

Doctrina política de San Martín. A través de su correspondencia. By JORDÁN B. GENTA. Buenos Aires, 1965. Editorial Nuevo Orden. Bibliography. Pp. 115. Paper. \$120.00 (Arg.). (Distributed by Editorial Huemul, Buenos Aires.)

To the author of this study the only solution of the current Argentine national crisis lies in a return to the conservative principles and firm leadership of the age of Rosas. He maintains that the Argentine people have been deceived by the lure of the false doctrines of liberalism and popular sovereignty throughout much of their nation's history. To illustrate San Martín's aversion to the ideas of Bernardino Rivadavia and other early Argentine liberal leaders, Genta cites excerpts from the correspondence of the liberator with Rosas and other South Americans.

Little new documentation is offered in this study to affirm the well-known conservative political views of San Martín. Considering the stated political philosophy of the author, it is not surprising that he portrays Rosas as the one who applied San Martín's political tenets and restored social discipline, consolidated national unity, and upheld his nation's honor against the designs of world powers. A further indication of Genta's admiration for the rule of Rosas is his wish that Argentine schools should require their students to study San Martín's correspondence to learn how the Liberator praised Rosas and his principles.

However, this volume is concerned with the political philosophy of San Martín only insofar as it supports the author's thesis that misguided believers in liberalism, secularism, and democracy have led Argentina to its present crisis and are serving today to promote the ends of international Communism. It is evident that Argentina today presents a spectacle of arrested progress. However, one may seriously question whether that nation's current problems can be solved by the return to a state like that of Rosas (or Franco) even if one could believe that San Martín himself would have sanctioned such a regime.

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Juan G. Gregorio de las Heras. Su vida, su obra. By FUED GABRIEL NEILLAR. Buenos Aires, 1965. Círculo Militar. Illustrations. Maps. Notes. Bibliography. Pp. 617. Paper.

This "biography" of Juan G. Gregorio de las Heras, the able lieutenant of José de San Martín, was written by a colonel in the Argen-