

THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Foreword

As a result of several informal meetings at 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 both from 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 collation 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 our 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, St James's Sq., S.W.1.
Other subjects	Dr P.R. Odell, London School of Economics, W.C.2.

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At a business meeting held at the Autumn Conference on Saturday 26th October at Chatham House, 10 St. 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 the 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.
Proposer: Dr. J. Street Seconder: Mr. J.C. Hunt
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- (3) that 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 that voting should be in person.
Proposer: Mr. A. Christie Seconder: Miss M.M. Cole
CARRIED with one vote against
- (4) that the present committee should remain in office until the next meeting.
Proposer: Mr. A. Christie Seconder: Dr. Díaz Rey
CARRIED with one vote against

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

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