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BOOKS

Busch, Noel F. *Thailand; An Introduction to Modern Siam.*

Princeton, N. J., Van Nostrand, 1959. 166 p.

Mr. Busch has very ably portrayed a picture of Thailand, past and present, leaving the reader with a distinct impression that he has gained an important insight into the makeup of modern Thailand. His approach has been to discuss those aspects of the country's geography, history, government, religion, arts and pastimes which he deems essential to a broad understanding of the way of life of the people that make up this free Southeast Asian kingdom. He has done this in colorful and informal fashion by intermixing personal impressions gained during his four-year stay in the country together with information gathered from a rather detailed research on his part of the various authoritative documents available on Thailand. The author points out vividly the impact that religion and freedom from foreign domination (except for the brief Japanese occupation in World War II) have had on the development of the culture and way of life of modern Thais. He pictures them as a philosophical, trusting, extremely polite and happily contented people, yet a race which over the centuries has guarded jealously its independence, fighting bravely to preserve it whenever it was threatened by outside forces. This has caused them to line up solidly with the free world in the current struggle against Communist domination. The purpose of Mr. Busch's undertaking is simply to provide in a small, informal and unpretentious book general information about Thailand for the casual reader. This work is the first volume in a new series. "The Asia Library," published in cooperation with the Asian Society, New York.

Committee for Economic Development. *The European Common Market and Its Meaning to the United States.* New York, McGraw-Hill, 1959. 152 p.

The European Common Market and the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) are indicative of

the increasing trend toward political and economic unification of Western Europe. This exhaustive study attempts to determine the effect of these organizations, and the European Common Market in particular, on the foreign trade of the United States and other non-member countries, and proposes certain economic and commercial policies by which the United States can foster these tendencies without detriment to its own economy. Of particular interest is a statement by the European Committee for Economic and Social Progress of the problems confronting the European Economic Community.

Szulc, Tad. *Twilight of the Tyrants*. New York, Holt, 1959. 312 p.

Twilight of the Tyrants is basically an account of the rise and fall of five South American dictators, Getulio Vargas of Brazil, Juan Perón of Argentina, Manuel Odriá of Peru, G. Rojas Pinilla of Colombia and M. Pérez Jiménez of Venezuela. As South American correspondent for *The New York Times*, Tad Szulc has had an opportunity to obtain much of the information in his book first-hand. For the most part, Mr. Szulc does not judge the five principals, but is content to outline the dramatic events that characterized the careers of these men and to let the reader draw his own conclusions. His analysis of the political, economic and social conditions in each country shows an excellent insight into this transitional period of South American history. Mr. Szulc's style is both interesting and entertaining. He has written a lucid and vivid book; for those who wish to review the recent events in the countries concerned, it provides excellent background material.

Jessup, Philip C. and Taubenfeld, Howard J. *Controls for Outer Space*. New York, Columbia University Press, 1959. 379 p.

The authors see in the reach for outer space the need for regulation, agreements and accord in order to prevent misunderstandings which could quickly lead to a catastrophic mistake on the part of the United States or the Soviets. Another area which could lead to serious disagreement lies in the Ant-