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MEMBERS APPROVE VOTE FOR GRAD STUDENTS:

At the end of May the LASA Secretariat mailed out over 700 ballots to all Members of record at that time. In September the ballots voted and returned were counted by LASA's Ballot Counting Committee. Chairman Manoel Cardozo reported that there were 249 votes in favor of the amendment and 144 against. These results were reported to the Executive Council during its September meeting. The Council then instructed the Secretariat to include qualified graduate students in the membership which would vote by mail on nine resolutions submitted to the Second National Meeting.

The constitutional change approved by a substantial majority of those voting specifies that Graduate Student Associates are to be defined on the basis of completed academic work toward the highest professional degree attainable in his or her chosen discipline. It also specifies "declared intention to devote substantial attention to Latin America during his future career" and certification by his or her graduate student advisor as well as approval by the Membership Committee to be necessary to qualify as a Graduate Student Associate.

Currently LASA has about 800 Members and about 250 Graduate Student Associates who joined before the constitutional revision was passed.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR LASA'S THIRD NATIONAL MEETING: Henry A. Landsberger has been named by the Executive Council as Program Chairman for LASA's Third National Meeting. Also serving on the Program Committee are Eldon Kenworthy, Cornell University and Martin Stabb, Pennsylvania State University. Professor Landsberger has made the following announcement to the membership:

The Program Planning Committee for LASA's Third National Meeting (November, 1971) invites all interested members to submit ideas and suggestions.

The committee will have available the equivalent of two mornings, and one afternoon (and possibly one evening). During each of these periods it plans to have three parallel sessions. Two of the nine sessions will be utilized by the Consortium of the Latin American Studies' Programs to deal with topics such as the current role and status of Latin American Studies, the organization of interdisciplinary courses, etc.

The Program Planning Committee has some tentative ideas for panels e.g. "Militarism: new? old?"; "The politics of economic development and economic integration"; "The changing face of the Latin American left"; "Catholicism and religious change in Latin America"; "Literature and Society in Latin America"; "The population situation: facts, interpretations and policies". However, the Committee will be only too glad to modify, supplement and eliminate from this list in the light of suggestions from members.

We do have certain policy directions (again: not to be adhered to rigidly). (1) We would like to see contributions from the social sciences and from the humanities appear on the same panel where appropriate (e.g. "The military in the writings of authors X and Y"). (2) We would like to see different views appear on the same panel (without precluding separate sessions for those groups who wish to organize them). (3) We would like to see Latin American culture and art be an integral part of the program. (4) We would like Latin American scholars and artists to be involved.

May we ask you to (1) let us know topics which you would like to see discussed, either separately or as part of a more general panel; (2) suggest the names of persons who might be asked to prepare papers on these topics; and, (3) the names of Latin American scholars likely to be in this country and able to attend the meeting in November 1971; (4) let us know if you are willing to prepare a paper. In the latter case, please send us a 750 word resume by Dec. 1, specifying the paper's thesis, the kind of data to be used so that we can tailor-make the program in part around areas in which the supply of good papers seems to be plentiful. (send to: Henry A. Landsberger, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27514).

The Planning Committee will meet in Washington early in December to draw up final plans, based on members' suggestions and our own ideas. Invited papers insofar as they are appropriate will be requested during December and January. Selection of papers will also be made during that period and notification sent out, hopefully by February 1st or 15th. A final program should be available by March 1, 1971.

THIRD NATIONAL MEETING: Stanley Ross, Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies, has invited LASA to hold its next National Meeting at the University of Texas in Austin, December 2-5, 1971. On November 5, LASA President John J. Johnson announced that the Executive Council had accepted the invitation with pleasure. Further details will be announced in future issues of the Newsletter.

SECOND NATIONAL MEETING: Attendance at the Second National Meeting in Washington, D.C. was nearly 500 including members, visitors and press. Paid registrations included 223 Members, 53 Associates, 42 Graduate Student Associates and 144 non-members, many of whom have joined LASA since the April, 1970 meeting.

CAST YOUR VOTE: The Ballot Counting Committee has already received 386 ballots casting votes on the nine resolutions submitted to the Second National Meeting. Ballots will be counted in January. There is still time to express your opinion on matters before the Association.

LOST LASA MEMBERS: We have lost contact with the people named below. If you know the current address of one or more, please advise the LASA Secretariat.

JOHN BAIRD, Simon Fraser Univ., British Columbia, Canada; MARY ELIZABETH BIRD, Madrid, Spain; OCTAVIO CORVALAN, Wesleyan Univ., Conn.; PEDRO R. DAVID, Buenos Aires, Argentina; WILLIAM DENNIS JR., Univ. of Florida, Gainesville; G. ROBERTSON DILG, Spencer, Indiana; WALKYRIA FERNANDEZ-LARRAZ, New York City; RICHARD FROST, Live Oak, Florida; LUCRECIA H. GRANDA, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor; JOYCE HOWLAND, Nashville, Tenn.; MARCUS TEODORO KAPLAN, Santiago, Chile; LARRY LARSON, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; J. H. LAUER, Madison, Wisconsin; WALTER MERTENS, Chestnut Hill, Mass.; EMILIO F. MIGNONE, Silver Spring, Md.; JOHN V. MONSOUR, Univ. of Massachusetts; GUY EDWARD POITRAS, Commerce, Texas; MRS. WILLIAM REMY, San Antonio, Texas; AGNES E. TOWARD, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; FLORENDO VILLA-ALVAREZ, Stockton, California; and VICTOR WALTER, Columbus, Georgia.

ECOLOGICAL NOTE: To conserve paper and promote LASA, show this issue to at least two colleagues before discarding or recycling it.

The Inter-American Education Association held a series of planning sessions in New York City Oct. 12-16. The association is made up of about 500 primary and secondary schools of which 65 are in the United States. The I.A.E.A. maintains offices in Buenos Aires and New York, and fosters the interests of private schools in western hemisphere countries.

SELA: Dr. Edward D. Terry, Director, Latin American Studies Program and Professor of Romance Languages, University of Alabama, has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the South Eastern Conference on Latin American Studies and Editor of the *South Eastern Latin Americanist (SELA)*, the quarterly publication of the SECOLAS. Dr. Terry will serve a three year term.

PERU EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COMMITTEE (PERC): The Peru Earthquake Relief Committee (PERC) was formed in June to provide direct redevelopment assistance to small communities stricken by the tragedy of May 31, 1970. PERC was organized by persons, many of them LASA members, who have long been associated with Peru. Because of their personal acquaintanceships with the stricken region they have been able to work directly with community level organizations and institutions such as schools and cooperatives, particularly in the highlands. Donors' cash contributions are used to provide tools and equipment that communities want and can use. In Peru, PERC is working with the *Comite Pro-desarrollo de Pueblos Damnificados (CPDPD)*. PERC field reports and project catalog are available upon request from: PERC, Suite 310, 1755 Mass. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036. Paul L. Doughty (Indiana University) is PERC Field Coordinator.

WOODROW WILSON FELLOW: H. Jon Rosenbaum, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Wellesley College, has been granted a fellowship by the new Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and is spending the current academic year at the Center in Washington, D.C.

In a statement issued on August 26, 1970, the *Comite Pro-Defensa del Indio* of Bogota, Colombia, condemned what it termed persecution and torture of Indians in the Department of Meta. The statement specifies with names and locations nine instances in which Indians have been tortured and killed. It also mentions an *El Tiempo* news article describing an assault on Indians by a rebel group. The *Comite* says that the newspaper report is inaccurate, and that the Indians mentioned in the report are victims of the Army. Membership of the Committee for Defense of the Indians includes three sociologists, one anthropologist, a parish priest, a social worker and a physician.

NEW CLASP CHAIRMAN: Robert Potash, History, University of Massachusetts has been elected chairman of the Committee on Latin American Studies Programs for the calendar year 1971. He succeeds Martin C. Needler, University of New Mexico, in this post.

NEW SECOLAS ANNALS: Volume 1, No. 1, of the *Annals of the Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies* has recently been published. The 183-page issue includes articles by Charles W. Wagley, John D. Martz, Roland H. Ebel, James D. Cochrane, David Bushnell, John W. Freels, Jr., Roland E. Chardon, Eric N. Baklanoff, Wesley P. Newton and Harold A. Bierck.

There are also articles by Victor Alba, Harold Isaacs, Craig L. Dozier and Raymond E. Crist. Eugene R. Huck, West Georgia College, is both Editor of the *Annals* and President of SECOLAS. The new publication provides a means of preserving a permanent record of papers read at the SECOLAS annual meeting.

NEW COUNCIL IN NEW ENGLAND: The newly formed New England Council of Latin American Studies elected officers in May: Hugh M. Hamill, Jr. (University of Connecticut), president; Kenneth J. Rothwell (University of New Hampshire), vice-president; and Milton I. Vanger (Brandeis University), executive secretary. Other members of the Executive Council are Lewis Hanke (University of Massachusetts), John Griffin Leshner (graduate school at the Fletcher School), Anthony P. Maingot (Yale University), Arpad Von Lazer (The Fletcher School), and H. Jon Rosenbaum (Wellesley College).

WISCONSIN COUNCIL: New officers of the Wisconsin Council of Latin Americanists are: President: Kenneth J. Grieb, (History, Wisconsin State U. at Oshkosh); Vice-President: Gerald Flynn, (Spanish and Portuguese, U. of Wisconsin at Milwaukee); Secretary-Treasurer: Alexander Hooker, (Modern Languages, Ripon College); Program Chairman: Virgil Holder, (Geography, Wisconsin State U. at LaCrosse); Chairman, Communications Committee: Armando Alonso, (Modern Languages, Viterbo College); and Chairman, Nominating Committee: Max Manwaring, (Political Science, Wisconsin State U. at Platteville).

VISITING SCHOLAR: Jorge Alberto Capriata D'Auro, Peruvian political scientist educated at U.S. universities, will be visiting Vanderbilt University during the spring semester, 1971. His research interests include political party leadership in Peru, political ideologies and political behavior of Peruvian interest groups and elite attitudes in urban Mexico. Professor Capriata D'Auro is currently head of the social science department of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru. (Information from William H. Nicholls, Director, Vanderbilt Graduate Center for Latin American Studies.)

POSSIBLE VISITING SCHOLAR: Dr. Milton Santos, a Brazilian geographer, has expressed an interest in spending the 1971-72 academic year in the United States. He holds doctorates from the University of Strasbourg (1958) and the University of Bahia (1960). During 1968-70 he was associate professor of geography at the Sorbonne and director of a research group at the University of Paris. Before 1964 he had an outstanding academic career in Brazilian geography, and since the revolution he has been active in academic life in France. (Curriculum vitae available on request from the LASA Secretariat)

MOVEMENT OF PROFESSIONALS:

Weston H. Agor (Political Science) from Wisconsin State University to Grand Valley State College, Wisconsin

Jorge de Sena (Spanish and Portuguese) from University of Wisconsin to University of California, Santa Barbara

Henry F. Dobyns from Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky to the Center for Anthropological Studies at Prescott College, Arizona

Ellen Howell Myers (History) from Oklahoma State University to San Antonio College, Texas

Herbert R. Minnich (Sociology) from Goshen College to Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

William D. Raat from History Department, Moorhead State College, Minnesota to History Department at State University of New York at Fredonia

Jack R. Rollwagen from The Catholic University of America to the State University of New York at Brockport

Ilan Vertinsky from School of Business, Northwestern University to the Center for Resource Science, University of British Columbia

Phil C. Weigand (Anthropology) from Southern Illinois University to State University of New York at Stony Brook

Two new Latin Americanists at the University of California, Riverside are: Leon G. Campbell, Department of History, and Mario Barrera, Department of Political Science.

Princeton University has the following additions to the staff of Romance Languages in the Latin American area: Antonio Alatorre and Sylvia Molloy.

Three Latin Americanists who have joined the faculty of Stanford University are Professor Alex Inkeles, School of Education; Professor John Kerr, Department of Spanish and Portuguese and Professor Renato Rosaldo, Department of Anthropology. Professor Frank Bonilla, who joined the Stanford faculty last year has taken up residence this fall after returning from Brazil where he was doing research. Yale Professors Richard Morse and Emy de Pradines (Morse) will each teach one course at Stanford during the Winter quarter.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: LASA President John J. Johnson has recently sent letters to all Institutional Representatives of the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) asking them to seek new members for LASA on their campus.

INTER-AMERICAN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE: The new Inter-American Social Development Institute (ISDI) is currently in the process of organization. On August 17, the White House announced the names of the seven men President Nixon nominated for the Board of Directors of the new Institute. On August 19, the White House released a statement by the President saying that \$10,000,000 had been made available for the Institute's initial operations. The statement said, "The Institute will be limited in size and scope of operations to help keep it on a path of creative innovation. It will be separate from existing government agencies and it will not have personnel permanently assigned abroad. It is my hope that the Institute will develop a fresh approach to support new and experimental efforts by private organizations to contribute to social and institutional development, particularly in the areas of education and agriculture."

The Board of Directors was confirmed by the Senate on September 18 and held its first meeting in November. During the coming weeks it will be exploring operational options and criteria for programs with experts in various aspects of Latin American social development.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF PERSONS: Now available from the Committee on International Exchange of Persons and the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. 20418, is a booklet entitled "Foreign Scholars Available for Appointments in U.S. Universities and Colleges".

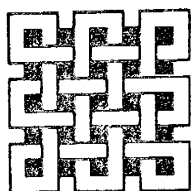
The recently published announcement of Senior Fulbright-Hays awards for 1971-72 lists over sixty opportunities for university lecturing in Latin America in a variety of subject fields. Interested persons should write to the Committee on International Exchange of Persons for copies of the announcement and application forms. Persons interested in receiving announcements for future years are invited to fill out a Registration Form available from the Committee.

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