

Their stealing is more resentment than thievery. The old men and women, particularly, go by muttering to themselves in a scornful way. And, if I am skinning outside of the car on the table and a group of natives come by and haven't noticed me, they chatter, especially about the Kansas seal on the car door. Tho I do not know what they are saying, I recognize the word 'comunista' in their conversation; so, I bring them around. Showing them the animals I am working on, I explain that this is a expedition scientifico etc. Finally they catch on and change their minds as to my status.

It is a challenge to sit at a skinning table with five or six natives standing back of you, each carrying a machete-bright and shiny. It is my practice to place two cups and two plates on the table and when they ask me if I am 'solo', I say no 'tiengo uno amigo' Much can be done to enlighten these people. At one camp along the side of the road, 160 people (4 busses carrying 40 people each) acquired the habit of stopping to observe this curious individual preparing specimens. To indoctrinate with good will 160 people a day for a 2 month period may make for good relations with Guatamala.

There was one bus that stopped every trip, borrowing my car pump which by now is about worn out-any excuse to see the show. If you sit by C. Murphy again, you might ask him what there is is the Kansas seal that throws these people into a tailspin of communism. Regardless of their repercussions I am always kind and courteous as I think it will pay in the end or perhaps on the head.

Incidentally when I speak of busses, I think you visualize the oriental one-people crowded into an old broken down truck with property effects piled high on the top and back of the vehicle.

When I show these people the small shrews, they seem to think of them as young of the bat. It would be of interest to learn how they acquire this notion.

The more I see of this country the more I am convinced that the tourist is getting a raw deal on the scheduled tours. They are shown second rate features at best. They are told they are being taken over an unusually scenic drive between such and such a place. Actually it isn't worth the wear and tare on the equipment. Their days journey is timed to reach the companies facilities which are few and far between. If the tourist could be taken to the top of the range of mountains north of Huchuetenango he would be given a real experience. I had a camp on the edge of this range of mountains overlooking Guatamala. It was the most in