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PREFACE

In November 1982, the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies and Warren College of the University of California, San Diego cosponsored the Fourth Annual Earl Warren Memorial Symposium, an in-depth examination of several recent landmark events in the evolution of United States immigration policy. The conference focused on a review of the forces that shaped the Simpson-Mazzoli Immigration Reform and Control Act now before Congress, the first attempt in three decades to completely overhaul the nation's immigration law. This volume of essays and edited commentary summarizes the proceedings of the symposium and provides, at a pivotal moment in the legislative process, a much-needed critical analysis of the proposed statute.

As this volume goes to press, the U.S. Senate has just approved an amended version of the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill, and the House of Representatives is expected to act on the bill during the summer of 1983. However, even though most experts would agree that our nation needs to reform its immigration law and policies, many of the contributors to this anthology point out the serious difficulties that the bill faces — in terms of enforcement, effectiveness, and benefits — should it become law.

We are grateful to the eighteen distinguished jurists, attorneys, public officials, scholars, and journalists who participated as speakers in our symposium on "America's New Immigration Law"; this volume reflects their exceptionally lucid and candid assessments of the pending legislation. We are also indebted to Michael Addison, Provost of Earl Warren College at the University of California, San Diego, and to Sheldon Krantz, Dean of the School of Law at the University of San Diego, for their assistance in the organization of the symposium. The event itself would not have been possible but for the extraordinary efforts of the staffs of the Warren College Provost's office and the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies; among them, we would like to express a special thanks to Donald Wyman,

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Publication of a volume of this type is never possible without the collaborative efforts of many individuals; we would be remiss, however, not to mention two of them in particular. We owe a large debt to Sandra del Castillo for the many hours of painstaking editorial assistance which she has contributed to this anthology, from beginning to end. Finally, we would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Gwen Bargsten, who typed, revised, and typeset the entire manuscript and contributed her invaluable expertise in design and format to the production of this work.

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