



The Indictment of a Dictator: The Extradition and Trial of Marcos Perez Jimenez

By Judith Ewell

Texas A&M University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 216 pages. Dimensions: 9.1in. x 6.1in. x 0.6in. In 1963, after four years of hearings in this country, Venezuelan former president Marcos Prez Jimnez was extradited from the United States to his homeland, where a five-year-long trial before that countrys supreme court found him guilty of misusing Venezuelas wealth. This book outlines the early career and dictatorial government of Prez Jimnez and the efforts of his rival and eventual successor, Rmulo Betancourt, to hold him legally responsible for his abuses of power. Among the conclusions drawn from the case, Judith Ewell shows that the effort to hold a former dictator responsible for his crimes can help legitimize the new revolutionary government, that U. S. cooperation depends more on its foreign policy of the moment than on the merits of the legal case, that extradition of a former head of state always has political overtones in spite of the statutory crimes charged, that a long trial can unexpectedly portray the former dictator as a victim and revive his political popularity, and that the former dictators eventual return to power depends more on his own tenacity, political acumen, and will than on the nature...



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