

a varied group as Agustín Millares Carlo, Edmundo O'Gorman, David Siqueiros, Agustín Yáñez, and Silvio Zavala have all contributed to the enormous Mexican bibliography on Las Casas.

Even so, the bibliographer's work is never done. Though Mejía Sánchez has discovered a number of items not listed by Manuel Giménez Fernández and myself, the most complete bibliography, by Raymond Marcus, the young French scholar, scheduled to appear in 1969, will include other Lascasiana not found in any previous bibliography.

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*El régimen de la encomienda en Venezuela.* 2nd ed. By EDUARDO ARCILA FARIAS. Caracas, 1966. Universidad Central de Venezuela. Facultad de Economía. Notes. Bibliography. Index. Pp. 379. Paper.

This classic study of the Venezuelan encomienda, originally published in Spain (1957), has long been out of print. Now, thanks to the Universidad Central de Venezuela, it is republished with a new preface by the author. This second edition, as Arcila Farias points out in his preface, is virtually identical with the first. Some small corrections have been made, and an index added, but there are no substantial additions or deletions. The bibliography is the same as in the first edition, although Arcila notes that nothing published since he prepared the book has modified his view of the Venezuelan encomienda. This second edition is welcome, as it makes one of the pioneer efforts of Venezuelan historiography available again.

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*Indian Mexico: Past and Present. Symposium Papers, 1965.* Edited by BETTY BELL. Los Angeles, 1967. University of California. Latin American Center. Latin American Studies. Charts. Notes. Bibliography. Pp. 109. \$5.00. Paper.

This little volume is the result of a one-day symposium held at UCLA on December 4, 1965. There were seven

participants, of whom five were from UCLA and two from the Instituto Nacional de Antropología in Mexico City. Six of the seven participants were anthropologists and one a geographer. The work contains an introduction by Johannes Wilbert, in which he stresses the value of interdisciplinary research. This seems to be rather conspicuously lacking in this volume, however, since all of the papers are by anthropologists, except one which is by a geographer.

The first paper is called "Man and Nature in Mesoamerica: The Ecologic Base." It is written by Henry J. Burman and is devoted to the physical and geographic land forms in the area, the climatic and biotic environments, the animal resources, the plant resources, and the methods of food procurement in Mesoamerica.

Chapters follow on archaeology by José L. Lorenzo ("Mesoamerican Beginnings: Economies Based on Hunting, Gathering, and Incipient Agriculture") and one by H. B. Nichols ("The Efflorescence of Mesoamerican Civilization: A Resume"). The last is concerned with the whole period from the appearance of ceramics to the conquest. Other papers appear on "The Mesoamerican Indian During the Colonial Period" by Pedro Carraso and on "Mesoamerica: Remnant Heritage" by Ralph Beals. This latter is devoted largely to the problem of identifying the Indian because of the *mestizaje*, both racial and cultural, that has taken place over the years.

The final chapter by Fernando Cámara is called "Contemporary Mexican Indian Cultures: The Problem of Integration." The author comments on the great diversity in subcultures of Mexico wherein widespread illiteracy, poverty, and lack of sociopolitical participation prevail. He advocates various measures for improving the levels of living, including the immediate doubling of minimum salaries "and then proportionately the salaries of other groups." He contends that this transformation should be most drastic in the intellectual and social spheres and advocates "a real revolution in teaching materials and in subject mat-