

car is desirable. I have never experienced the wet season (May to October) except a brief period at the beginning and at the end of the season when showers fell every day in the afternoon. From conversation with natives of the country I am led to believe that the rainy period is the less desirable of the two seasons as far as concerns traveling throughout the country and camping out-of-doors, especially in the extremes of altitudes. In any season be prepared to protect yourself from mosquitoes and other insects--such protection including a head net supported by a broad rimmed hat of light weight. A winter weight cap to protect your ears but light enough to be worn under the hat is an excellent combination. Most any insect repellent is effective--my choice is 6-12. An aerosol bomb is sufficient to eradicate periodically the mosquitoes and insect in your tent or housing quarters. Protection against the omnipresent tick in the lower altitudes is a must. Sprinkling sulphur on the clothing of the lower extremities will help but is not by any means a complete repellent. Clothing should include a heavy coat for high altitudes. At any altitude be sure to have a pair of knee boots and a rain-coat.

In answer to your question about the people of Guatemala I can say that the primitive Indians are good people and easy to get along with. In some areas where poverty is pronounced, these natives will appropriate any article left unguarded. Ninety per cent of the natives, however, are trustworthy and are actually helpful. The modern cosmopolitan society of Spanish-Americans is also to be trusted, but it is in this educated society that one should guard against subversive activity and real personal danger. Another group in Guatemala are those engaged in translation work in various dialects, and while they are not missionaries in the true sense of the word, they are splendid Christians and are anxious to see and help one in any way they can. These people have obtained a conversational knowledge of the language, having translated some portions of the Scriptures and have prepared some studies in grammar and analytical word lists toward a dictionary. Incidentally, your Spanish will be absolutely worthless in some regions of Guatemala. The church of the Nazarenes is the dominant missionary organization in Guatemala, especially in the northern section. These missionaries have been in Guatemala since 1904 and are thoroughly acquainted with the people and the country. Other individuals who can be of service to you are the officials of the United Fruit Company and the Spanish-American owners of the larger fincas and plantations.

Prior to my arrival to Guatemala the communist government announced a threatened invasion by anti-communists. This was later confirmed and for several weeks a reign of terror brought death and torture to thousands of Guatemalans. This period was characterized by anti-North American propaganda which carried over into the period of my field work. At that time collecting was hazardous. Political conditions have changed since then but even today the anti-American indoctrination remains in some areas especially in regions where political enlightenment has not caught up with the change of government. According to several missionaries I interrogated, the natives are taught that anyone who is against the Catholic Church (the communists being the greatest offenders) are communists. Naturally it followed that