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Social Movements, 1962-1973**

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Summary Information

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Title: Latin American Churches' Response to Social Movements, 1962-73
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Collection Scope

The papers from this collection are divided into five main sections. Each section provides a distinct perspective on the various Latin American churches' response to the rise of revolutionary movements during the years 1962-73.

1. Latin American Churches and Social Movements, 1962-69.

These papers describe various Latin American churches' response to the movements for social change taking place during the years 1962-69. Papers like Emilio Castro's "Protestants in the Latin American Revolution" and Christian d'Epinay's "Protestant churches and the Latin American Revolution" are especially helpful in providing information on Latin American Protestant churches' role during this period.¹

2. North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA), 1967-73

The North American Congress on Latin America is an organization which continues to exist. Founded in November 1966, the organization sought to "examine and debate the official and mainstream coverage of the Johnson Administration's April 1965 invasion of the Dominican Republic."² The NACLA currently provides "policy makers, analysts, academics, organizers, journalists and religious and community groups with information on U.S.-Latin American relations on a range of political, social and economic issues in the Americas."³ The papers in this collection are drawn from the years 1967-73.

Various projects are recorded here though special attention should go to the development of NACLA's "Yanqui Dollar" study. Shown here in its proposed, developmental, and final state, the Yanqui Dollar Study sought to examine U.S. corporate investment in Latin America. Later newsletters and news packets would emphasize how U.S. private investments had led to Latin America's state of underdevelopment.

¹ Castro, Emilio. *Protestants in the Latin American Revolution*, MRL 9: Latin American Churches' Response to Social Movements, 1962-73. Box 1, Folder 3, The Burke Library Archives at Union Theological Seminary in the city of New York.

² North American Congress on Latin America.

³ North American Congress on Latin America.

3. Latin American Organizations, 1965-1970: ISAL, LAD/NCC

These papers represent U.S. and Latin American churches' response to the movements for social change taking place in 1965-1970 through the lens of various organizations' documents. The two church organizations described below were just two of many in Latin America that sought to think critically about the revolutionary movements that had arisen and the state of economic dependency that had made such movements possible.

3a. Iglesia y Sociedad en América Latina (ISAL)

Originating with the Latin American Protestant youth movement of the 1940's-50's, ISAL first appeared as a periodical bulletin in 1959 in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay. Within years, this publication would prove to be the basis for a burgeoning movement among Latin American Protestants. Organizing its first consultation in Lima, Peru in 1961, this meeting addressed "The Social Responsibility of the Protestant Church in the Face of Rapid Social Change." Two years later in Rio de Janeiro, ISAL held its first consultation on Service and Social Action. In a rough history of ISAL published in 1967 (in this collection), members describe themselves as seeking "to awaken Protestant conscience to social responsibility...through the promotion of interest in serious study of the message of the Bible, theological reflection, and an objective analysis of the social situation."⁴ This same document concludes by expressing a strong desire to become a social movement. The ISAL documents cover the period 1967-73.

3b. Latin American Division of the National Council of Churches (LAD of NCC)

The National Council of Churches was founded in 1950 and describes itself as the leading force for ecumenical cooperation in the United States. During the 1960's and 70's, the NCC organized a Latin American Division (LAD) under the Division of Overseas Ministries. The few documents relating to this group indicate that its members intended to continue through the 1970's and that it supported groups like ISAL among others.

4. U.S. Critique of American Policy in Latin America, 1963-1968

These papers represent U.S. criticism of American foreign policy as regards Latin America. Articles entitled "Can Pax Americana Succeed?" and "Training, Equipping the Latin American Military," reveal the concerns which U.S. church organizations sought to address.

5. U.S. Educational Materials on Latin America, 1967-1972

These folders are comprised of four educational packets produced by various church organizations during the years 1967-1972. These packets were especially intended for use by children and young adults in Sunday school. They represent popular efforts to educate the U.S. public on the poor-living conditions of people in Latin America and to raise awareness of how U.S. foreign policy had caused extreme poverty in "developing" nations.

⁴ "An Effort at Incarnation," ISAL doc. Oct. 1967, MRL 9: Latin American Churches' Response to Social Movements, 1962-73. Box 1, Folder 21, The Burke Library Archives at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York.

Processing

When the Burke Library acquired these papers, an attempt was made to maintain the original order imposed by the Mission Research Library on the contents. Folded materials were flattened. Staples, rubber bands, and metal clips were removed and replaced with plastic clips. All materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes.

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