

A breakdown in this country would spell disaster to the Expedition. It would take months to get mechanical attention and parts. I may exaggerate some things but the roads in Guatamala, I do not.

Lake Atetlan is indeed beautiful and much larger than my preconceived idea of same. To see it is worth the trip to Guatamala. The people are oriental in many respects and reminds me of India and China. Each village or area's people seem to have a different pattern of clothing. At Chichicastenago it is predominately red-at Huchenetenago the men, like 'Uncle Sam' wear red and white stripped pants.

It is pathetic to see so many drunken people. Out of approx 100 Indians which were returning to the mountains out of Chichi-32 of them were drunk and lying along the road side. This status of affairs, I understand is only common on Sundays -a result of their indulgencies. Women are likewise drunk. Guatamala needs probition !

We are certainly marked in Guatamala. In every Pueblo, village or City where we have stopped, curious people flock around the car. Often the word 'comunista' is fingered in the dust on its sides. If it isn't that word it is a word with 'malo' in it, such as malogastra or something like that. It is folly to expose loose articles as they will grab them and take off on the run. The stealing, I think is more resentment than thievery. I have noticed in the villages where only beans and corn are grown, they will take off with anything they can get their hands on. They evidently think this highway robbery and stealing is legitimate. It calls for a protection of your rights and property. The Communists are really desperate and their economy is in the 'bed-rock'

Incidentally the dust on some of the roads is 4 inches deep-bus drivers wear special masks.