

settled for 30¢ for ferry service directly across the bay. Either deal seemed to please him. From the side of the bay opposite the city I approached a part of what I thought was the Castle but which turned out to be the federal penitentiary. Thinking it was open for tourists I walk right in - but it seems the roof almost fell in a flash guardsmen came running over to me with pointed rifles. I embarrassedly made my exit and continued down to the real part of the castle. Here again I assumed that the place was open for tourist inspection but was met with guards to arms!

I got in an argument which neither the military guards nor I understood what was going on. At a very timely second a tourist guide approached (named Tony) and very kindly settled the dispute - Oh what a racket - to see the castle I was to pay the guide \$1.00 which I did but without respect for either the guards or the guide - just another case of the honorable intention of these Central American people.

The castle is now used as a naval boat-camp and commands a vantage point for seeing the entire city of Havana. For tourist traffic the guide specializes in depicting the horrors of the torture chambers. He showed me where prisoners were immobilized and drops of water allowed to drop upon their head - in a few days the prisoners invariably went crazy. Another chamber held an opening (window) to the sea about 200 feet below. The idea was that the prisoner was given the opportunity of either starving to death or taking a chance of escaping by jumping into the water below. Invariably the prisoner would starve himself to the point where if he should jump he would not have the strength to fight the many sharks that were attracted by the dead bodies of other prisoners which were periodically dumped into the water. Another scheme they used