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BOOKS

Eisenhower, Milton. *The Wine Is Bitter*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1963. 342 p.

Dr. Eisenhower has written an unusually fine account and analysis of United States-Latin American relations covering in substantial detail the period 1953-1963. The author has intimate knowledge of the area and relationships about which he writes. The book reviews history with erudite impartiality, and clearly sets the record straight, permitting the facts, as the author sees them, to seek their own level. The frank discussion devotes equal time to the faults and virtues of the leaders of both sides of the Americas. Gross mistakes of the United States are elaborated in detail while orchids are extended for her successes. The same impartial formula has been used to describe the Latin attitudes and their successes and failures. The author has not only described the recent historical events with refreshing candor; he has done so in the context and background of the various anthropological influences which have created the social forces extant in Latin America today. Of particular interest is Dr. Eisenhower's amazingly accurate assessment of the characteristics of the peoples of Latin America. He has carefully recorded the individual differences of the various Latin American nations and has also outlined the problems which are shared in common. The book is highly recommended reading for individuals interested in Latin America and United States aid programs.

Goldsen, Joseph M., ed. *Outer Space in World Politics*. New York: Praeger, 1963. 180 p.

Edited by the associate head of the Social Sciences Department, Rand Corporation, the symposium under review treats the possible effects of space technology on world peace; political exploitation of its own achievements in this area by the U.S.S.R.; the impact of public opinion on space developments in the United States; the theoretical introduction of bombardment satellites; and a 1988 projection. The contributors to the seven chapters, all versed in technology and/or international relations, include such well-known writers as Almond, Deutsch, Horelick, Keckskemeti, Knorr, Schelling and the editor. The brief 29-item bibliography indicates how little has been published in this field. The contribution by Thomas C. Schelling, Professor of Economics at Harvard University, probably would be of most interest to the military reader, as it deals with bombardment satellites.