

Editorial Foreword

CITIES Rhoads Murphey, a geographer, and Alejandro Portes, a sociologist, continue the debate about the forms and culture of cities that *CSSH* has pursued around the world and through the centuries, in every volume since our second (1959–60). Murphey's interest is in how the Indians and the Chinese, who have not in general shared the Western view that cities stand for progress, are trying to cope with the problems raised by their galloping growth. Portes takes us through several of the great cities of Latin America to look at their slum problems. A major obstacle to solving the worst of these, he argues, is current misunderstanding of the culture and motivations of the slum-dwellers.

RELIGIOUS CHANGE In Vol. 10 we ran two reviews of G. E. Swanson's *Religion and Regime: A Sociological Account of the Reformation*, one of which has recently been cited by Swanson as the only comment he has seen that does not misrepresent his reasoning. A young historian, Martha François, now offers a genuinely constructive critique of Swanson's models. Another historian, Daniel W. Howe, follows with a sociological explanation of the decline of Calvinism in New England and in Europe.

MODERNIZATION VERSUS DEVELOPMENT A team of three anthropologists, Peter and Jane Schneider, and Edward Hansen, present some novel observations of the place of patron-client relationships, and 'coalitions', in the game of power in Catalonia and Sicily, concluding with some provocative generalizations. Their critique of hackneyed concepts of the process of modernization has starting points in Reinhard Bendix's article on the subject, and Eric Wolf's study, with Hansen, on 'Caudillo Politics', in our Vol. 9, and may be compared with the ideas of the several contributors to our recent special issue on 'Tradition and Modernity' (April, 1971).

ECOLOGY AND STATE FORMATION Historians will find the ingenious analysis of state formation in East Africa by Conrad Kottak, an anthropologist, of great interest.