

Progress, Unity Is Goal in Hemisphere

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Hemispheric unity is today a primary goal of United States foreign policy. Yet political, social and economic conditions throughout much of Latin America militate against realization of this unity.

The history of Latin America has not been conducive to wide democratization nor to advanced economic development. Three centuries of Spanish and Portuguese domination left Latin America poorly prepared to institute stable popular government when many of its nations achieved independence in the early 1880s.

Inherited from colonial experience is the sharp division between rich and poor, perpetuated by lack of opportunities for social mobility among lower classes. Abject poverty for a majority of the population provides the kind of atmosphere in which Communist influence, with its promises of immediate and tangible benefits, can thrive. Latest figures indicate an average yearly income in Latin America of about \$300, a life expectancy of less than 52 years, and a literacy rate

of 61 per cent. This varies widely from country to country. A peasant in Haiti has a life span of 33 years and can expect to earn \$70 annually. 90 per cent of the population is illiterate. In Guatemala, the per capita income is \$176, less than one-third of the population can read, and a man is fortunate to live longer than 50 years. Brazil's literacy rate is 50 per cent, and there a person may live to be 53 and earn \$187 a year.

BECAUSE MUCH of the TV SET DONATED

Members of the Evelyn Carr School PTA have donated a television set to the school. The Board of Education accepted the gift Monday. It will be used at Carr School.

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productive land in Central and South America is concentrated in large estates whose owners can afford to leave it idle, less than 5 per cent of the land is under cultivation. Most of it is subject to primitive farming methods. Food production in many countries lags far behind population growth.

And the population is growing. Lack of education and religious and political opposition to family planning could make this the one problem most difficult to conquer

and most detrimental to development. At its current rate of growth Latin America, with 230 million people now, will have 600 million by the end of the century.

A NUMBER of bright spots promise a better future for southern nations in our hemisphere. In more nations each year, the political opposition can speak out. Costa Rica, Mexico and Chile, among others, are notable for their stable governments, democratic traditions and enlightened leadership. The Central American Common Market, almost five years old, has integrated and furthered the economies of its member nations. Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and is campaigning to promote external industrial investment in its area. Argentina and Uruguay have fairly prosperous economies and large middle classes. Positive steps are being

taken by national leaders in Peru, Venezuela, and El Salvador to improve conditions for their poor. The Alliance for Progress is stimulating further advances throughout Latin America.

Because progress so far indicates what can be done, and because what remains to be done is so vital to a free hemisphere, efforts in Central and South America deserve the financial and moral support of people to all of the Americas.

Serra High to Open Fall Play Festival

Three plays spanning two centuries of literature and three continents will be staged at the Serra High School Fall Play Festival this weekend, according to M. C. Perreiah, head of the school's drama department.

The festival will run for three evenings, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. All three plays will be presented each evening.

Selected for the festival this year are Tolstoy's "Where Love Is," Ionesco's "The Lesson," and "Mission Miracle" a modern play which tells of four men who spend 16 days in a lifeboat. Admission is 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults. Serra High School is located on Van Ness Avenue at Compton Boulevard in Gardena.

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