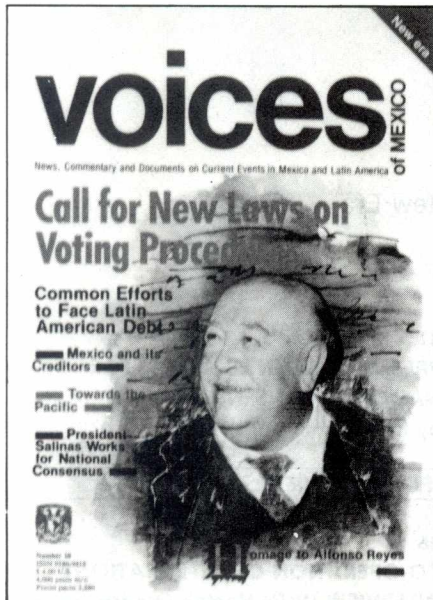


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Mexico and the rest of Latin America have achieved important levels of cultural and artistic expression with international recognition, but this intellectual growth contrasts with the region's economic, political and technological under-development, as Edgar Montiel points out in the homage to Alfonso Reyes presented in our cultural section. Without a doubt, the foreign debt has obstructed prosperity and threatens the right to development of Latin American countries. Ifigenia Martínez, Leopoldo Zea and Jesús Rangel have made serious analyses of this question, which is the main economic problem that Mexico has to resolve in the near future. Meanwhile, the debate on electoral reform, currently under way among political parties — which themselves are going through processes of change— reflects the need for a modernization of Mexican political life and for the satisfaction of popular demands for democracy. *Voices of Mexico* presents proposals on electoral reform made by representatives of the three political parties with most influence among Mexican voters. In addition, political analyst Rogelio Hernández offers us an over-view of the first few months of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's government. *Voices* then presents thought provoking articles on Mexico's participation in the new commercial phenomenon known as the Pacific Basin project, which will surely determine the future of international relations in the 21st Century. With these and other themes, we are pleased to provide our readers with another issue of *Voices of Mexico*.

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to an unforgivable mistake, the name of the photographer of *Voices of Mexico's* (8-9) cover photo was omitted. The author is Mariana Yampolsky.