

## COLONIAL PERIOD

*Spain in America 1450-1580.* By EDWARD GAYLORD BOURNE. Introduction and Supplementary Bibliography by BENJAMIN KEEN. New York, 1962. Barnes & Noble, Inc. Notes. Bibliography. Index. Pp. 366. \$5.00.

It is hardly necessary to say that this is a new edition, the second, of Edward G. Bourne's excellent book published in 1904 as a volume of the American Nation Series under the editorship of Albert Bushnell Hart. Professor Keen of Jersey City State College has written a concise introduction. He says that some of the American Nation Series books have stood the test of time, and that one of these durable works is that by Bourne. Keen cites Charles Gibson's laudatory evaluation of the Bourne book which identifies Bourne as "the first scientific historian of the United States to view the Spanish colonial process dispassionately and thereby escape the conventional Anglo-Protestant attitudes of outraged or tolerant disparagement."

Keen's commendable supplementary bibliography has as its purpose the addition of some selected new and pertinent sources and studies published since 1904. Barnes and Noble are also to be commended for republishing the Bourne study. I think that the Bourne book is basic in Latin American history.

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*Los imperios andinos.* By JOSÉ FELLMAN VELARDE. La Paz, 1961. Editorial Don Bosco. Illustrations. Charts. Notes. Bibliography. Pp. 264. Paper.

The author is a rough and tough politician who for years has served as Víctor Paz Estenssoro's right hand man. He has written many political books in which he proves himself to be a facile writer with a sharp intelligence. He now has been rewarded with the Ministry of Education and Culture and there are those who see presidential

aspirations in Fellman Velarde. But this politician has also a lust for things of history and he tells us that one of his great ambitions is to write a multi-volume history of Bolivia, something encouraged by his mentor Paz Estenssoro. This is Volume One.

It deals with the pre-Columbian era and the Spanish conquest. It is a difficult job to write a summary tome of this period since the pre-Columbian part is full of conjectures and controversies such as the age of Tiahuanacu, the origins of the Aymarás, and many more. While Fellman Velarde has not produced anything original, he has written an excellent and impartial summary which incorporates modern sources. It is most readable and the illustrations are good. Paper and printing are excellent and again prove that the venerable publishing house, Don Bosco, still maintains the highest standards.

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*Cronistas cruceños del Alto Perú virreinal.* Edited by HERNANDO SANABRIA FERNÁNDEZ, ET AL. Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 1961. Publicaciones de la Universidad Gabriel René-Moreno. Edición conmemorativa del IV centenario de la fundación de Santa Cruz de la Sierra. Illustrations. Notes. Pp. 183. Paper.

This is a valuable book. It is original, with a scholarly introduction, ably written and well organized. Of more than a dozen descriptions or reports of early Santa Cruz—founded in 1561—four have been selected and are here published, each with an erudite introduction. These four—Diego Felipe de Alcaya, Lorenzo Caballero, Alonso Soletto Pernia, Pedro de Arteaga—were selected because they were natives of Santa Cruz, because they wrote in colorful prose which contained unknown and often minute details, and finally, because some of these men had been cited by other authors.

The introductions for the four chroniclers were written by Sanabria Fernández, Germán Coimbra Sanz, Marcelo