

all Protestants were communists; and were so named and so treated. The basis for the attitude of these natives to non-Guatemalans is a result of a mixed confusion of these several factors. Most of my work was with the native population far removed from centers of communistic activity where the people were amenable and cooperative. In other places I was mistaken for a communist and the people would write communista on the dust of the car. Mud and rocks were thrown, the paint was scratched, two windows were broken, the gasoline cap was taken on five occasions, the mirror was twisted out of shape as well as the windshield wipers and license plates. These acts were not of the usual theft and destruction of property by spiteful acts of revenge or hate of one unfortunately mistaken for a communist. These people were immediately enlightened as to my mission and that I was an American and was their friend. I think that I probably contributed more to the friendly relationship between our country and Guatemala than all the American agencies combined. My record--fed 88 natives a meal, gave 215 a drink of water or milk, gave medical aid to several dozen people and told countless hundreds about our great country and the people to the north. Speaking of medical aid --in Northern Peten, there is one non-registered doctor attending 70,000 Guatemalans. In Guatemala City, however, there is a modern hospital which can treat any emergency short of neurosurgery. In fact, as far as tropical medicine and the native brand of parasitology is concerned, these doctors are more experienced than are many North American doctors. You should attain a list of the medical men and their ratings in Guatemala City from the American Embassy in case of emergency. As far as your health is concerned you can expect periodic attacks of dysentery. The first attack is always severe and incapacitating--subsequent attacks are less damaging but annoying. Until your system is contaminated you will never develop immunity which come after the third month! The greatest source of contamination is the water supply. Be careful and do not drink water that is not boiled. I used a sterile (distilled) mineral water called Salvados water at 35 ¢ per five gallons, which is a fair price to pay for good health and in addition it is convenient to acquire. Do not drink milk or ice cream (except American brands of evaporated or powdered milk) as most of the producing cows are tubercular. Naturally green vegetables grown on or in the ground are taboo. The safest way to avoid dysentery is to eat out of cans. This is not always possible as the price of canned foods is from two to four times the price in the States. Fruit grown on trees, however, is good and is reasonably priced. Oranges are two for one cent and bananas are five per penny.

I should not attempt to advise on the conditions of the roads because of the changes that have occurred since my travels in 1954. In fact the United States Government had given Guatemala \$64,000,000 to get her roads in repair and I imagine that considerable work has been realized. The communists impressed the country by building a few good standard paved highways at the expense of maintenance of secondary roads. Although the road bed and grade of these secondary roads are generally good, the surface is terrible. Their concern is to have a road that will stand up under rainy weather and naturally the surface is rocky. These people just do not understand the techniques of engineering a good road surface. As a result travel is slow (5-10 miles per hour), exhausting and abusive to tires. Many roads shown on