

the area. According to B. Roman Catholicism has given the protestant people the name of communists as it serves their own interests. The communists were deadly against the Roman Catholic Church during Arbenz's office and any one else against the church were put in the same category. He and all his missionaries are repeatedly called communists. He believes that this situation is the explanation of my frequently being called a communist because my car is similar to those driven by the missionaries and of course, my godly countenance is so striking! This may also explain why there has not been more violence in my travels as missionaries are still respected and seldom is bodily injury inflicted. However, there has been two partitions to have B. arrested & executed. Salama was quite a hot spot during the reign of Arbenz. He told me of 5 men who came up in a jeep as representing the new anti-communist government. They put all the government men in jail and then proceeded to rob the bank which they did - months later two of these men were apprehended and shot and the other two escaped to Mexico. There are so many odd things that happen in Guatemala that you do not know what's going on. He also told me of the brutal torture of many people in Salama by the communists. A list of instructions was captured from the communists and it disclosed full instructions as to just who was to be killed, homes to be burned and a list of property to be destroyed. Eight of his friends were cut, beaten and made to stand naked before machine guns which were to be fired on order of some official in Salama. They remained in this tense situation for 15 hours but luckily the word never came for the execution. Other of his friends were allowed to remain in his church until he could get them to Guatemala City. Richards' wife remained with him at all times. Before I left I took a roll of movie of the two in their home etc and will have developed and