about "culture and social processes" in rural communities. Perhaps not. But, then, even the anthropologists, as Núñez del Prado reveals with admirable frankness, can make mistakes. And the consequences need not be catastrophic. Whether one knows these things in great detail is less important, it seems to me, than: (i) the goals and aims of the program, (ii) the political and financial resources of the planners, and (iii), related to ii, the means to subvert the entrenched power that is responsible for the inequities and the injustices of the status quo. And in these respects, applied anthropology functions optimally when it helps the people to know their legal rights and to struggle to extend these rights when they prove in fact to be too restrictive; and, in the words of Kwame Nkrumah, when the people have joined together to "seize . . . the political kingdom."

The applied anthropologist's admonitions to go fast or slow, to beware of this or that sensitivity, taboo, or bias in the local culture may help to reduce frictions in the implementation of the program. But in the longer run it will be government policy and power that determine the nature and scope of agrarian reform in Peru. And there the anthropologist who favors drastic change may make his greatest contribution by leaning more heavily on his humanitarian concern for the lives, welfare, and aspirations of the indigenes and on his political savvy than on his professional training and his research experience. He may find that it will bring great benefits to the Indians if he urges them to dare the evil spirits and go ahead with the privies. And if he does not, it is my guess that they will take to the shovels themselves. "There go my people, I must hurry up and follow them for I am their leader."

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#### Notes

- 1 I am referring here especially to applied anthropology in Third World or other "de-veloping" areas. Anthropology is also "applied" to more homely enterprises such as the pre-vention of juvenile delinquency, the improvement of relations between nurse and patient in a hospital or between warders and inmates in a variety of detention settings (prisons, schools and homes for the handicapped or the aged), and so on.
- and so on.
  Average annual family income "did not exceed \$67" in 1959 (p. 26).
  "The successful use of power and the symbols of power provided a necessary base upon which all of our projects depended" (p. 146).

- 4. The question of financing and technical assist-
- ance for these projects is not discussed. Locale of an applied anthropology project conducted on a rented hacienda in Peru. The project was under the principal supervision of the late Allan Holmberg of Cornell University's Department of Anthropology.
  6. This peculiarly Peruvian phenomenon-
- tary government acting as a "third force be-tween capitalism and Marxism"—is a phenomenon of considerable interest to students of agrarian reform in Latin America. How it will work out eventually—or even why the military seems both willing and able to carry on its program of expropriations (with compensation) is a complex subject and one that, happily for me, lies outside the scope of this review.

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