

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Approaches to Mexico in Revolution

The Latin American Studies Committee at the University of Colorado has initiated a new course, *Approaches to Mexico in Revolution*, coordinated by William B. Taylor, Department of History. The course for the fall semester 1973-74 includes lectures and discussion by Colorado faculty members, two guest speakers (Mark Gilderhaus, Colorado State and John Womack, Harvard) and the film, "Mexico: The Frozen Revolution."

### Latin American Exhibit

Key documents in Latin American political and economic integration from the early 1800s until the present were on display in the Library of Congress Law Library foyer, from November-January 1974. The earliest item exhibited was an 1821 broadside of the *Ley Fundamental de la Unión de los Pueblos de Colombia*, the law which created the first Latin American confederation, Gran Colombia. The official edition of its constitution is exhibited along with the *Ley Fundamental*. The text of the treaty signed at the Pan-American conference which met in Panama in 1826, which is a milestone in inter-American cooperation, is also among the items selected for exhibition. English translations of the instruments establishing the Pan American Union, the Organization of American States, and the Alliance for Progress were exhibited along with the treaties creating the commercial entities of the Latin American Free Trade Association and the Central American Common Market.

### Mexican Art and Culture through the Ages

The San Antonio Museum Association and the Division of Continuing Education of the University of Texas at San Antonio sponsored a fall public lecture series entitled: Mexican Art and Culture through the Ages. The series was presented at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Auditorium on six Tuesday evenings during October and November, 1973. The speakers were: R. E. W. Adams and Jacinto Quirarte, University of Texas, San Antonio, and Stephen Vollmer, Witte Museum. Fees were \$18 per person for the series and \$12 for students. For additional information contact the Division of Continuing Education, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas 78228.

### Peace Corps Fellowship Program

Fellowships and small grants in the social and behavioral sciences are now being offered by the Peace Corps to encourage research in the underdeveloped world and to help the Corps learn more about itself. Some grants will be awarded for theoretical

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research that may be useful in training programs or in planning new projects overseas. Fellows may conduct research in the United States or abroad. Since this is a continuing program there is no deadline for applications. Applications should include a two or three page outline describing the research problem and design, an estimate of the cost to the Peace Corps, a statement about possible sources of complementary funds, and a brief resumé. For information contact: Charles Peters, Director, Office of Evaluation and Research, Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. 20525.

### **Research Training Seminar**

CIDAL (Coordinación de Iniciativas para el Desarrollo de América Latina), a Mexican institute which has become a center of research, study, documentation, and encounter on women of the Americas, will sponsor an Inter-American Research Training Seminar and Foreign Area Fellowship Program on "Feminine Perspectives in Social Science Research in Latin America," from June 17–August 10, 1974 in Cuernavaca. The seminar will focus on research which has and can be done on women in Latin America and will include visiting faculty from the U.S., and Central and South America. For further information on this seminar write to: Foreign Area Fellowship Program, 110 E. 59th Street, New York, New York 10022.

### **The Turtle People**

A dramatic illustration of the long range consequences of the economic development for indigenous groups has recently been completed. The film, "The Turtle People" by Brian Weiss, shows the ecological and cultural changes which have occurred as the Miskito Indians of Eastern Nicaragua have begun to sell sea turtles. These turtles, formerly the focal point of the Miskito subsistence system, are the sole remaining natural resource which can be converted to cash in a region which has seen booms in rubber, lumber, and bananas come and go. The majority of the narration is drawn from taped interviews with the Miskito who tell in their own words the history which has made them part of the market economy and the changes which have come. The film is 16mm, sound and color, 26 minutes in length, and available from: B & C Films, 10451 Selkirk Lane, Los Angeles, California 90024. Rental is \$25; sale is \$310. The film is available for preview before purchase.

### **Women and Politics**

The Inter-American Commission of Women has announced a contest to stimulate research among college and professional women on the subject of women. The contest will take place every two years. The theme of this year's contest which will end May 1, 1974, is: Participation of Women in the Politics of the American Countries—"Ways to Promote Broader Female Participation in Politics.

A jury of five specialists on women's roles and problems will select the winner.

The prize will include two thousand dollars and publication benefits. For full details on contest rules and requirements write: Contest Awards, Inter-American Commission of Women, OAS, Washington, D.C. 20006.

### **World Studies Data Bank**

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