

separate entities with little in common, and somewhat uneven in terms of topic, scope, quality, and length. Scholars interested in Haiti will find the range of the topics useful, as the span includes essays on religion, linguistics, folk music, education, demography, literature, nutrition. Unfortunately there are few historical topics. This collection of essays serves to provide a summary of the current state of scholarship regarding various facets of Haitian life.

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Political science Professor Lynn Darrell Bender's revised doctoral dissertation, *The Politics of Hostility: Castro's Revolution and United States Policy* (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: Inter American University Press, 1975. Pp. 156. Bibliography. Index. \$2.95, paper.), is essentially a synthesis of the studies and polemic literature relative to U.S.-Cuban relations thus far in the Castro era. Bender argues that the main hindrance to a relaxation of tension is the "mutual hostility" syndrome, which built up over a long period, as each side adopted a progressively more hostile and rigid policy toward the other, while contending that its reaction was a proper and necessary step to counter the aggressive stance of the other side. Viewing the U.S.-Cuban dispute from many perspectives—U.S. domestic, Castro's Cuba, Russian, Cuban exile, and hemispheric—Bender recognizes the difficulties facing any relaxation of U.S.-Cuban hostility. However, he observes that the recent thaw in U.S.-Soviet, and most particularly in U.S.-Communist Chinese relations, might presage a new era in U.S.-Cuban relations. In this context, Bender ponders whether the 1973 U.S.-Cuban sky-piracy agreement might not serve to initiate a gradual softening of tension.

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#### RECENT DEATHS

Father Rubén Vargas Ugarte, S.J.

Father Vargas Ugarte, S.J., died on February 7, 1975 in Lima, Peru. Since that time, the Jesuit Province of Peru has been considering several alternative proposals for making his papers and books available for use by serious scholars either in the Biblioteca Nacional, of which he had been Director, or at the Universidad Católica, of which he had been Rector. Many of the books and pamphlets in this collection are from Father Vargas' father, Manuel Nemesio Vargas, also a historian.

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