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More Western Books

Books again. Robert F. Heizer writes in "Languages, Territories and Names of California Indian Tribes," that we know as much about the California Indian society as we ever will. After two centuries of acculturation the aboriginal culture of the California Indian is a thing of the past, and even reliable recollections of native practices and beliefs are largely lost.

The main tribal units among California Indians are determined by the languages they spoke. The tribal map in California is therefore a language map. The first map designed to locate all the tribes known at the time was prepared in 1864 by Alexander S. Taylor.

Mr. Heizer's book contains four tribal maps by Stephen J. W. Powell, C. Hart Merriam, and A. Krocher which demonstrate the advances made in California anthropological studies between 1877-1955. The large maps by Krocher and Merriam are the most detailed ever published.

Mr. Heizer is a professor of anthropology and the curator of North American archaeology in the Lowie Museum of Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley. He has written widely on American archaeology and aboriginal society. This book may be obtained from The University Press, Berkeley for \$4.00.

"From New Spain to the California's", by Maurice G. Holmes, PhD, Brigadier General, USMC (Ret), is another book dealing with California history recommended to all Californians. This book is a well reasoned, well written work.

In one volume (307 pages) the author has included ten illustrations, reproductions of Viscaino's charts of Monterey and San Diego bays, and modern survey charts of both as well as San Lucas Bay.

The book is a limited edition. The price is \$11.00, and it can be purchased from the Arthur H. Clark Company, Publishers, Glendale, 4, California.

One further note, the Governor's Mansion was opened for tours starting last Admission Day. Aside from the fact that it has been the home of our governors since George Pardee in 1903, the mansion is one of the historical houses of Sacramento. There is no better-preserved home of the period in the state of California,

and we must see that it is retained as a historical site. It is now open on a trial basis. "It is to our interest to see that the trial is successful," states the Sacramento County Historical Society.