

as I see it is to use a boat and then float down the rivers but then, as I say, you do not pass through the more exciting part of the jungle on the mountains. There must be some trails which would allow one to penetrate these forests but then probably only animal trails. I see no evidence of the natives using these mountain jungles. The local - and jungles are wet and as the plane flips over, the sun is continually being reflected from the ponds and standing water among the trees. This part of the jungle would be even more difficult to explore. I can not see how any animal could have been adapted to land existence in these forests; they must all live in the tree tops which is quite a different thing. In a country which is so bountifully endowed with natural resources of fruit and other food, I wonder if the natives will ever develop a civilization. Their existence is solved by merely reaching up and picking their dinner off the branches. It would take more than the C.I.O. to get these people to work and to make progress. This may explain why Guatemala is so backward. Then again, the ancient Mayan peoples seemed to have made a go of it. I wonder what the real cause is of the degeneration of a once thriving civilization. It has occurred in China, Assam, Burma, and India - we know. There is a gradual ascent to a high plateau on which Guatemala City is located. It lies on sort of a broad summit which slopes to the south to the Pacific and to the north toward another range of mountains. It is an elevated plateau which has been partly eroded but is now checked. The deep canyons end in abrupt head walls. The relatively flat areas make ideal places for habitation and practically every square