

Land or Death: The Peasant Struggle in Peru. By HUGO BLANCO. New York, 1972. Pathfinder Press. Maps. Illustrations. Index. Pp. 178. Cloth. \$6.95.

This book, divided into two sections, contains most importantly Hugo Blanco's own account of the organization of peasant leagues in and around Cuzco, Peru, during the early 1960's. Blanco, doubtless the most widely known and outspoken Trotskyite radical peasant leader in the Andean region, gives his side of the picture in strong, polemical language; nevertheless, his account is clearly required reading for anyone attempting to come to grips with this particularly complex and critical time in contemporary Peruvian history. The book also contains a series of publication—leaflets, articles, interviews, and letters smuggled from prisons—which offer a trenchant (if not inflamed) critical leftist perspective of events in Peru up through the early years of the Velasco government.

University of Texas,
Austin

HENRY DIETZ