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Centro de Estudios Científicos

A new center of scientific studies has been created by Frans Blom and Gertrude DUBY in San Cristóbal las Casas, Chiapas, México. This center will be involved with the work of restoration and conservation of Yaxchilán, a Mayan ceremonial center. The work was begun in June 1971 by the archeologist Ian Graham, Harvard University, and has been continued by other U.S. and Latin American scholars.

Georgetown University

The Latin American Studies Program of the Graduate School of Georgetown University with the cooperation of the Center for Population Research offered a seminar during the spring of 1972 on Latin American Population Dynamics. The seminar was directed by Earl Huyck, Center for Population Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The seminar included lectures by: Murray Gendell, Georgetown University, André Hellegers, Georgetown University, Ferdinand J. C. Rath, World Bank, Benjamin Viel, International Planned Parenthood Federation, and Albert Waterston, World Bank. For more information write: The Director, Latin American Studies Program, The Graduate School, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20007.

Hamline University

Hamline University sponsored a Faculty Summer Institute on Latin America in 1972. The Institute focused on Latin America: Development and Contemporary Problems. Twenty-seven faculty fellows from colleges and universities throughout the U.S. attended. The following 8 persons presented lectures in their specialties: Richard M. Morse, Yale University, Historical Development; Stanton L. Catlin, Hunter College, Art and Architecture; Tom E. Davis, Cornell University, Economic Development; Richard N. Adams, University of Texas, Social Change; John D. Martz, University of North Carolina, Political Change; James F. Petras, Pennsylvania State University, Political Development in Chile; E. Bradford Burns, Univer-

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sity of California, Los Angeles, Political Development in Brazil; and John N. Plank, University of Connecticut, Latin America in International Politics.

For additional information write: Professor John J. Harrigan, Department of Political Science, Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota 55110.

Hispanic Foundation

The scope of the work of the Hispanic Foundation has been redefined and its name changed to the Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division of the Library of Congress. The scope of this division encompasses an area of responsibility for the Iberian Peninsula, all of the Western Hemisphere south of the United States regardless of language and cultural history, and Spanish and Portuguese cultures anywhere in the world. Subject responsibilities have been clarified to include all aspects of the cultural, political, social, and economic life, past and present, of any of the assigned areas.

Although the division has had responsibility for the broad subject coverage from its beginning in 1939, and under the distinguished direction of the late Howard F. Cline had admirably discharged that responsibility, there has been some misunderstanding that it was limited to the arts, crafts, literature, and history. The change in name also results from the changing conditions of the past 30 years. Several generous donations and endowments during the 1920's and 1930's from Archer M. Huntington were responsible for establishing work in the Library of Congress in the Hispanic field. In the intervening years, these activities have been supported in greater proportion by appropriations from the Congress. The word "foundation" has taken on a meaning of a grant-making organization, an activity not specifically contemplated in the original donations.

The Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division of the Library of Congress will continue to maintain a reading room, to provide reference service, to develop the collections of significant research materials, to edit the *Handbook of Latin American Studies* and prepare other bibliographic works, and to work closely with governmental, professional, and library organizations in pursuing programs of mutual interest.

Instituto Pastoral Latinoamericano, Ecuador

The Latin American Pastoral Institute has begun a major research project: to prepare a history of the Church in Latin America. The project has the official approval of the Council of Latin American Bishops and the support of the Episcopal Church of Ecuador. The coordinator of this Study Commission is Dr. Enrique Dussel, University of Cordoba, Argentina. He will work with an ecumenical team of scholars from all over Latin America.

This project is seen as interdisciplinary, international, and interdenominational. It is estimated that ten volumes of religious history will result from this study. For

additional information write: Rev. Jaime Diaz, Administrative Secretary, CEHILA, CELAM, Av. América 1866, Apdo. 2026, Quito, Ecuador.

International Social Science Council

The International Social Science Council has conducted an inventory of current research leading to an inventory of survey materials in Latin America. This has been done in Peru by Professor Vega-Centeno for political science research and is being started in Rio de Janeiro for the political, social and demographical sciences by Professor Candido Mendes and the Instituto Universitario de Pesquisas. For additional information on this project write: S. Friedman, International Social Science Council, Unesco, 1 Rue Miollis, Paris 15^e, France.

National University of Mexico

The National University of Mexico, headquartered in Mexico City, has established an American branch in San Antonio, Texas, as part of the newly-founded Mexican Cultural Institute. The Institute was granted permanent headquarters at the site of the International Fair of 1968 under an agreement reached early in 1972 between the Government of Mexico and the City of San Antonio.

Courses and lecture programs concentrate on the Spanish language and Mexican culture. Events of the Institute have included a presentation on the theater in Mexico, the art of Diego Rivera, film showings, a concert of contemporary Mexican music given by Alicia Urreta, and a cycle of Mexican motion pictures of the 1930's.

Semesters will run January to May and August to December with an intensive summer program during July and August. The Mexican Cultural Institute is also assembling a library with a nucleus collection of books from many of Mexico's largest educational institutions.

Nordic Coalition for Development (NCD)

The NCD, formed in Oslo in October 1971 by the United Nations Student Associations of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, received financial support from the United Nations' Centre for Economic and Social Information to carry out an information project on Latin American development problems. Eight persons, two from each Scandinavian country, made a study trip of two months to Argentina, Chile and Peru in the spring of 1972 to study social and economic structures of these countries. The project will continue with the spread of information in the Nordic countries in courses, seminars and publications.

University of Pittsburgh

A Summer Institute on Andean Studies was conducted on the University of Pittsburgh campus from June 19 to August 11, 1972, under the auspices of the Northeast Consortium for Andean Studies. The U.S. Office of Education awarded

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25 fellowships for intensive instruction in Quechua and Aymara, and the National Endowment for the Humanities has funded an interdisciplinary seminar on the theme: Conflict and Integration in the Andes.

Andean specialists from several universities participated in the Institute. Christina Bratt Paulston, University of Pittsburgh, directed the Institute and Rolland Paulston, International and Development Education Program, coordinated the interdisciplinary seminar.

Several new courses were offered by the Center for Latin American Studies of the University of Pittsburgh during the spring of 1972. They include: Oral Literature and Folklore in South America taught by Juan Adolfo Vázquez, Slavery in the Caribbean, taught by Richard Blackett, and Socio-linguistics taught by Christina Bratt Paulson.

Two new Latin American courses were taught in the fall term, 1972-73; Pre-Columbian Art, taught by John Summers, and Latin American Social History: Cuba, taught by Harold Sims.

Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology, Netherlands

A Department of Caribbean Studies has been established within the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology in Leyden, Netherlands. This new department will deal with the study of the social sciences and history with regard to the Caribbean islands and the adjacent coastal district.

The department intends to provide foreign social scientists, specializing on the Caribbean, with information on the pursuit in Holland of the social sciences and history with regard to the Caribbean region. Additionally, the department will assist foreign social scientists, interested in social research and publications concerning Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles, in consulting relevant Dutch libraries and accessible documentation-systems and in contacting Dutch social scientists who are specialized on these territories.

Rutgers University

The Department of Sociology of Livingston College, Rutgers University, has organized a new Cooperative Program in Development Studies. The Program focuses upon the problems of underdevelopment in the Third World and upon colonialism and imperialism as forces which have shaped the structure and human meaning of underdevelopment. Emphasis will also be given to development problems within the United States and other "developed" societies. This program will operate in close conjunction with the Department of Community Development, Afro-American and Puerto Rican Studies, the Program Area Specialization in "Social Change and Development" of the graduate Department of Sociology of Rutgers University and with other programs (e.g. of the Sociology Department, Radical Studies, Urban Teacher Education, Labor Studies, Social Science Research Institute) as they evolve.

For additional information on the new program, which began in the fall of 1972, write: James D. Cockcroft, Latin American Institute, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

St. Antony's College

The Latin American Centre of St. Antony's College, England, organized a series of Latin American seminars during the spring of 1972. Guest lecturers included: Francis Seton, Nuffield College, Thomas Skidmore, Visiting Fellow, St. Antony's College, Colin Harding, Latin American Centre, Christine Whitehead, St. Hugh's College, and Ezequiel Gallo, Visiting Fellow, St. Antony's College.

Sociedad Latinoamericana del Japón

The Sociedad Latinoamericana del Japón is a corporation established by the Ministry of Foreign Relations and several Japanese countries with business interests in Latin America. The society maintains a publication and research section in the fields of economics and business. Every ten days it publishes an information bulletin on Latin America. For more information write: Sociedad Latinoamericana del Japón, 2-6 Nihonbashi-dori, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103, Japan.

Southern Methodist University

A graduate study program in Ibero-American civilization has been initiated at Southern Methodist University. The academic program which leads to the Master of Arts degree is designed to allow students to focus upon the historical, social and cultural ties that bind European Iberia with the Iberian New World, including the Southwestern part of the United States. Students will be encouraged to obtain a portion of their research experience and instruction at the SMU campus in Madrid, Spain. For information write: Dr. Melvill E. Osborn, P.O. Box 999, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 75222.

Western Michigan University

Western Michigan University held two Guatemala seminars during the summer of 1972 at the Universidad del Valle. One seminar was designed for Junior College faculty and those preparing to teach in a Junior College and was coordinated by David Hanson, Department of Political Science.

The other Guatemala seminar was held for both undergraduate and graduate students and offered courses in a variety of disciplines. For further information contact: Dr. David Hanson, Department of Political Science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001.

