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Complex Problems In Latin America

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

LIMA, PERU — The Andes Mountains rise in a jagged, sawtoothed jumble at Lima's back, dividing Peru into three worlds, the coast, the high sierra and the jungle.

Lima, a mixture of the new and an ancient Spanish culture, lies on the first of these, the coast. It is the home of Julio Danta, a bright-eyed youngster who hopes to become a petroleum engineer. Andres Quisbe, a direct descendant of the Incas, lives in the second, the high sierra. He is one of six million who live in misery on pennies per day. Quisbe is addicted to the coca leaf, the source of cocaine, and he has no hope.

But he is stirred by a vague and sometimes violent unrest.

The third world is the sparsely populated jungle, still in prehistoric days, its riches still untapped.

These are the worlds that Peru must unite if it is to fulfill its future and escape the shadow of communism which seeks to engulf it. And time is pressing hard.

Gets U.S. Aid

Peru's allocations from the Alliance for Progress so far total \$123 million, much of which has not yet been used by Peru's caretaker military government. But the government is instituting land and government reforms and has promised free elections for June 9 to restore democratic processes interrupted by a bloodless coup last July.

Immense wealth is concentrated in Lima, most of it in the hands of a few families. But there also is a burgeoning middle class emerging in an economy which is among the most diversified and stable in all of South America.

Here there is no runaway inflation. The rise in the cost of living has been limited to one or two per cent per year. Gross national product is advancing at a rate of better than five per cent a year, comparing favorably with most countries of the world.

New Industry Grows

In the last four or five years a new industry, fishing, has come to Peru. Fish meal pours an annual \$100 million into the Peruvian economy and is now Peru's No. 1 export.

Contributing nearly as much are cotton and copper. Also high on the list are petroleum and sugar.

These are the symbols of Peru's wealth. But symbols of her poverty are the adobe shacks which stretch out endlessly on the barren sands sloping downward toward the Pacific and Lima's port of Callao.

An Alliance for Progress housing project is going up here for the relief of Lima's slum dwellers. It is called Ventanilla and is designed eventually to house 25,000 people. Some 2,000 are there now.

But the \$30 million project is 15 miles from the city and transportation is poor. Many who need it most cannot travel that far.

Nation's Chief Concern

Andres Quisbe's village is called Huancarani. It is 20 miles from Cuzco, two and a half hours by air and centuries away from Lima.

Quisbe's diet, such as it is, is a monotonous repetition of corn, barley, beans and such tubers as the potato or the oca.

His solace is the coca leaf. Through centuries of descending misery, Quisbe has been Peru's forgotten man, laboring for pennies on the cattle, coffee, tea or wheat plantations and living in huts amid the filth of his animals.

Quisbe is the No. 1 concern of the military junta. And of the Lima politicians.

Better Days Ahead

Quisbe's poverty is less than that of some, and a better life may be on the way.

In La Convencion Province of Cuzco Department, in late March, the government began distribution of 6,000 acres of land taken over under the land reform program. More will follow and along with it will come teachers to supply modern methods and pools of farm machinery to work the land more efficiently.

Among the 200 U.S. Peace Corps workers in Peru, approximately 40 are assigned to the Cuzco area. Primarily they work now under the U.S. Food for Peace program. Later will come teachers and engineers.

At another day will come roads into the Andes valleys and into the jungle. And on that day, Peru will begin the union of its three worlds.

Hi-Way Trailer

Court News

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eversole, 62 Bella Casa, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eversole in Middle Point, Ohio.

Mrs. Max Heller of Swanton, Ohio, and Miss Elda Amstutz, missionary from India, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Rilla Amstutz, 13 Krick St.

Mrs. Donald Boroff of Van Wert, Ohio, is spending this week here in the court.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bell, Jr., and daughter Lisa, 59 Bella Casa, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bell, Sr., in South Milford.

Mrs. Glenn Hill is the new resident at 16 Krick St.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerig and family, 519 S. 13th St., spent Saturday afternoon with his sister, Mrs. Ed Wilmark and family in Lima, O.

Mrs. Rilla Amstutz, 13 Krick St., accompanied them.

Carole Frisemoth of Delphos, O., spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eversole, 62 Bella Casa.

Mr. Joe C. Stuart of Warren, spent Wednesday afternoon of last week with Rev. and Mrs. James R. Meadows, 24 Krick St.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerral Blair, 67 Bella Casa, spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Brad Blair and son Brain of Fort Wayne. They celebrated Brain's first birthday.

Mrs. Helen Zimmerman, 70 Bella Casa, just received a card from her son, Pfc. Ernest L. Hanni, stating that he and his bride were in Missouri on their way to their new home in Oceanside, Calif., after an enjoyable honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Cole and family of Lima, O., were Saturday guests of her sister, Mrs. Rodger Stevens and family, 25 Krick St.

Mrs. Jerral Blair, 67 Bella Casa,

James E. Heimann
In Honor Society

James A. Heimann, a junior at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, has been accepted into Delta Epsilon Sigma, national Catholic honor society. He was also installed as secretary of the college glee club for the 1963-64 season and was also elected vice president of the Young Democratic club of his school.

Heimann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Heimann of this city, is a graduate of the Decatur Catholic high school.

Katherine Straubinger
Is Taken By Death

Miss Katherine Straubinger, 77, of Willshire, O., died Wednesday morning at the Colonial rest home in Rockford, O., where she had been a patient two weeks. Surviving is one sister, Mrs. A. F. Passwater of Willshire.

Funeral rites will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ketcham's funeral home in Rockford, with burial in the Willshire cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 1 p.m. Friday.

spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Milholland and Cynthia in Ossian. Blair joined them in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Henkle, 10 Detroiter Ave., observed their fifth wedding anniversary last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Milholland and Cynthia of Ossian, were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerral Blair, 67 Bella Casa. It was Blair's birthday.

Ivan Davis, Jr., 28 Star Lane, observed his 20th birthday April 21, and he and his wife spent the afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Davis, Sr., 922 North 11th St.

Mr. and Mrs. James Herman, 71 Bella Casa, and Miss Sylvia Miller of Monroe, motored to Greenville, Ohio, last Sunday.

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