

Borda interprets the ultra-conservatism of Boyacá society as largely a product of this dispersed settlement pattern, itself an inheritance from the Chibcha. Minifundism and fragmentation of properties curse the economy, but not tenancy. The predominance of independent small-holders is traced to the Indian *resguardos*, which were subdivided in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Although recognizing that many of the agricultural practices and ways of life in Boyacá are good, the author maintains that an oppressive "agrocentrismo," crowned and complemented by religious routine, has exercised a hypnotism over the *campesino* that has made him virtually impermeable to outside influences and agents for social change. Now dramatic new forces have been unleashed by the opening of the Paz de Río iron and steel complex, some 30 miles north of Sogamoso, which may herald the beginning of a new era.

This is a competent survey of a mestizo society that is almost a colonial museum-piece, based firmly on historical and contemporary documentation and on field observation. It is also a program for agrarian reform, and the book culminates in a 16-point program for its achievement. Originally written as a Ph.D. thesis in sociology at the University of Florida.

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Vida de Porfirio Barba-Jacob. Anecdótico-cartas-poemas. 2nd. edition. By J. B. JARAMILLO MEZA. Bogotá, 1956. Editorial Kelly. Illustrations. Pp. 223. Paper.

The wandering Colombian Porfirio Barba-Jacob, who died in Mexico in 1942, was one of Latin America's finest poets. He also led exactly the kind of disordered and often tragic existence that Latin poets as a sociological "type" are conventionally imagined to lead. This small volume—now in a second edition, "ilustrada y aumentada"—is far from a definitive study,

but provides a good introduction. The author knows his subject well, despite one reference to Monterrey (N.L.) as a seaport.

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Homenaje a Pedro Henríquez Ureña. 1884-1946. A diez años de su muerte 1946-1956. Iowa City, 1956. State University of Iowa. *Revista Iberoamericana*. Vol. XXI, Núms. 41-42. Organo del Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana. Pp. 461. Paper.

The books and articles about the scholar, teacher, and critic Pedro Henríquez Ureña appearing in the ten years since his death have nearly all been in the form of personal recollections of him, lacking the careful biographical data, erudite bibliography, and sensible appraisals which were so much the marks of his own fine work. The present volume contains twenty more articles, letters, and "notes" on him in the reminiscent vein, some of them previously published; a sadly incomplete bibliography of his works; and ten excellent articles on literary topics. Most of the material presented in this bulky volume is undocumented, and Henríquez Ureña's own superabundant and revealing correspondence has been almost entirely neglected. However, the recollections printed here should be useful to whoever undertakes the full, documented biography deserved by this writer who was called with some justice "the Sainte-Beuve of Latin America."

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MEXICO

Central Banking in Mexico. Monetary Policies and Financial Crises, 1864-1940. By VIRGIL M. BERT. Ann Arbor, 1957. University of Michi-