

These maids are certainly curious people. When I leave the room, I always put the more valuable things in my grip and then close it with one of the strings hanging out, the other loose end is put back in the suitcase so that if the lid is opened the string or tie piece will fall down and I will then know if the suitcase has been opened. When that occurs which has been the case in nearly everywhere I have had lodging (camp-ed), I check my valuables to be sure they have opened the suitcase thru curiosity only. Nothing has been taken thus far. I keep the traveler's checks, 35 mm movie camera, shaver and all my documents in the case.

In the interest of economizing on United Fruit Co's stationery ( I must have really taken a hand full of this stuff ) I will finish the paper and then close for this Sunday. The church bells ring continually in the morning but I have not heard them this P.M. They sound like five locomotive bells ringing at the same time. There is no rhythm or music to their sound.

I do not know what the occasion is but there has been fireworks going on every day since I have been here. The greatest noise in the City comes from the motorcycles which one has to watch more than motor traffic when crossing the street. The many bicycles are also a hazard. I have to smile when the President passes thru Town, which he does periodically, and down the main street. He rides in a large black car preceded by a dozen or so traffic policemen on motorcycles. Everyone is directed to stop their car and pull over to the curb when the President passes. It is surprising how many policemen rally to the call of the sirens on these occasions. The policemen all over the City are in greater numbers than are necessary except for a single reason-to stand by in case of trouble.

The Indian market is just something you will have to see. I never realized that X'mas was celebrated as much as it is in Guatamala. Every store has X'mas merchandise, especially toys-in fact, they have all the American items as well as many other items