CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor:

Over the past fifteen years, I have been asked by various HAHR editors to review books written by scholars whose ideology differs from mine. Sometimes I have suggested that a book be sent to another reviewer. In other instances, I have submitted a review and requested the editor not to print it if he or she considered my remarks unfair. Having our works reviewed by those with whom we agree philosophically is not always possible or desirable. However, the practice of noting, in a review, when your perspective differs from that of an author is helpful to readers and appreciated by the author. Bryce Wood’s report in the August 1979 HAHR on my Diplomacy and Dependency: Venezuela, the United States and the Americas might have better served the journal’s readers had he mentioned that the book represents a non-sectarian Marxist point of view which challenges many of the commonly held beliefs of U.S. historians and foreign relations experts who have written about, and at times participated in, the formulation of their country’s policies toward Venezuela.

Sheldon B. Liss

Bryce Wood exercised his option not to respond to Professor Liss’ letter to the editor.

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