

-Pan America-

When we learned what our pic has to be this past year I think each one of us was pleased.

Our interest was sustained thru the ensuing months by the approach and handling of each of the true fine papers.

The interest in the United States in her neighbors to the South has been building up steadily thru the past century.

The rather smug feeling of superiority of the North American has gradually lessened through education and closer relationships. This has not been entirely magnanimous nor altruistic.

Rather we have realized

that the Good Neighbor
Policy works both
ways. The German
infiltration for World War
I and II scared us
plenty.

We have not industrial
what we should be
fettered, or resented
as the big strong
nation to the north
though we should ^{admittedly}
admit some of our
industrial ^{and political} exploitation
was no better than
that of Spainish
conquerors of old.

Charlie Stevens gave
us such a wide
view in his
capsule talk which
was the spring board

To launch ^{on} ~~us~~ ^{the} Study

Club program -

Do you remember what he said in respect to the difference in the colonization of North and South America?

In the North the early settlers brought their women and raised their families.

In the South, they did not for many years but cohabited with the Indians and sometimes married them -

Professor

proudly proclaimed
the Mexicans are
a mongrel race.

It just happens ^{he said} "I do
^{also} have negro blood
as well as Spanish
and Indian, most of us
do - we face this and
go on from there. We are

proved to be Mexicans and
we are, a mongrel
race -

Let us pause a moment
and give some thought
to this -

Could it be that South
America has arrived
at a social development
ahead of us?

One of our most acute ^{to day}
social problems is
Segregation versus
Integration.

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We are steeped in the
concept of white man's
superiority. I am sure
I speak for all of us
that no matter how much
we wish to advance
the opportunity of our
Negro citizens we
resist the condoning
of intermarriage -
I remember

When we were studying
the religions of the world.
Irma Schmidt called
our attention to the fact
that our ^{own} membership
was entirely made up of
Christians, though we
might be divided thru
dogmas of various
sects our view point
was narrowed thru
the channel of Christianity
which was a very
small segment of the
world's religious belief.

So again on this racial
problem our view point
is narrowed through
the upbringing of Bryan
family tradition.

It has not many
generations ago that our
families insisted
that marriages should

he made on the basis
of the same European heritage
(Grandchildren)

So let us look again
at our South American
neighbors - ^{this time} through
the ^{the} historical
eyes of Thubert
on
Herring.

Where did these so-called
Latin Americans come
from? Asia, Europe, Africa.
America is young, ^{the day} it was
only the day-before-yesterday
in terms of geologic time
that America was empty
of human life, that no
human voice competed
with the call of birds, the
chattering of monkeys, the
wail of coyotes from

Alaska to Cape Hurii - on
that day-before-yesterday in
Asia, Africa and Europe
man had already been
standing erect for hundreds
of thousands of years.

Most scientists are in
agreement that nomad
tribes from Asia were the
first American immigrants
some fifteen thousand years
ago.

Archaeologists have brought
us the story of the Pre-Columbian
Indians - the great nations
of the Mayas, Aztecs and
Incas

? There were perhaps
from eight to fifteen millions
of those first Americans, holders
of clear titles to the forests
and plains. Some were
primitive wanderers living
from the game they snared
the berries they picked. Others

created elaborate nations. Some had progressed no further than the making of simple baskets and earthenware. Others had created temples and sculptures which place them high among their contemporaries of all lands. Others had mastered the secrets of the sun and stars and had counted the days and years. But simple or sophisticated they were destined to lose their heritage to mightier men with guns and horses and wheels.

Then in the curious alchemy of time, these conquered peoples would in turn become conquerors as their blood mixed with the blood of the white man to create America.

This was the first the
African source of ancestry
next came the European -

We can not appreciate
the countries we are
studying unless we
know Spain and
Portugal - This has not
been easy - Tradition
has reared a formidable
barrier. We are slowly
escaping the tyranny of
the "black legend" of our
American school books
proclaiming only the perfidy of Spain
and are gaining a better
perspective, ^{enabling us} to recognize
the stature of the conquerors
who with meager bands
brought populous
empires into vassalage
to the kings of Castile
and Portugal. No less
impressive has the success
of African colonization

Spanish & Portuguese administrators followed the conquerors and organized economic life and civil rule so skilfully that their colonial empires remained intact & faithful for three centuries. Friars and priests came with the civil rulers, tempered power with mercy, defended the Indian against the white man's rapacity. All these captains, governors and priests are the Spaniards & Portuguese whose history and genius must be appraised if we are to understand the life of modern Latin America.

Of course the Spaniards ~~had~~ intended conquest and colonization but they also had a genuine missionary

zeal for carrying the true
faith to the ends of the
world -

As Charlie Stuenkel said
Isabella's chief concern
was the gathering of souls
into the true fold for
her God - but we
can not wonder, in our
present day Sophistication,
the effete of Cortez
standing on the shore
at Vera Cruz brandishing
his sword at the land
in general and declaring
its inhabitants citizens
of Spain and true Christians!

And now the third great
source of ancestry of our
neighbors - Africa - negro

The attitude of the Latin American
differs from that of the North
American. He judges him
first a citizen then a negro

Ethnologists in Brazil for example, have sometimes been hard put to it to discover whether a given distinguished artist or intellectual a century or so before was Negro, white or mulatto, because the person was, first of all a distinguished Brazilian and his race seemed of no consequence to the historian. If the "color line" does not quite disappear South of the Rio Grande, at least it loses its sharpness.

Latin America inherited patterns of slavery from Spain and Portugal. In these cultures the slave had legal & social status as a human being, it was always possible for the slave to improve his

status, even to purchase his freedom -

In the countries of Latin America the institution of slavery was certainly as cruel as it was in the United States, but perhaps with this subtle difference: while the Spaniard or Portuguese was cruel to the slave, the North American was cruel to the Negro.

And this may account in part for the somewhat more ready acceptance of the free negro into the society of Spanish & Portuguese America -

So in answer to the question where do our South & Central American neighbors come from? - We presume to say a Brazilian is not a trans -

planted Portuguese
how are the Celans,
Mexicans or Peruvians
"transplanted Spaniards"
But rather into this
large melting pot have
gone Aryans, Indians
and - - - - - Negros.

In Latin America, the
white man, the red man
and the black man have
met and merged with
one another to form a
new kind of people.
José Vasconcelos
has called it - the
cosmic race -

What kind of land
do these people inhabit -

From our papers we have
the answer, ^{the answer is}
have learned, every

possible kind of terrain
they are and temperature

On the most rugged

mountains of the Andes

Equador Chile

and Peru and the pampas
broadest

of Brazil and Argentine

Bay, the largest lake, Titicaca,
which lies 12,507 feet

above the sea in Peru and
Bolivia and the world's most
fabulous ^{river} Amazon which
floods such vast areas

Brazil — and the
 all the arid
 deserts of Mexico.
 Brazil, Argentina, Peru
 and Chile and the various
 jungles of Bolivia
 and Paraguay — and
 Brazil — They flourish
 on the prairie lands
 and the fields of Brazil
 and the cattle raising
 Pampas of Argentina.

They exist where we
say in the mining
areas of many countries
in the thatched roof second
stories of the jungle and
the hovels of the villages
and cities.

They display their wealth
and the beauty of their
women in the most
society of their magnificent
cities - the pleasure

of their gracious living
in the handicrafts and
the culture of their
heritage in the
universities - and
the traditions of their
spiritual oneness
in the splendor of
their churches -

When we made up the
program this year
we debated whether
we should divide our
subject laterally into
religion, art, economy,
etc. or by countries -
as you know we chose
the latter and we
hope our reason has
been realized that you
may now identify
better the individual
countries to the South
of us -

pattern was the fine
work of research which
Betty Johnson did
on Christmas in
Latin America -

So perhaps some day
we can again take
up our subject from
the fascinating story
of their history, their
great Simon Bolivar,
the development of
trade, of Drake and
Morgan and the
private ships -
mining and farming
and their universities.
their contribution to learning and
I started this very
loosey resume with
the composite individual
and I will close

with what perhaps
affects their northern
neighbors more -

Their political situation
and will they stand fast
to the ideology of the
free world -

Each of you brought
out the great discrepancy
of great wealth and dire
poverty -

We should watch their
ability of developing the
great middle class -

The necessity of
opportunity of education
which makes this
assured -

They lack discrimination

short

We realize the possibility
of a United States of
Europe - we know
the possibility of
a United States of
Latin America - Is Cess
They cherish their
individuality; nationality -
They resist their
Democracies -
Let us hope they will
develop their
democracies in
free elections and
overthrow their
dictatorships -
Let us be understanding
and sympathetic with
our own Diplomatic
Service in their
relationships with
our Southern neighbors
Remember we are
pledged to take
no part in their

internal problems
and must deal with
their elected representatives —

So I'm really
concluding and
he will watch with
a more personal
interest the problems
of our Latin American
neighbors —
