Información Teatral Rodolfo Usigli. During April, Prof. Layera gave a lecture on "Contemporary Mexican Theater" on the UT-San Antonio campus. His article "Dos dimensiones del teatro mexicano actual" has been accepted by the *Latin American Research Review*.

Prof. Naomi Lindstrom (Spanish and Portuguese) gave a lecture on April 19 at the University of Houston on "Argentine Jewish Writers." She was also an invited speaker at a conference entitled "Jazz Age/Transatlantic Connections: The State of the Humanities in the 1920s," which was sponsored by the Graduate Humanities Committee of the Graduate College, the University of Arizona. This summer, Prof. Lindstrom will give a paper on "Problems in Analysis of 1920s Argentine Avant-Garde Texts" at the International Applied Linguistics Association meeting in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. E. V. Niemeyer, Jr. (assistant program coordinator,

Office for Mexican Studies) attended the SCOLAS meeting held at Pan American University, Edinburg, on March 22-24, where he presented a paper on "William F. Buckley, Sr. A Conservative Views the Mexican Revolution," and participated in a panel discussion of the role of Latin Americanists as advisers to governmental agencies. While there he also spoke on "U.S.-Mexico Relations" at the monthly meeting of the McAllen Chapter 1441 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Dr. Dave Oliphant (editor of publications, HRC) has been invited to read his translations of the poetry of Enrique Lihn as well as his own poetry at the San Antonio Arts Festival on June 3 in Beethoven Hall. His collection of translations of Lihn's poetry was published in 1977 by Texas Portfolio Press and is entitled *If Poetry Is To Be Written Right*. Some of these translations have appeared in *Giant Talk* (Random House, 1975), *Chicago Review*, and most recently in *The New Orleans Review* (1982).

Prof. Stanley R. Ross (History; coordinator, Office for Mexican Studies) was honored at ceremonies in Mexico City in which he was selected for entry into the Mexican Academy of History. Dr. Ross presented his entry entitled "The Case of the Prerevolutionary Newspaper: The Son of the Ghost (Alamos, Sonora), 1909-1910. Josefina Vázquez, Mexican scholar and former visiting professor at UT-Austin, responded for the academy.

During March, Dr. Ross attended the planning meeting for the fourth binational symposium on border studies to be sponsored jointly by ANUIES/PROFMEX.

The summer will find Prof. Ross attending the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of PROFMEX in Cozumel, Mexico, and taking part in the Final Conference on Industrial Strategy and Policy to be held in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Prof. Henry Selby (Anthropology) will be spending a couple of months in Mexico, both in the *zona metropolitana* where he keeps his U.S. \$20/month apartment (worth every penny, but not a centimo more), and part of the time in Oaxaca where he will be checking out his jointly authored study on life in the cities of Mexico. Manuscripts are threatened!

Prof. George Wing (Spanish and Portuguese) participated in a Simposio del Teatro Internacional, Español y Mexicano during the first part of April in San Diego. He also read a paper entitled "El gesticulador, or Waiting for Zapata" at the symposium, which was sponsored by San Diego State University and the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California. Prof. Wing was, we are proud to announce, recently elected vice-president of the International Jorge Luis Borges Society.

Prof. Robert C. Witt (Finance) will become chairman of the Finance Department of UT-Austin in September 1984, and will also receive the Alpha Kappa Psi Award at the American Risk and Insurance Association meeting to be held in Minneapolis in August. The award is given for the best paper published 10 years ago in risk management and insurance that has withstood the test of time.

ALUMNI NEWS

Marvin Alisky (Ph.D. Communications and LAS), a member of the faculty at Arizona State University in Tempe, has been appointed by the White House to the Board of Foreign Scholarships, the governmental organization that oversees most federally funded academic exchange programs.

(Note: ILAS alumni are designated in the *Newsletter* with their degree and department in parentheses following their name.)

Ivan Arce (M.A. Economics and LAS) is now working with the Central Bank of Bolivia.

Robert E. Driscoll (M.A. LAS) has resigned as executive director of the Fund for Multinational Management Education (FMME), although he will still serve as a vice-president of the organization and will be adding to his duties the formation and initial management of the U.S.-ASEAN Center for Technology Exchange. The purpose of the center is to assist ASEAN firms in improving their use of technology through training and technical assistance efforts.

NEWS OF FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

ILAS welcomes the following new Friends of the Institute: **Dr. Anna C. Miller** of San Antonio and **Mr. C. B. Smith** of Austin.

Keynote speaker for the Southwestern Symposium on Minorities in Engineering held in March was **John Bookout**, president of Shell Oil Company and ILAS Friend. The symposium consisted of a series of panel discussions with legislators, educators, government and industry representatives, and students.

Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, Nobel Prize winner in 1970 for his work in plant genetics, has been appointed distinguished professor of international agriculture at Texas A&M University. He will have a joint appointment with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences and Plant Sciences. Borlaug, who retired in 1979 as head of the wheat research program for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico, will give lectures and consult with wheat researchers in Texas; in addition, Texas A&M and CYMMT will cooperate in research projects.

Mrs. Henry Hall, member of the Friends of ILAS Steering Committee, has been reelected to the Board of Trustees of Bee County Community College in Beeville.

Mrs. Margaret Guerreiro, a Friends of ILAS member in Houston, is in charge of the annual "Carnival" benefit for Amigos of Houston, which will be featuring the Amigos health program in Mexico this year.

Richard Rubottom, ILAS Friend and former ambassador, is coauthor of a new book on Spain, published by Praeger, entitled *Spain and the United States: Since World War II*.



STAFF NEWS

Shirley A. Burleson, long-time ILAS staff member, will receive her 15-year Service Award in ceremonies to be held May 3 in the LBJ Auditorium. Congratulations!

Congratulations are also in order for **Abraham Torres**, publications coordinator at ILAS, who will receive a University of Texas Excellence Award in the same ceremonies on May 3.

We are certainly proud of the dedication and hard work of these staff members.

RIVERA EXHIBIT IN PHOENIX

"Diego Rivera: The Cubist Years" is an exhibition of the well-known muralist's earlier cubist period, making its inaugural run at the Phoenix Art Museum through April 29. The idea for this showing goes back several years to the time when **Ramón Favela**, guest curator and former UT-Austin doctoral student, was preparing a dissertation on Rivera's cubism. Favela saw this little-known work as a potentially important exhibition and proposed the idea to Ron Hickman, then director of the Phoenix Art Museum.

Organized by current museum director James K. Ballinger and his staff in conjunction with the Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes in Mexico City and guest curator Favela, the show consists of 78 paintings and will be moving to several other locations after its closing in Phoenix: The IBM Gallery of Science and Art in New York, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Museum of Modern Art in Mexico City.

(Source: "Diego Rivera's Cubist Roots, Karen Monson, *The Wall Street Journal*, April 3, 1984, p. 28.)

ILAS-MELLON SUMMER GRANTS AWARDED

The following off-campus faculty have been awarded ILAS-Mellon grants for research of Latin American topics.

Jack Corbett (Political Science, Southwest Texas State University), "Patterns of Change in Rural Mexico, 1940-1980"

John M. Hart (History, University of Houston), "Texas and Mexico: The Dynamics of Economic Expansion, 1876-1920"

Malena Kuss (Music, North Texas State University), "Nationalism in 19th and 20th Century Art Music"

Fernando García Núñez (Spanish, UT-El Paso), "Mexican Prose Fiction for the Years 1982 and 1983"

Gerald Theisen (History, Eastern New Mexico University), "Mexican Textbook Evaluation"

W. Marvin Will (Political Science, University of Tulsa), "Crescents of Conflict: International Politics in the Caribbean Basin"

Richard D. Woods (Foreign Languages, Trinity University), "Mexican Autobiography"

Each of these grantees will be in Austin during part of the

summer and will give a public lecture on his or her research topic. Anyone interested in contacting these scholars during their stays may do so through Ms. Pat Boone, the administrative assistant at ILAS.

On-campus ILAS-Mellon grants were awarded to the following.

Robert Brody (Spanish and Portuguese), "Narrative Strategy of the *Commentarios Reales*"

John W. F. Dulles (Latin American Studies), "Carlos Lacerda: A Biography"

Merlin Forster (Spanish and Portuguese), "The Avant-Garde in Latin American Literature (1920-1945)"

William Jackson (Graduate School of Library Science), "Latin American Resources at the Bibliothèque Nationale"

George Schade (Spanish and Portuguese), "Modernistas en España: Crónicas, memorias, diarios, y literatura de viajes"

Richard Schaedel (Anthropology), "A Recapitulation of the Settlement Pattern Study of Prehispanic North Coast Peru"

Karl Schmitt (Government), "Mexico-U.S. Relations: Decision Making in the Claims Treaty of 1941-42"

Joel Sherzer (Anthropology), "A Contextual Grammar of Kuna"

Carter Wheelock (Spanish and Portuguese), "Borges' 'Magical Causality' in the Fiction of Cortázar"

George Wing (Spanish and Portuguese), "The Short Novel of the 1950s and 1960s in Mexico: A Critical Reappraisal"

OFFICE FOR MESOAMERICAN STUDIES NEWS

1984 Maya Meetings Meet Great Success

March 9-17 marked the annual focus by ILAS on deciphering the hieroglyphic writing system of the Maya Indians of Mexico and Central America. These annual meetings, which began in 1977, now consist of three separate parts: the Introduction to the Workshop, the Workshop on Maya Hieroglyphic Writing, and the Advanced Seminar on Maya Hieroglyphic Writing.

The Introduction was given by Dr. George E. Stuart (National Geographic Society), the speaker for this popular lecture since 1980. In addition to Stuart's discussion of ancient Maya culture, the evening also contained a surprise lecture by Dr. Tom Jones (Humboldt State University). While participating in last year's advanced seminar, Dr. Jones had noticed the similarity to pronunciation between the English word "shark" and the Mayan word "xoc" for the same fearsome creature. During the intervening year Dr. Jones researched the background of the English word and discovered that indeed it derived from the Mayan term, being first used in England by Hawkins' pirates, who survived a tumultuous series of raids and battles off the Gulf coast of Mexico, where they learned the name from the Maya Indians.

The VIII Workshop, held March 10-11, was conducted by Dr. Linda Schele, the speaker at all Workshops since the series inception in 1977. This was followed on March 12-17 by the II Advanced Seminar, a session added in 1983 to accommodate the many people who had already attended several workshops and wanted to explore the complexities of glyphic script by making their own studies and decipherments. The meeting was held under the supervision and direction of Dr. Schele. An orderly mob of more than 40 persons, the Advanced Seminar group proceeded to take over every spare inch of available space at the institute for the entire week of the spring break, filling up the seminar rooms and spilling out to work at tables up and down the hall. The participants started arriving as soon as the building was opened each morning, and some stayed until midnight every night—the excitement and pleasure they derived from their work was evident to all.

Dates for the 1985 Maya meetings at Texas have not yet been set, but are expected to be at a time similar to this year. There are hints, however, that for next year still another type of meeting, different from the three currently being held, may be added, making these gatherings in Austin even more important to all those interested in the decipherment of Maya hieroglyphic writing.

MEXICAN AMERICAN CENTER NEWS

Prof. **Rodolfo O. de la Garza** (Government; CMAS director) traveled to Mexico City during March to present a paper at a meeting jointly sponsored by the Mexican Senate and the Universidad Autónoma de México on politics and the legislative process. Prof. de la Garza was the only participant from the United States invited to take part in the meeting.

Prof. **José Limón** (Anthropology) will read a paper entitled "Language Policy, Mexican-Americans, and the American Public Utilization of Ethnolinguistic Vitality: A Reply to Nathan Glazer," at Colorado College on May 16.

MEXICAN AMERICAN CENTER RECEIVES GRANT

UT-Austin's Center for Mexican American Studies has announced its participation in an Inter-University Program in Chicano/Puerto Rican Research. Three other centers, two in California and one in New York, will be involved in this program, which has received grants from the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation, and the Tinker Foundation.

According to the center's director, Prof. **Rodolfo O. de la Garza**, the purpose of this program is to assist the faculty associated with the centers in promoting and developing coordinated research proposals focusing on the Mexican American and Puerto Rican populations. Possible projects include a demographic analysis of growth, distribution and change among Hispanics in four major urban regions of the United States; a study of the role of Hispanics in regional

labor markets; and an examination of the relationship between 'sending' communities in Puerto Rico and Mexico and 'receiving' communities in the United States.

Because this type of research has implications of regional and national public policy, an important aspect of the program will be the inclusion of representatives from national and regional Hispanic advocacy and service organizations and elected Hispanic leaders in regular assessments of the research and its implications.

HISPANIC MEDIA SURVEY RECEIVES FUNDING

A study comparing Hispanic and non-Hispanic media preferences has been conducted this spring at UT-Austin, funded by a grant from the Gannett Foundation of Rochester, New York. The study focuses on the results of a bilingual telephone survey of 1,000 Texas Hispanic and non-Hispanic adults, conducted by 21 bilingual graduate student interviewers. Among the questions asked respondents were: To what extent do Hispanics accept and use the new technologies such as cable television and home computers? To what extent do Hispanics prefer or depend on bilingual or Spanish-language media? To what extent do Hispanics use the traditional media such as newspapers, radio, magazines, and television?

Study coordinators hope that the data obtained will 'further their knowledge of the media preferences of this important group of citizens, thus helping to clarify the 'impact which Hispanics will have on the United States media.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

The Portuguese section of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese sponsored a lecture by Prof. Luciana Stegagno Picchio of the University of Rome on April 20 on the topic 'Antropofagia no Brasil—em todos os sentidos. Prof. Picchio met with Portuguese students at the weekly 'bate-papo' on her way to be a visiting professor at the University of California-Santa Barbara Jorge de Sena Center of Portuguese Studies.

Portuguese students Adria Frizzi (Spanish and Portuguese) and Cacilda Herold (Latin American studies) have won the scholarships for summer language study in Portugal, which are offered by the Instituto de Língua e Cultura Portuguesa and are awarded each spring in a competition by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

LATIN AMERICAN THEATER IN AUSTIN

"Tres sombreros de copa' ("Three Top Hats"), a comedy written by Miguel Mihura, was performed April 26-28 in Batts Hall Auditorium by students in the UT-Austin Department of Spanish and Portuguese. The play combined complicated encounters, entertainment, and jealousy in a

vaudevillian style, to make it one of Mihura's most popular plays.

On April 29, at 7:30 p.m. El Teatro de la Esperana from Santa Barbara, California, presented its newest bilingual play, 'La Loteria, at the B. Iden Payne Theater in the Drama Building.

Cinco de Mayo theatrical presentations include a full evening of vignettes by El Retablo Tejano and the Chicano Studies teatro class on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the Opera Lab Theater. Admission is free.

'The Trial of Juan Beltrán, a new play in two acts by Austin writer William Hallman, will open at Capitol City Playhouse on June 21. The play is set in Argentina during the late 1970s, a time when Hallman worked as a political officer in the American Embassy in Buenos Aires.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The Miami Report

The Miami Report, a compilation of views and recommendations of Miami's community leaders on U.S.-Latin American and Caribbean policy, has just been released by the University of Miami's Institute of Interamerican Studies. The first part of the report focuses on the problems generated by Latin America's much-publicized financial crisis, and includes suggestions on debt management, direct private investment, trade, and financial assistance. In the second part, the Caribbean and Central America, as Miami's closest neighbors, are examined in terms of democratization, human rights, reform, instability, immigration, education, and the politico-military implications of Cuban-Soviet activity within the region.

Copies of *The Miami Report* are available from the *Director of Publications, IIAS, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Miami, 1531 Brescia, Coral Gables, FL 33124.*

MEXICO

Mexico is a nation experiencing significant technological progress while the problems associated with rapid population growth and poverty continue. The current economy suffers from instability caused by the fluctuations in the oil market, which severely affect Mexico's balance of payments and international debts. Yet Mexico is a country rich in natural resources and history.

Number 48 in the *World Bibliographical Series, Mexico* is a selective bibliography of materials addressing all aspects of Mexican life and culture. Topics include geography, flora and fauna, history, Indians, language, religion, social conditions, economy, the arts, and emigration. Naomi Robbins, former science librarian at the Pratt Institute, is compiler of the volume, which was edited by Sheila R. Herstein. For further information on this recent publication, contact *Ann L. Hartman, ABC-CLIO, Riviera Campus, 2040 A.P.S. Box 4397, Santa Barbara, CA 93103.*

UT PRESS PUBLICATION RECEIVES AWARD

A book published by The University of Texas Press has been named recipient of the 1983 Howard Francis Cline Memorial Prize by the Conference on Latin American History. *The Indian Christ, the Indian King: The Historical Substrate of Maya Myth and Ritual*, written by Victoria Reifler Bricker, is an original critique of postconquest historiography about the Maya. It challenges major assumptions about the relationships between myth and history, focusing on ethnic conflict.

The book drew praise from *Choice* magazine, which called it "a major work, with the potential of becoming a classic." The magazine later named Prof. Bricker's publication as an outstanding academic book in 1982-83. The author is general editor of the *Supplement to the Handbook of Middle American Indians* series and the author of *Ritual Humor in Highland Chiapas*, all published by UT Press.

VISITORS TO THE INSTITUTE

Distinguished visitors to the institute included Samuel Armistead, who was at UT-Austin to speak on Sephardic balladry in the New World and his fieldwork gathering examples of this ballad tradition; Nancy Dyer, of Texas A&M University's Modern Languages Department; Brady Tyson, of American University, Washington, DC; Crenza Maciel and Sona Waisman of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Paul Collins, of the Political Science Department, Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

STUDENT NEWS

Government Department doctoral student Alfredo Rehren has received a fellowship from the Inter-American Foundation for a year's research in Chile, where he will be studying their local government.

Opportunity Knocks

Two scholarships are being offered by the Pan American Round Tables of Texas for women graduate students, one for Texas residents and one for residents of the thirty-one Pan American countries other than the United States.

Qualifications for the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship for a Texas applicant to study in a Latin American country include a bachelor's degree, a teacher in a high school, or a college professor interested in improving her Spanish language skills, who is willing to return and utilize the training in a Texas community. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States and a legal resident of Texas. The grant is for \$1,400.

Qualifications for the Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship for a resident in one of the Pan American countries other than the U.S. include a bachelor's degree or the equivalent, doing work on a master's degree or equivalent. Preference will be given to students who will return to their

native country at the end of the school term upon receiving that degree to utilize the training. This grant is also for \$1,400.

For further information, contact *Joan Yaffe, Student Office, SRH 1.301.*

LASPAU SCHOLARS AT UT

Twenty students sponsored by LASPAU (Latin American Scholarship Program of American Universities) from six Latin American nations are currently receiving English language training and orientation in the Intensive English Program of UT-Austin. The LASPAU scholars are professors in their home countries primarily in the fields of engineering, computer science, or food technology, and are available for meetings with Austin civic groups and other organizations on campus and in the city. Following completion of the Intensive English Program in August 1984, they will enroll in master's-level programs in various institutions within the United States. Scholars include the following.

Ary Fernando Bustamante Muñoz (Colombia)
 Luis F. Ceballos Encarnación (Dominican Republic)
 José Chaves Mineros (Honduras)
 Victor Estrella Núñez (Dominican Republic)
 Manuel González Díaz (Panama)
 Jorge Lara Tejada (Panama)
 Rosa Mitzi Lluberes Santana (Dominican Republic)
 Mirtha Moore de Pasquale (Panama)
 Aldo W. Morales Ordóñez (Peru)
 Francisco J. Mosquera Robbin (Colombia)
 Francisco Pacheco Covarrubias (Mexico)
 Alvaro Orlando Pedroza Rojas (Colombia)
 Dagoberto M. Peña (Dominican Republic)
 Tirso Tomás Peña Sanatana (Dominican Republic)
 Guillermo Pineda Rojas (Honduras)
 Dimas Portillo López (Panama)
 Ana Teresa Quintero Pinzón (Panama)
 Virgilio Rodríguez Núñez (Dominican Republic)
 Julio Ricardo Santos Vargas (Dominican Republic)
 David Zamora Gómez (Panama)

Eight LASPAU scholars are enrolled in graduate academic programs at UT-Austin.

Manuel Betancourt (Mexico), Latin American Studies
 Carlos Chon (Ecuador), Civil Engineering
 José del Cid (Honduras), Sociology
 Daniel Díaz Ayala (Mexico), Community and Regional Planning
 Oswaldo Aldaz Palacios (Ecuador), Chemistry
 Alda Oliveira (Brazil), Music
 Jarmy Oliveira (Brazil), Music
 Ricardo Salvatore (Argentina), Economics

LASPAU is an administrative organization that works with various scholarship and funding agencies (USIA/Fulbright, AID), Latin American and Caribbean public sector entities, and multilateral institutions such as World Bank

and the Inter-American Development Bank to provide advanced training to Latin American scholars and administrators with the purpose of upgrading the teaching, research, and administrative staffs of Latin American institutions.

LASPAU scholars attending the Intensive English Program and UT-Austin may be contacted through the International Office, where their program is under the immediate supervision of Ms. Maggie Pinson, an ILAS master's degree program graduate, and director of the International Office, Dr. Joe W. Neal, who is also a member of the ILAS faculty.

GIFTS TO THE INSTITUTE

The following publications have been received by the institute and forwarded to the Benson Latin American Collection for cataloging.

Revista andina, vol. 1, September 1983, Cusco, Peru. (new publication)

Nuevo humanismo, 2. Revista del Centro de Estudios Generales Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica.

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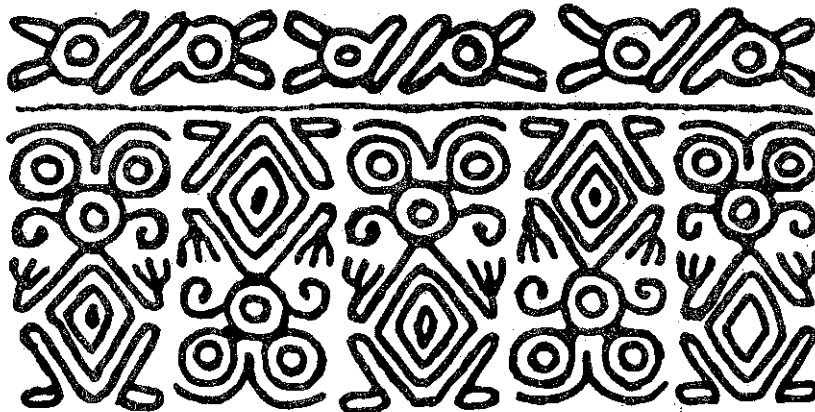
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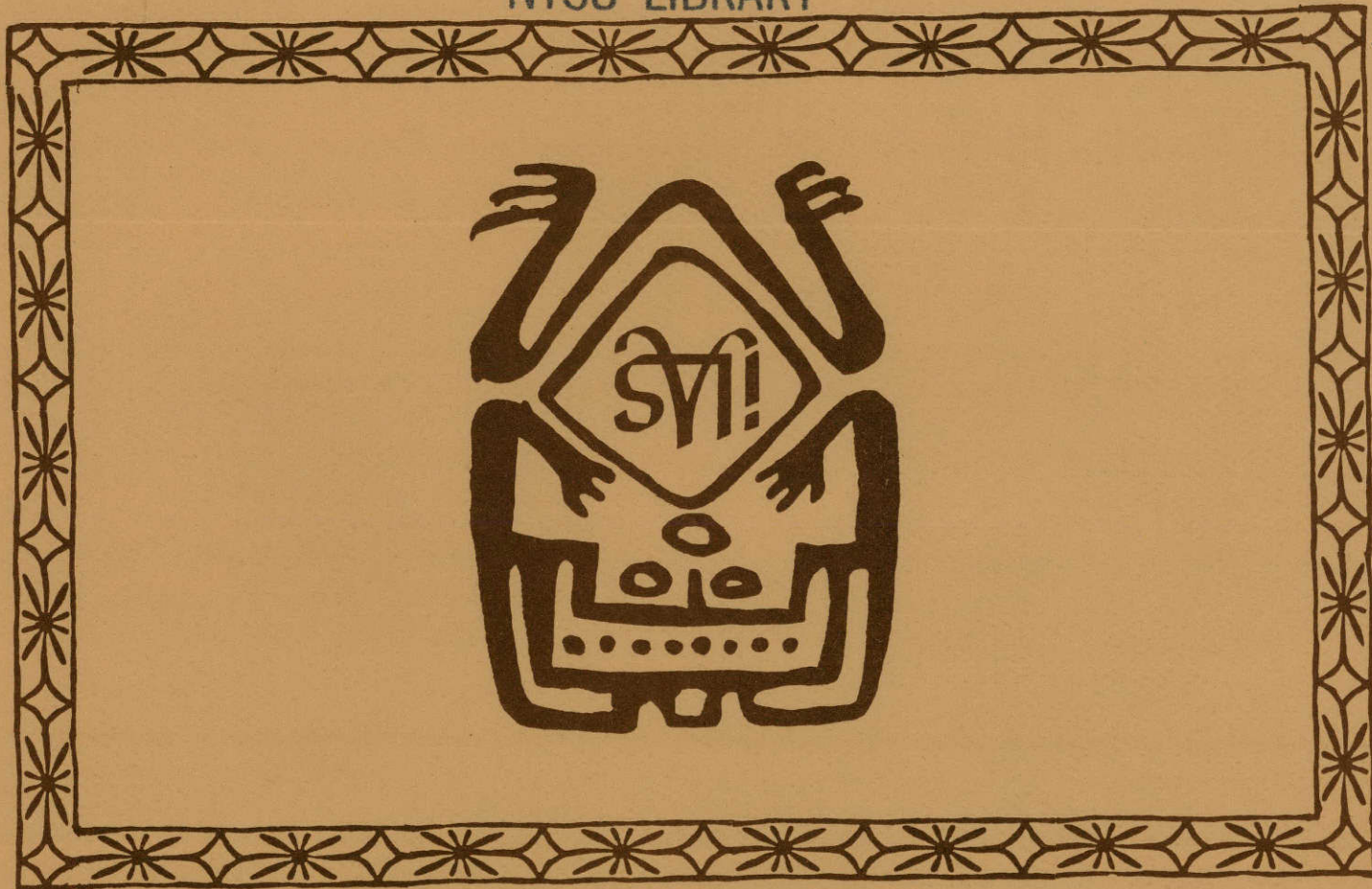
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