

AWARD TO LASA PRESIDENT: Federico G. Gil, Director of the Institute for Latin American Studies and Kenan Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina, has been named Comendador of the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins, Chile's highest award. The award was presented to Dr. Gil in a ceremony at the Chilean Embassy in Washington, D.C. The citation alluded to his many publications on a wide range of Chilean topics, and his contributions to a better understanding of the country.

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT: The Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank has elected Antonio Ortiz Mena of Mexico as President of the Inter-American Development Bank for a five-year term beginning March 1, 1971.

SIXTEENTH MEETING OF SALAM: The University of the Americas, Puebla, Mexico, will be the site of the Sixteenth Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, June 14-17, 1971. Special attention will be given to the acquisition problems of the Latin American libraries and the training of Latin American librarians. Other sessions will deal with progress made in the past year in the areas of acquisitions, bibliography, exchange of publications, photoduplication of Latin American materials, official publications and the booktrade. The program and working papers for the meeting are being planned by a committee composed of President, Carl Deal, and Elvia Barberena, Nettie Lee Benson, Arío Garza Mercado, and Elsa Barberena.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY: Young scholars of all disciplines are being selected to participate in a special conference at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, on "Latin America: The Nineteenth Century" during the 1972-73 academic year. The session will be conducted in seminar fashion. Preference will be given to young unestablished scholars and graduate students with a major interest in Latin America. The conference will be devoted to the issues, ideas, institutions and events in nineteenth century Latin America.

Washington University will also hold a conference on Brazil during 1972 to provide a forum for young scholars in Brazilian studies and to celebrate the sesquicentennial of Brazilian independence. Further information on both of these conferences is available from Professor Ann Pescatello, Chairman, Latin American Studies, Department of History, 102B Busch Hall, Box 1062, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. 63130.

USIA SPONSORS VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS SERVICE: The U.S. Information Agency, through its Volunteer Speakers Service, provides Embassies and Consulates with information on forthcoming visits to their areas by certain American scholars, writers, scientists and other specialists. Visitors may be traveling privately, on foundation business, or under the auspices of their own organization or institution. The Volunteer Speakers Service identifies and provides appropriate posts with information about those willing to participate in cultural and educational activities abroad sponsored by the U.S. Information Service (USIS). Embassies programming such visitors are authorized to pay per diem and the costs of regional travel undertaken by Volunteer Speakers in connection with their activities.

USIA's Washington office is limited to developing and disseminating information on potential Volunteer Speakers; no commitment is made here regarding programming abroad, nor can the Agency provide travel grants or other financial assistance. USIS officers at our Embassies understand that if they wish to program Volunteer Speakers, they are to communicate with them directly and will be responsible for any payments agreed upon between them.

For further information, write: Dr. William DeMeyer, Chief, Educational Support Branch, I.C.S., U.S. Information Agency, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20547 (202/632-6738).

BANCO DE DADOS: Director Sonia Maria de Avelar, Director of the Data Bank of the Political Science Department of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, has announced that the information on state and municipal governments that has been collected during the last two years is now ready for servicing requests from social scientists.

TRIP TO EUROPE: G. Harvey Summ, chief of the Latin American section of External Research, the State Department, made a visit to Latin American research centers in England and the Netherlands in November.

LASA 1969 EXPENSES: These included \$27,000 for the Secretariat, \$14,000 for the Committees and the Executive Council, and \$11,000 for the Latin American Research Review. At the end of 1969, the Association had \$834 to carry forward for 1970 expenses. Further details will be included in the activities report now being prepared for publication to the membership.

NEW COMMITTEE: A new Committee on Literary Research has been approved by the Executive Council. It is actually a pre-existing body which was originally funded by the Social Science Research Council. Members of the committee are: Joseph Sommers (Univ. of Washington, Seattle), Chmn., Carlos Blanco A. (Univ. of California at San Diego), Fernando Alegria (Stanford Univ.), José Juan Arrom (Yale Univ.), Frank Dauster (Rutgers Univ.), Ricardo Gullón (Univ. of Texas at Austin), Juan Loveluck and Seymour Monton (Univ. of California at Irvine), and Allen Phillips (Univ. of Indiana).

NEW NEWSLETTER: Volume 1, No. 1 of the Cuban Studies Newsletter has been published by the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh. It will be published twice a year in the late fall and early spring. It grew out of a resolution passed during the International Conference on Cuban Bibliography and Acquisitions held at the Hispanic Foundation, Library of Congress, April 13-15, 1970. Chairman of the editorial board is Carmelo Mesa-Lago.

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTO TORCUATO DI TELLA: The Board of Directors of the Instituto Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires has appointed Dr. Roberto Cortés Conde as successor to Ing. Enrique Oteiza. Oteiza will continue as a member of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Roberto Cortés Conde is an Economic Historian. He has been Professor of History at the Universidad Nacional del Litoral, the University of New York and Yale University; also Visiting Professor at El Colegio de México; Co-director of the research project "Essays on Economic History of Latin America"; and Visiting Senior Researcher at the Center for Economic Research of the Instituto Torcuato Di Tella.

VISITING SCHOLARS: Currently on campus at Michigan State University are: Gilberto B. Campos (Biology) of Brazil and Samuel Dickerman (Physiology) of Honduras.

Vanderbilt University reported that Dr. Massaud Moisés, Professor of Portuguese Literature, Faculdade de Filosofia, Universidade de São Paulo, served as Visiting Professor of Portuguese during the Fall Semester of 1970. Also, Dr. Jorge Alberto Capriata D'Auro, Director, Centro de Investigaciones Sociales, Económicas, Políticas, y Antropológicas, Pontificia Católica del Perú is serving as Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science during the Spring Semester of 1971.

Dr. Friedrich Katz (History and Anthropology), an Austrian scholar, is now at the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

MOVEMENT OF PROFESSIONALS: Stanley R. Ross, formerly Director of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin, has been promoted to the post of Provost of the university. Since last September, Dr. Ross has also been Editor of the Hispanic American Historical Review.

Dr. Charles Wagley, Franz Boas Professor of Anthropology at Columbia University will leave New York after the current school year to accept a distinguished research professorship at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Kurt L. Levy, Chairman of the Latin American Studies at the University of Toronto reports that Professor Rolando Mallafé, a Chilean historian, is currently at the University of Toronto as "Latin American in Residence". The Argentine political scientist José Nun has been appointed for the 1971-72 session and the Brazilian geographer Milton Santos for 1972-73.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has made the following new staff appointments: Alejandro Portes, Sociology Department; Richard Pelaez, Comparative Education; David C. Grove and Norman E. Whitten, Anthropology Department; Richard Preto-Rodas and Martha P. Francescato to the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

The University of London announced four new appointments. Professor R.A. Humphreys has become full-time Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies, and Mr. Colin Lewis, B.A. (Exeter), has been appointed Lecturer in Latin American Economic History. Also Mr. Alan Gilbert, B. Soc. Sci. (Birmingham), has become Lecturer in Latin American Economic Geography; and Professor Moises Gonzales Navarro is now Visiting Latin American Scholar for the 1970-71 academic year.

At the University of Utah, Edward C. Epstein has become Assistant Professor in Latin American Politics, and Roger Haigh is now Associate Professor in Latin American History. Utah State University reports that Dr. Bruce H. Anderson is currently Director of International Programs and Studies after recently returning from an appointment as Director of Centro Interamericano de Desarrollo Integral de Aguas y Tierras (CIDIAT), OAS, in Mérida, Venezuela.

Several new appointments were made at Vanderbilt University: William V. Jackson, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese and Latin American Bibliography; Andrea Maneschi, Associate Professor of Economics; Carlos M. Pelaez, Assistant Professor of Economics. From the Vanderbilt staff, Douglas H. Graham and Sam Levy are currently on the Faculdade das Ciências Econômicas, Universidade de São Paulo.

Dr. Harold Riley, Professor of Economics at Michigan State University, will be a consultant to USAID in Colombia for one year.

Warren Dean, formerly at the University of Texas at Austin, was appointed Associate Professor of History at New York University.

Former LASA president Kalman Silvert is now on leave from New York University where he is Director of the Ibero-American Language and Area Center.

Another former LASA president, John P. Agelli, has returned to the University of Kansas Geography Department from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Miss Joan E. Ciruti, associate professor of Spanish at Mount Holyoke College, has been appointed Dean of Studies for the College. Miss Ciruti has been at Mount Holyoke since 1963. She will continue her teaching assignment while holding the new deanship for a period of three years.

[Movement of Professionals information edited by Marta Cehelsky, News Editor, Latin American Research Review.]

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES: SECOLAS will hold a meeting April 15-17, 1971, at the University of Georgia, Athens. The theme of the conference will be "Latin America and the Contemporary World: Evolving International Relationships". Also a special round table discussion with the presidents of the Regional Councils for Latin American Studies is planned. Pre-registration forms and further information concerning the April meeting can be obtained from the Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30601.

PACIFIC COAST COUNCIL ON LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES: The sixteenth annual meeting of the POCCLAS took place on November 5-7, 1970, at the University of California at Santa Barbara. "Environment '70: Latin America in the New Decade" was the theme of the meeting. Session chairmen included Ben G. Burnett (Whittier College), Fr. Norman F. Martin, S.J. (Santa Clara Univ.), Joseph Sommers (Univ. of Washington), Robert M. Williams and Ralph Beals (Univ. of California at Los Angeles) and Rolfe Poppino (Univ. of California at Davis). Over 200 people from all the Pacific Coast membership area attended.

MALAS: The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies will meet at the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 1971. Attendance was about 100 at the 1970 meeting at the University of Nebraska. Publications covering the Midwest Association's meetings in 1967, 1968, and 1969 are now available:

Bachmura, Frank T., ed. Human Resources in Latin America. Bloomington: Bureau of Business Research, Graduate School of Business, Indiana University, 1968. 212p. \$4.95.

Fleener, Charles J. and Harry J. Gargas. Religious and Cultural Factors in Latin America. St. Louis: University, 1970. 159p. \$3.95. Muncie: Ball State Univ, 1970. 113p. Hipp, Merrill, ed. Cultural Change in Brazil. Muncie: Ball State Univ, 1970. 113p.

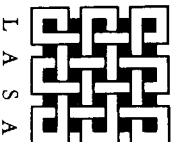
MIDWEST CENTER DIRECTORS: The second conference of Centers of Latin American Studies in the Midwest was held at the University of Wisconsin on October 17-18. Among the 35 people attending were many center and institute directors as well as representatives from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Department of State. The group will meet again next fall in Lawrence, Kansas, either just before or just after the MALAS meeting.

NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL ON LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES: The New England Council on Latin American Studies (NECLAS) met November 14 at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. In the morning James N. Goodsell (Christian Science Monitor) served as chairman for a panel discussion on "The Problems of Studying Cuba" and Robert Potash (Univ. of Massachusetts) led the afternoon discussion entitled "Millitarianism in Latin America". The luncheon speaker was John Plank (Univ. of Connecticut) who also served as LASA's representative to the meeting. Approximately 150 attended the session.

Currently, NECLAS has 171 individual members and 16 institutional members. Hugh Hamill (Univ. of Connecticut) is president of the new Council.

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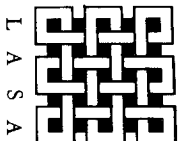
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RESOLUTION BALLOTS COUNTED: Votes have been counted for the nine resolutions presented to LASA's voting membership by mail ballot. Over 1,000 ballots were mailed out, but only 564 persons voted and returned their ballots.

The resolution which passed with the largest majority was "On the Availability of North American Scholarship in Latin America". It endorses LASA project to publish U.S. dissertations for distribution in Latin America and recommends that North American scholars do all possible to make their research available in Latin America. It was approved 498 to 56 with 10 abstentions.

"On the Freedom of Scholarly Communication" was approved 367 to 180 with 17 abstentions. It insists that Cuban scholars should have full access to U.S. libraries, archives, universities and scholars, and deplores actions of the U.S. Government that bar Cuban scholars from this country.

"On a Journal of Opinion" was approved 367 to 174 with 23 abstentions. It asks for promotion of the establishment of such a journal.

"On Oppression in Brazil" was approved 356 to 195 with 13 abstentions. It asks for an end to academic purges, arbitrary arrests and torture, and calls upon the Government Relations Committee to prepare a report on conditions in Brazil.

"On the Free Exchange of Information" was approved by 349 to 195 with 20 abstentions. It calls on the Association to arrange for the acquisition and transmission to the newly organized Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Havana of all American university press books on Latin America published since 1961.

"On Political Repression" was rejected 306 to 232 with 26 abstentions. It asked LASA to publicly condemn all cases of political repression against Latin Americanists in the United States.

Many LASA members wrote comments on their ballots. Some were about particular resolutions; others were more general in nature. One member wrote, "... I have just returned from Colombia where in the course of my research I visited seven of their major universities. Most progressive, reformist leadership in those institutions are attempting to depoliticize their posture in order to gain greater influence in their society. The current resolution-mongering by LASA moves in the opposite direction..."

Another wrote, "A professional and scholarly organization, such as LASA purports to be, simply cannot allow itself to support partisan causes, however praiseworthy such causes may be in themselves..." And another commented, "I would hope LASA would devote its resources to academic matters." One asked, "Is there a tendency in resolution statements toward polarizing LASA membership? I would consider any such tendency unfortunate."

Another person sent in a blank ballot, but wrote "Right on!" beside the resolution "On Women".

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR THIRD NATIONAL MEETING: The Program Committee for the Third National Meeting (Professors Henry Landsberger, Chairman; Eldon Kenworthy, and Martin Stebb) once again most cordially invites all members to submit suggestions for the November 1971 meeting to be held at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Please send 750-word abstracts of papers you wish to read; also send suggestions concerning topics and panelists. For more details, see LASA Newsletter, November-December 1970, Vol. 2, No. 1. Professor Landsberger's address is c/o Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. Our deadline has passed, but it may be possible to squeeze in ideas received later, depending on the relation between the suggestion and what the committee decides.

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