BOOK NOTICES

bibliography accompanies each essay and locates the topic in current scholarship. In sum, these volumes are most likely to be appreciated as part of a library reference collection.

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The author of this brief essay on Brazilian development as a role model believes that economic success without social justice is an inappropriate goal for the rest of Latin America. In sixty-nine pages Villegas, a Bolivian currently studying in the United States, takes not only Brazilian policies to task, but also U.S.—Latin American relations, multinational corporations, militarism, and human rights, particularly the plight of the Amazonian Indians. Although the intent is sincere and commendable, the product is too brief and flawed to satisfy a specialist, and too disorganized and expensive to attract the casual reader. The validity and assessment of the Brazilian model along with the other issues still invite rigorous analysis.

D.J.G.


Journalist Delcio Monteiro de Lima has compiled an anthology of thirty depositions by Brazilians qualified by training or experience to comment on specific aspects of politics, the economy, and society. Monteiro contributes a brief introductory comment to each selection, skillfully using statistics to focus the reader's attention.

The book presents overwhelming evidence of official indifference to the lot of most Brazilians—the poor and nonwhite in particular. One is left with a sense of helplessness which the commentators clearly share: they do not propose solutions, they merely raise questions and lay charges. Some contributors simply restated the obvious or well-known, some argued polemically that at least they or their organization were trying to do something, and some offered shrewd insights into the problems they discussed.

Such a book implicitly raises a fundamental question about Brazil: why, if there is so much wrong with the regime, has it been allowed to survive? Is it, as writer Antônio Houaiss charges in the initial deposition, because of mass cowardice which intellectuals shared, abandoning their charge as leaders? Are the bourgeoisie (whoever they are) to blame, as many commentators imply? While the book does not provide the answer, readers will learn much about the agony of contemporary Brazil.

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This book offers a summary analysis of the sociocultural, economic, and political realities associated with the large population increase experienced by Mexico. The author