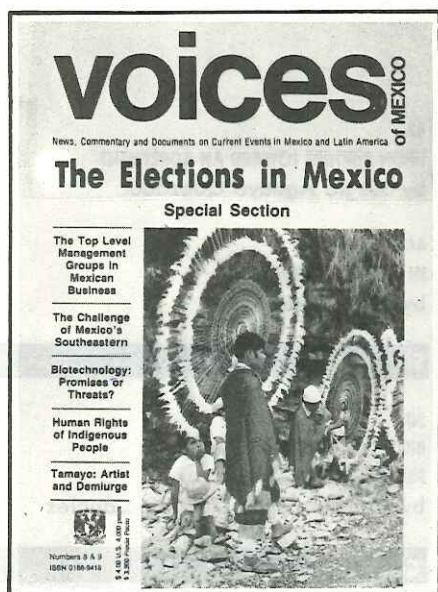


# THIS ISSUE



**Voices of Mexico** dedicates this double issue to a comprehensive panorama of Mexico's national reality. We analyze Mexico by looking at three current themes of great importance: the electoral process—clearly the most significant event in Mexico, the centers of power within Mexico's economic system, and the dichotomy between poverty and riches in one of Mexico's richest areas—its southeast.

In *Features*, we remove the veil which often covers the activities and the influence of Mexico's leading business groups. The economic analysis is complemented in *Point of View* with an interview with one of the most important leaders in the nationalized banking system.

We then take a journey through Mexico's southeast in the *Special Report*, where we uncover not only its economic and social contrasts, but also its splendor and magic which makes it one of Mexico's most attractive areas.

In our *Special Section*, we bring together six specialists who represent a wide range of opinion, to analyze the electoral process and the effects that the elections are having in Mexico's political and social changes.

In *Culture*, the plight of the human rights of indigenous people is examined and changes are proposed to help resolve the problems of frequent human rights abuse. Finally, we encounter the pictorial work of Oaxacan artist Rufino Tamayo, full of expressions of Mexico's national roots.

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