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there are far-reaching changes in the social, political, and economic structures in Latin America that need to be addressed.

Nowhere is cocaine advocated as a recreational drug which was vogue in some scientific and other circles during the 1970s and earlier, but rather these papers outline responsible concerns of cocaine proliferation in the 1980s.

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**Herbs, Spices, and Medicinal Plants, Volume 2: Recent Advances in Botany, Horticulture and Pharmacology.** Lyle E. Craker and James E. Simon (eds.). Oryx Press, 2214 N. Central at Encanto, Phoenix, AZ 85004. 1987. 255 pp. \$65.00.

A continuation of Volume 1 (with 9 chapters on various aspects of ethnobotanical, biochemical, chemical and chemotaxonomic topics), this recently issued second volume presents six chapters written by 12 experts from five countries (United States, Israel, Iran, China, and Holland). As in the first volume, the coverage is diverse. The chapters treat 1) Pharmacologically active substances in Chinese traditional and herbal medicines; 2) Alkaloids of *Papaver*, section *Oxytona*; 3) Botanical characteristics of ginseng; 4) Synergism and antagonism in the pharmacology of alkaloidal plants; 5) Vegetative propagation of aromatic plants of the Mediterranean; and 6) Botanical nomenclature of commercial sources of essential oils, concretes and absolutes. The index of 13 pages is botanically and chemically detailed and includes the names of all investigators and authors cited in the book. Each chapter has its own extensive bibliography.

This contribution to the literature of economic botany will be welcomed primarily because of its authentic articles on topics not frequently considered in more general treatments.

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