

lectual powers. Throughout her life she was a lover of letters and is known in Mexico as the tenth muse. At age 16, she served in the Viceroy's palace as a lady-in-waiting to the Marquesa de Mancera. She entered the convent of the Discalced Carmelites and later the convent of St. Jerome, where she remained until her death. Among her best known writings was a critique, written in 1690, of a sermon by the Portuguese Jesuit, Antonio de Vieira. This critique, entitled *Carta atenagórica*, brought a critical reply from the Bishop of Puebla, which he signed as Sor Filotea de la Cruz, that prompted Sor Juana, in 1691, to pen her famous *Respuesta a Sor Filotea de la Cruz*. Among Sor Juana's other published works are *El primer sueño*, a long baroque poem with mystical overtones; *Poemas*; and *Fama y obras póstumas*. Sor Juan also authored dramatic works and religious plays before she died in Mexico City in 1695. The symposium at the Library of Congress was attended by approximately 180 persons and was followed by a reception hosted by the Embassy of Mexico. G.M.D.

## CULTURAL NEWS

### DEATH OF COLOMBIAN HISTORIANS

Colombia lost two prominent public figures and writers of history in early 1982. Indalecio Liévano Aguirre and Antonio García died of natural causes in Bogotá during the months of April and May. Liévano, active in Liberal party politics since the 1930s, was best known in historical circles for *Rafael Núñez* (1944), and *Los grandes conflictos sociales y económicos de nuestra historia* (2nd. ed., 1966). García, long-time Socialist party leader, was the author of *Gaitán y el problema de la revolución colombiana* (1955) and numerous other works.

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### SUMMER IN BRAZIL

The Latin American Institute of the University of New Mexico recently announced that it has received a grant from the NEH to conduct a five week summer institute in Brazil during the summer of 1983. The purpose of the institute will be the retraining of Spanish American area specialists in Brazilian language, culture and society. The Institute is soliciting applications for participation from college and university instructors who are interested in expanding their knowledge of Brazil with an eye to the possible establishment of courses on Brazil at their home institutions. Preference will be given to scholars from institutions with "lesser developed Luso-Brazilian programs." Awards include travel and maintenance for the five week period but applicants selected, or their institutions, must pay a \$150 fee to the University of New Mexico.