
Although essentially medical in nature, this work, dated 1798, has interesting brief chapters on living conditions of Negroes in the Antilles in the eighteenth century. (J. F.)


The peculiar circumstances of the Spanish conquest of Paraguay have received comparatively little attention from modern scholars. A very good reason, perhaps, is the scarcity of original documents thus far made available. Such materials probably do not exist for a satisfactory account of the acculturation process inevitable from Spanish-Guarani relations.

Social scientists who are interested in acculturation must, perforce, fill in the gaps with assumptions and deductions. That this has been the experience of Professor Service is amply demonstrated by his "The Encomienda in Paraguay" (HAHR, XXXI (May 1951), 230-252) and by the present study. It should be noted that Professor Service's doctoral dissertation was a study of "Spanish-Guarani Acculturation in Early Colonial Paraguay." These published studies of acculturation make their best contribution in regard to the encomienda. No other author has made so clear and intelligible a distinction between the originario and mitaygo encomiendas in Paraguay. Application of the term "encomienda" to that type of concubinage-servitude status common in colonial Paraguay requires a broadening of the term beyond its customary meaning. Professor Service, however, is in a strong position.

Paraguayan writers have long shown a deep interest in acculturation. Among them one may mention Natalicio González, Moises S. Bertoni, and Carlos Pastor—none of whose works appear in the bibliography.

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The Tears of the Indians: Being an Historical and True Account of the Cruel Massacres and Slaughters of Above Twenty Millions of Innocent People; Committed by the Spaniards in the Islands of Hispaniola, Cuba, Jamaica, etc. As also, in the Continents of Mexico, Peru, and Other Places of the West Indies, to the Total Destruction of those Countries. By Bartolomeo de las Casas. Translated by John Phillips. Stanford, 1953 (†). Academic Reprints. Illustrations. Pp. xxxiii, 134. $6.50.

Faesimile reproduction of the third English edition of this horrendous classic. (L. H.)


Detailed monograph on the development of Indian tribute, with much information on its social and political as well as economic importance. There is no index, and the pages of this substantial volume are so generously studded with quotations from the archival materials that it is not easy to read or to use. (L. H.)


Fernando Benítez has utilized the informative, if not brilliant, literature of the period—the dialogues, treatises, miscellaneous prose and poetry of all dimensions—and the good secondary sources that are a credit to Mexican