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manifestations of the main underlying contradictions in Latin America are systematically exposed as they unfold from the region's particular integration into the imperialist system.
