

wharves to await the infrequent ships.

Mexico was slow to feel the rubber shortage. United States tourists could hire Mexican tires at the border and save their own while driving south of the Rio Grande if they desired, until the signing of the United States-Mexican rubber agreement early in September. Now we hope to purchase Mexico's extra tires, and increased transportation costs may soon boost Mexico's steadily rising cost of living.

There is every indication that if the war lasts as much as two years longer, one-crop economics will be a thing of the past in Central America. Diversification of agriculture to meet national food requirements, and cultivation of products vital to the war effort are the new trends. They have met with such approval that postwar policy will undoubtedly favor a continuance of self-sufficiency whenever possible, if for no other reason than protection against changing market demands for exportable produce.