

The Latin American Group

Information Bulletin

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Forward

As a result of several information meetings at the Chatham House of scholars working on Latin American problems, it was agreed that the establishment of a Latin American group might serve a useful purpose in providing a point of contact for people from different universities and disciplines.

It is not intended that the group should become a formal organisation but it could perhaps provide an opportunity for exchanges of views between those anxious to see more attention given to the "unknown continent".

It is presently proposed that there shall be a social meeting once a term. The Royal Institute of International Affairs has kindly offered to provide the facilities for the first of these meetings. It will be held at CHATHAM HOUSE on Monday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m.. All recipients of this newsletter are invited to attend. Please return the pro forma below if you hope to come.

The possibility of publishing details of research on Latin America being undertaken in the universities has also been considered. From conversation and correspondence with others who have been concerned with such publications for other parts of the world, it is clear that such a venture brings many problems arising from both difficulties of what should or should not be included and from administrative difficulties necessarily associated with the production of a regular publication dependent entirely on the "voluntary" presentation and collection of material. For the present stage in the development of the Latin American Group, it was, therefore, considered inappropriate to make an attempt to list current research. As a first step, however, to indicate the present state of Latin American studies, members of the committee have sought to list those interested in and working on Latin America. This list forms the remainder of this information newsletter. Two particular limitations should be pointed out:

(a) It is undoubtedly incomplete in spite of my best efforts to prevent this. The editor of the newsletter (Dr. P. R. Odell, London School of Economics) would be pleased to have suggestions for additional entries.

(b) The entries must necessarily be brief and thus details of published works have not been included but it is hoped to include these in a future bulletin.

Your comments and suggestions on ways in which the group might develop are invited. Please send these to the editor of this newsletter or contact the appropriate member of the committee, viz:

Anthropology, Archaeology, Geography.	Mr. C.T. Smith, Dept. of Geography, Cambridge.
History.	Dr. J. Lynch, University College, London, W.C.1.
Literature.	Mrs. J. Franco, Queen Mary College, London, E.1.
Politics.	Dr. C. Veliz, Chatham House, Saint James's Sq., S.W.1.
Other subjects.	Dr. P. R. Odell, London School of Economic's, W.C.2.

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At a business meeting held at the Autumn conference on Saturday 26th of October at Chatham House 10 Saint James's Square, S.W.1., the following decisions were taken:-

- (1) that a properly constituted society should be formed.  
Proposer: Dr. P. Odell                      Seconder: Dr. Audrey Butt  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
  
- (2) that society should be named THE SOCIETY FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES and that the geographical area to be covered by the society should be further defined in the Constitution.  
Proposal: Dr. J. Street                      Seconder: Mr. J. C. Hunt  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
  
- (3) that the nominations for a new committee to be elected in accordance with the proposed constitution should be sent out with 21 days notice and that there should be a ballot at the time of the next meeting of the society, and voting should be in person.  
Proposal: Mr. A. Christie                      Seconder: Miss M. N. Cole  
CARRIED with one vote against.
  
- (4) that the present committee should remain in office until the next meeting.  
Proposal: Mr. A. Christie                      Seconder: Dr. Diaz Ray  
CARRIED with one vote against.

In view of the above decisions, it was agreed that suggestions remembrance to the proposed constitution should be sent to Mrs. Jean Franco, Queen Mary College, Mile End Rd, E.1., not later than 1st December 1963.

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