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The Coming Explosion in Latin America

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Rossi, Mario. *The Third World*. New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 1963. 209 p.

In dispassionate yet clear and eloquent terms, Mr. Rossi sets forth the need for an understanding of the 'ideals and prejudices, greatness and miseries, aspirations and phobias' of the Third World comprised of those 'peoples and countries in a stage of transition from dependence to an independence still short of accomplished fact.' While pleading for understanding, the author makes a major contribution toward that understanding by an objective and thorough analysis of the substance and reasons behind the Third World posture in international affairs and the cold war. He analyzes incisively the Third World's approach toward its version of peaceful coexistence as a *sine qua non* of its existence; its exploitation of the cold war in order to preserve its own entity without participation in the power struggles of the Western and communist blocs; its rejection of the ideologies and dogmas of both the West and the communist bloc; and its faith in the United Nations as a framework on which to establish the rightful place of the developing nations within the international community. Mr. Rossi's book is interesting, provocative, and highly readable. It is recommended to all who seek enlightenment of the continuing problems involving the developing nations in today's international scene.

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Mr. Gerald Clark believes that Latin America is literally a political volcano dangerously near to the erupting stage. To document this belief, he has set forth in easily read and understood language a detailed review of the forces, people, political actions and personalities which are, in his judgment, creating this political overpressure. The author, a Canadian by birth, devotes a major portion of his literary effort to documenting an outsider's review of the history of United States political and material intervention in the affairs of Latin America. His rather forceful opinions as to the limited degree of success that we have realized in this area are frequently at odds with the views popularly expressed by our own political leaders and internal news-media. No book today on Latin America could possibly be complete without a soul-searching political look at Cuba, and the author provides just that. The role that the United States played in forcing Fidel Castro and his revolutionists into the hands of the communists is detailed in the main as a succession of American political errors. While Mr. Clark does admit that perhaps end results would not have been greatly altered regardless of United States tactics, he is of the view that our course has been, and is now, wrong. Mr. Clark's acknowledged qualifications and experience make his stated views and opinions worthy of consideration and thought. *The Coming Explosion in Latin America* may well be a forecast of the immediate future and as such is highly recommended political reading.