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AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAM

SET 159 GUATEMALA LAGO ATITLAN, VIEWS

Reached by launch from the Tzanjuyú Hotel at Panajachel, or by an unpaved road, Atitlán is of particular interest because of the eye-catching costumes of the women—white huipiles with red stripes and long red skirts, and the colorful headbands around their hair. The people of the area are farmers and raise coffee, onions, corn, and garlic for the market, as well as subsistence foods.

Lake Atitlán, reputedly one of the most beautiful lakes in the world, is set like a deep blue gem in a triangle of cloud-tipped volcanic peaks. It covers an area of some 150 square miles in the western highlands. Blue-green Lake Amatitlán, just south of the capital, reminds one of the Italian lakes with picturesque homes ringing its shores. Fishermen supply the markets of the region with fish and fresh-water crabs.

- 159 A View from Panajachel, a seaside resort. The light boats called "cayucos" take the villagers and their baggage from one side of the lake to the other.
- 159 B Notice the volcanoes of San Pedro, San Lucas, and Toliman, at present extinct, form a diadem more than 10,000 feet high.
- 159 C same as above
- 159 D The village of Santiago Atitlán, one of the towns around the lake. The town is a natural fortress rooted into the lava to stop it from falling into the lake.
- 159 E Women doing their laundry on the rocks of the lake is considered a social gathering.
- 159 F Notice the special headpieces worn by the women on the right. This scarf serves as a cushion for a "cantero" a pot-bellied jug carried on the head to draw water from the lake.
- 159 G A market in Santiago Atitlán that sells firewood.
- 159 H The marketplace on the streets of Santiago Atitlan.
- 159 I The marketplace.
- 159 J The marketplace.

