

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT:
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL
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The Department of Historical Investigations of the Instituto Nacional de Antropología, México (INAH) recently filed a mid-year report of its academic activities from 1 October 1973 to 31 March 1974. Major INAH research objectives were: a) investigation of topics related to the society, demography, urban centers, economy, and culture of nineteenth-century Mexico; b) training of researchers; and c) publication and distribution of scientific knowledge. Accordingly, the Department of Historical Investigations has established various seminars to undertake the study of new and challenging problems dealing with nineteenth-century Mexico. Seminar members utilize modern techniques and methods of investigation in gathering information which is then deposited in "data banks" for use by future researchers.

The Department announced the forthcoming publication of three manuals concerning the present status of and future prospects in Mexican political, economic, and social history. Several projects have been submitted for publication including: Enrique Florescano and Isabel Gil, *Descripciones económicas generales de Nueva España, 1784-1817*; and *Haciendas mexicanas, 1750-1850* by Enrique Semo and his seminar. In order to stimulate discussion of the theoretical and methodological problems which confront historians, the Department has created the periodical, *Cuadernos de trabajo*, which will publish preliminary reports of all the seminars under its direction. The Department will also prepare a basic bibliography for each of its seminars. The library is seeking major works related to nineteenth-century Mexican economy, and has cataloged approximately 500 relevant pamphlets, many of them rare.

The Seminar on Economic History is basically concerned with the accumulation and organization of statistical and bibliographic sources necessary for a complete study of Mexican economic development from pre-Hispanic times to the present. It is preparing a final bibliography for each period of Mexican economic history, and will include introductory essays to explain the materials available for each period. Members of the Seminar are: Elsa Peña Haaz, Isabel Gil, Margarita Rosales, Francisco González Ayerdi, Carlos Ortega Guerrero, Augusto Urteaga, Jorge Ceballos, Margarita Urías Hermosillo, and Enrique Florescano.

The Seminar on Social History is preparing a bibliography of pertinent research materials. It has classified them as: (a) demography; (b) family; (c) the work force and social structure; (d) function of material reproduction; (e) function of ideological and cultural reproduction; (f) social conflicts; and (g) agrarian con-

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flicts. Individual studies to be published include *Rebeliones Indígenas en la Época Colonial* by María Teresa Huerta and *Repúblicas de Indios* by Guadalupe Nava. Raúl Olmedo is presently preparing translations, annotations, and introductions for several essays to be published in *Cuadernos de trabajo*. Among these are: *Historia marxista, historia en construcción*, by Pierre Vilar; *Advertencia a los lectores del libro I de El Capital*, by Louis Althusser; *Sobre la dialéctica histórica*, by Etienne Balibar; the first book of *El Capital y sociología de la clase obrera*, by René Mouriaux; *Engels y la filosofía marxista*, by Christine Glucksmann; and *La filosofía marxista y la práctica científica*, by Jacques Milhau. Seminar members are Lidia Calzada, María Teresa Huerta, Concepción Lugo, and Guadalupe Nava. The research assistants are María de los Angeles Olavarrieta, Rosa María Meyer, and Homero Espinoza. The seminar is directed by Raúl Olmedo.

The Seminar on Political History has completed and submitted for publication its monograph "El poder en México: Balance y perspectivas de la Historiografía política de México, 1521-1972." Its members are Primitivo Rodríguez, María de la Luz Parceró, Carmen Venegas, and Isabel González Sánchez. Hector Aguilar Camín is the director of the seminar.

The Seminar on Urban History is presently transcribing and recording on magnetic tape nineteenth-century census data. Publications by seminar members include: *Historia de la Ciudad de México desde su fundación hasta 1854*, by Manuel Orozco y Berra; *Las ciudades latinoamericanas*, a translation prepared by the seminar based on the original work written by Richard M. Morse; and *Desarrollo Urbano de México-Tenochtitlan según las fuentes históricas*, written by Sonia Lombardo de Ruiz. Those in the seminar are Carlos Aguirre Anaya, María del Carmen Reyna, María Dolores Morales de Torres, Celia Maldonado de Pineda, Sonia Lombardo de Ruíz, Rosa María Sánchez de Tagle, José Antonio Rojas Loa, Jorge González Angulo, María del Carmen Morales, Cesar R. Flores, Javier Olavarrieta, and Jaime Rodríguez. Seminar director is José Emilio Pacheco.

Lastly, the Seminar on the History of National Culture deals with the reading, discussion, and analysis of the literature of the independence period, with special emphasis on the works of Fernández de Lizardi.