

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

Disaster induced social change in communities has been an important theme in disaster research since 1925 when Samuel Prince first published his book on "Catastrophe and Social Change." In this issue Hoover and Bates present a comparative analysis of the rate of change in twelve Guatemalan communities. Also the second article in this issue is comparative. Sorensen, Mileti and Copenhaver study the cohesion within and between organizations during emergency planning and response. In the third article Fisher describes the response to a 1983 flood in Utah and the role of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (L.D.S.). In the last article of this issue, Lambright analyzes the development of The Southern California Earthquake Preparedness Project, from its start to the time when it had become an institutional part of the bureaucratic structure.

Book reviews form an important section of The International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters. It is thus a very sad fact that some of our colleagues promise to review a book without doing so when it arrives; they do not even return the book to allow another reviewer to do the reviewing. On page 95, the editors comment on the problem.

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