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Pope Paul VI is eighty years old this month. James V. Schall takes the occasion of Paul's eightieth birthday to weigh and assess what the pope has been doing and saying since he succeeded John XXIII. Pope John initiated Vatican Council II, but it is Pope Paul who saw the Council through to its conclusion and who has had to cope with the widespread ramifications of that Council. Schall shows how, in doing this, Paul has addressed himself to the full range of modern economic and political life. He has drawn fire from both liberals and conservatives and has himself escaped easy classification.

In April of this year Derek Davies offered an overview of events in Asia during 1976. Now the editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review* turns his attention to economic and political developments in Southeast Asia. While the war in Vietnam raged on. Southeast Asia provided much foreign news. With the end of that war, the attention of many people shifted. The area remains, however, very significant. What we need to do is to rid ourselves of the myths that cloud our vision and recognize that the day of the client state is over, but that Southeast Asia offers industrialized countries the greatest existing potential for mutually helpful relations.

Mexico is moving rapidly from relatively poor, rural agrarian to more affluent, urban, industrialized conditions. It is, in other words, undergoing the process of modernization and development. When President José Lopez Portillo Pacheco assumed office less than a year ago, he spoke of the need for reconciling the contending factions in his country. But many of the problems that beset his predecessor. Echeverría, still exist. Robert Drysdale examines the reign and heritage of Echeverría to illuminate harsh dilemmas President Portillo faces now.