

*Current Types of Peasant-Agricultural Worker Coalitions and Their Historical Development in Guatemala.* By CAROLE A. SNEE. Presentation by CHARLES WAGLEY. Cuernavaca, Mexico, 1969. Centro Intercultural de Documentación. Cuaderno No. 13. Tables and Graphs. Bibliography. Appendices. Pp. 129. Paper.

This study is divided into two parts, the first being a brief history of peasant and agricultural coalitions in Guatemala, and the second an analysis of the Department of Escuintla, a *municipio* and a *finca* therein. The historical portion is useful insofar as it concerns peasants (not wage earners) and specifically in attempting to bring it up to the time of the study (1967). The material on *sindicatos* (labor unions) is very defective since the author did not use materials from the Ministry of Economy which would have permitted her to find almost ten times more such organizations than the 36 which she reports for the 1946-54 period.

The study of the contemporary situation in Escuintla concludes that labor unions and organizations are to be found mainly on those farms having large and permanent laboring populations, and that where unions do exist, there tends to be more initial conflict brought to court, but that gradually the number of conflicts subsides. In general, there are very few such organizations currently. The study also deals with cooperatives.

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*Delineation of Rural Communities in the State of Oaxaca, Mexico.* By BENJAMIN HARRISON LUEBKE. Cuernavaca, Mexico, 1968. Centro Intercultural de Documentación. Cuaderno No. 24. Tables and Graphs. Bibliography. Biographic Sketch. Pp. 144. Paper.

This Ph.D. dissertation, completed in 1959 about field work carried on in 1956 and based on the census of 1950, is a now archaic rural sociological description of the boundary identification of fifteen Oaxaca communities. While the data are generally superficial, and there is too much time spent in fruitless conceptualizing, the sociologist or geographer of Oaxaca may find items of useful information.

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*Desengaño y reparo de la guerra del Reino de Chile.* By ALONSO GONZÁLEZ DE NÁJERA. 2d ed. Santiago de Chile, 1971 (1889). Editorial Andrés Bello. Fuentes de la Historia de Chile. Pp. xv, 317. Paper.

Another important source book on Chilean colonial history has been made readily available for the historian. Alonso González de Nájera, *Maestre de-Campo* in 1607, wrote an extremely detailed and penetrating analysis of Spanish-Araucanian relations in the first decade of the seventeenth century. He served for five years on the frontier and his history was designed to inform the Crown of the real problems the Spanish faced in trying to subdue the Araucanians.

González de Nájera's account provides the reader with invaluable information on Araucanian life and military techniques as well as the structure of the Spanish settlement in Chile and campaign life on the frontier.

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