

The photographs of Guatemala in this issue were taken by the late Pamela Israel, anthropologist and photographer, who worked extensively in Guatemala and with the Shuar in Ecuador. They were taken in 1979 in San Miguel Uspantán, department of El Quiché, just prior to the devastating government military assault on communities in the area. An exhibit of Pamela's work will be held at the Lowie Museum in Berkeley in October, 1986.

Pamela Israel notes, "In 1979 the army established a permanent post in Uspantán in response to a growing guerrilla movement. As a way to improve their image in the area, the military sponsored a weekend health clinic and food depository. This poster (left) hung on walls in Uspantán to announce services the military medical expedition would provide. The poster says that the military will give medical examinations, distribute medication, provide a barber, extract bad teeth, fumigate houses, and provide children's games. Although helicopters had been patrolling the mountainsides for at least three months, they had never landed in town. When the military clinic flew officers to this site, landing in the soccer field, many villagers left the market to have a look (below). After their weekend 'show' was over, the military never left."



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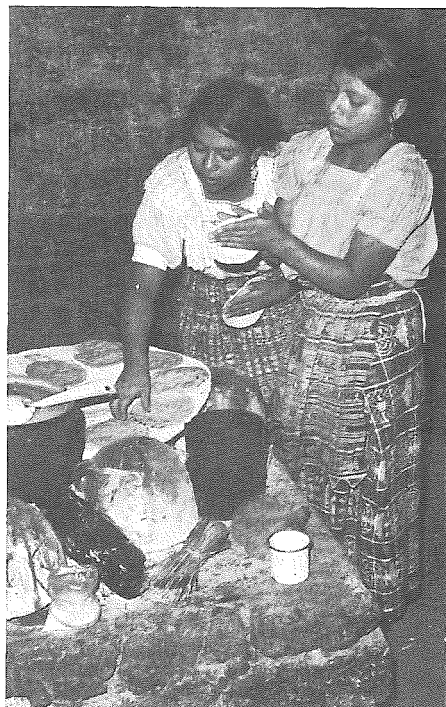


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