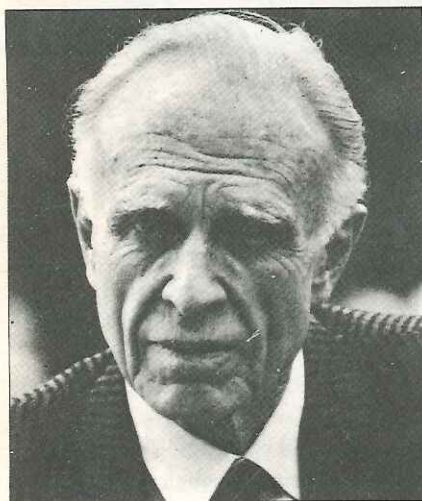


A medley of awards for Latin Americans

Prestigious Mexican award presented to Chilean poet. Nicanor Parra, the Chilean poet, recently received two honors, the prestigious *Premio Internacional de Literatura Juan Rulfo* and a Doctor Honoris Causa from Brown University. The Rulfo Prize, which includes one hundred thousand dollars, represents Mexico's highest award and was given to Nicanor Parra in recognition of his work in defense of ecological and cultural values. The ceremony will take place at the International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico, on November 30th of this year.



Adolfo Bioy Casares

Argentinean author honored by Mexico & Spain. The Argentinean writer, Adolfo Bioy Casares, was also honored twice this year, Spain giving him the *Premio Miguel de Cervantes*

and Mexico awarding him the *Premio Alfonso Reyes*. The Spanish King, Juan Carlos, personally awarded the *Premio Miguel de Cervantes* in Madrid last April. Bioy Casares is the eighth Latin American to receive this award. President Carlos Salinas de Gortari awarded the *Premio Alfonso Reyes* on the 24th of June. Bioy Casares became a writer when, deeply impressed by *Don Quijote de la Mancha* by Miguel de Cervantes, he felt the need to create and to write. The award, named after the author that led him to write, was given to him after sixty years of writing. Bioy Casares has dedicated his talent to perfecting the fantasy genre and the detective story. Among his best known books are *La Invención de Morel* and *Dormir al Sol*.

Mexican scientist's work recognized by Spain. Francisco Bolívar Zapata, a Mexican biochemist, was honored with the *Premio Príncipe de Asturias de Investigación Científica y Técnica* for his research in the isolation, identification and manipulation of genes that are of interest in both basic research as well as for application in the biotechnological industry. The prize will be awarded in Oviedo, Spain, this fall. Bolívar, forty-one years old, is a member of a group of research scientists who worked in San Francisco, California, with genetic engineering techniques and produced human proteins in bacteria in 1979.

He is currently the Director of the *Centro de Biología Molecular de Cuernavaca* (Molecular Biology Research Center) of the National University of Mexico. He will receive fifty thousand dollars and a Joan Miró sculpture.

Spain honors Puerto Rico. The prestigious *Premio Príncipe de Asturias* has been awarded to the Government of Puerto Rico in honor of its exemplary defense of the Spanish language. This recognition was announced two weeks after Governor Rafael Hernández Colón signed a new law making Spanish the only official language in Puerto Rico. This law replaces the 1902 legislation which designated both English and Spanish as Puerto Rico's official languages. The former Spanish colony and currently Free Associated State of the United States will be represented by its authorities at the ceremony in Oviedo, Spain, this fall. They will receive fifty thousand dollars and a Joan Miró sculpture.

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