

Francisco Solano López y la guerra de Paraguay. By CARLOS PEREYRA. Buenos Aires, 1953. A. Rego. Appendices. Pp. 229.

This reprint gives a sympathetic portrait of Solano López which is essentially interpretative, and sometimes novelistic in form. The slight documentation is erratic; no bibliography is included. (J. F.)

PERU

Casa Grace in Peru. By EUGENE W. BURGESS and FREDERICK H. HARBISON. Washington, D. C., 1954. National Planning Association. United States Business Performance Abroad, 2. Charts. Illustrations. Maps. Tables. Bibliography. Pp. viii, 112. \$1.00.

The purpose of this series is to make objective studies "of some selected cases in which U. S. business management has, in pursuance of normal and profitable operations abroad, taken positive steps toward raising living standards and helping to integrate into countries less developed than the United States the foundations of a more mature economy." The success of each business studied is to be measured against its contributions to the basic economy, living standards, institutional benefit, and cultural achievements. The first volume in this series, published in 1953, was an 88 page case study of Sears, Roebuck de México.

Much of the information in this book—especially on corporate organization, labor policy, and management problems—is not available elsewhere. W. R. Grace and Co. has been in Peru since 1904, but over half of the \$30,000,000 it has in gross fixed assets has been invested in the last eight years. This means that the book will be of most value to those readers interested in present-day Peruvian social and economic conditions. Like *Casa Grace*, the authors avoid politics. (J. P. H.)

VENEZUELA

Como llegó Cipriano Castro al poder. By GENERAL ANTONIO PAREDES. Caracas, 1954. Ediciones Garrido. Illustrations. Appendix. Pp. cxxiii, 205.

A second edition reprinted from that published in 1906. A lengthy biographical essay on General Paredes by Ramón J. Velázquez serves as an introduction. (J. F.)

Misiones venezolanas en los archivos europeos. By JOAQUIN GABALDON MARQUEZ. Mexico City, 1954. Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia. Comisión de Historia. Pp. 230.

This eighth volume in the series of the Commission on History on the labors of scholars of the New World in European archives deals with Venezuela. Part one presents brief notes of the official missions of Figueredo, Veltancourt Vegas, Dominici and Froilán de Rionegro and gives a summary description of the documents in fifty-five volumes of transcripts secured by these scholars, which are now in the Academy of History. Part two has short accounts of the private missions of Parra Pérez, the Urdaneta Carrillos, López and Nectario María, which are followed by detailed descriptive lists of the transcripts secured. Parra Pérez worked mostly in England while the other investigators devoted their attention to Spanish archives, particularly the Archivo General de Indias. The lists reveal that the emphasis was placed on the period of the movement for independence in Venezuela.

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Teresa Carreño (1853-1917). By ISRAEL PENA. Caracas, 1953. Fundación Eugenio Mendoza. Colección de Biografías, 11. Pp. 64.

This booklet is one of a larger publishing series which includes national works grouped under the rubrics "Ideario Nacional," "Clásicos Venezolana-