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Much has been written on Latin America by the Western writers most of which has never been available to the Indian public. Also the majority of the works on this region have shown a tendency to misrepresent the problems facing the Latin American nations, and to soft-paddle the role of Imperialism in keeping this vast region socially backward and economically under-developed.

Mr. Lajpat Rai's book—the first ever written by any Indian on this region as a whole, makes a brilliant and a penetrating study of Latin American problems, particularly in the context of their relation with Imperialism. It is, in fact, as the author himself has put it, "a study of the neo-colonialism in Latin America."

Mr. Rai reaches the conclusion that Latin America's present state of retarded development is due to two basic factors: the feudal land relations as expressed in the Latifundium, and the exploitation of the natural resources of the continent by foreign capital, particularly that from the United States.

It is hoped that this study will go a long way in stimulating interest in Latin American problems in India, and will be an important contribution to the existing literature on this region.

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