

La Declaración de la Independencia. By BONIFACIO DEL CARRIL. Buenos Aires, 1966. Emecé Editores. Illustrations. Pp. xx, 95. Paper.

Bonifacio del Carril has attempted to clarify some aspects of the Argentine Declaration of Independence. In the first and most interesting section of his book, "*Cómo se redactó la declaración,*" the author uses close textual analysis to compare the Argentine document to the United States' Declaration of Independence. The deputies at Tucumán clearly modeled their declaration on the American precedent but adapted it to conform to the juridical and colonial traditions of Argentine history. In the second section, "*Cómo se proclamó la independencia,*" Carril discusses the various editions of the document. Handsome reproductions of the Declaration and extensive explanatory and bibliographic footnotes add to the value of this book.

J.A.

Veinticinco años de investigación histórica en México. Edición especial de *Historia Mexicana*. México, 1966. El Colegio de México. Index. Pp. 676. Paper.

The Colegio de México, one of the leading centers of advanced humanistic studies in Latin America, has chosen to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary by publishing a general bibliography of Mexican historical writings during the last quarter century. The result will astonish those few misguided persons who still feel that only Yankees can write adequate monographs and articles on Latin American history. The book is also a prerequisite for the library of any Mexicanist. It consists of twenty distinct bibliographies—most of them arranged by topics (history of ideas, of the plastic arts, of science, religion, politics, etc.) and a few devoted to periods of special interest in Mexican development (the Independence and the French Intervention) or to related areas such as Spain and the Philippines. Each section is preceded by a brief his-

toriographical essay, and most entries are briefly annotated.

D.M.P.

Face to Face with the Mexicans. By FANNY CHAMBERS GOOCH. Edited with an introduction by C. HARVEY GARDINER. Carbondale, 1966. Southern Illinois University Press. Latin American Travel Series. \$6.95.

This book will of necessity be compared with that of Mme. Calderón de la Barca, though its date of publication (1887) places it closer in time to Charles Flandreau's *Viva Mexico!* Fanny Gooch had little of the literary grace which characterized the letters of Fanny Calderón de la Barca. Mrs. Gooch's prose is as ordinary as the kitchen stove. But it is a valuable book, nonetheless, for she saw more parts of Mexico and had a broader knowledge of the Mexican people than her earlier counterpart. As Harvey Gardiner writes in his perceptive introduction: "Her abilities and desires combined to produce the finest statement of the social aspects of the early years of the Díaz era."

R.E.Q.

Under the Waters of Mexico. By PABLO BUSH ROMERO. New York, 1964. Carlton Press. Illustrations. Pp. 184. \$5.95.

In 1959, 1960, and 1961 the Club of Explorations and Water Sports of Mexico carried out diving expeditions off the Mexican coast and in Yucatán. Written primarily for the sport enthusiast, this book describes the club's activities.

T.G.P.

Volcanic History of Nicaragua. By ALEXANDER R. MCBIRNEY AND HOWEL WILLIAMS. Berkeley, 1965. University of California Press. Illustrations. Map. Figures. Tables. Appendix. Bibliography. Pp. vi, 73. \$2.50.

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