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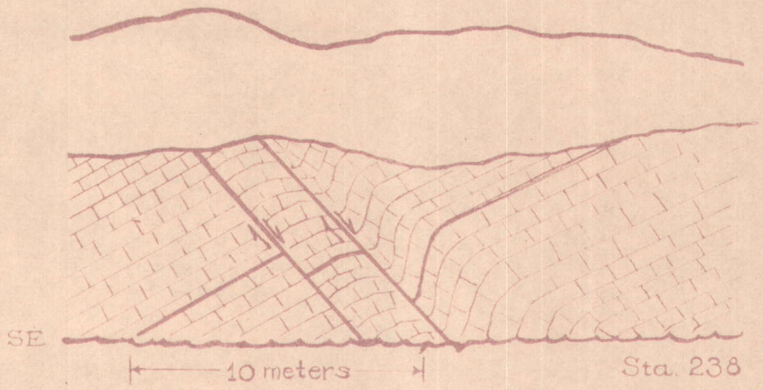

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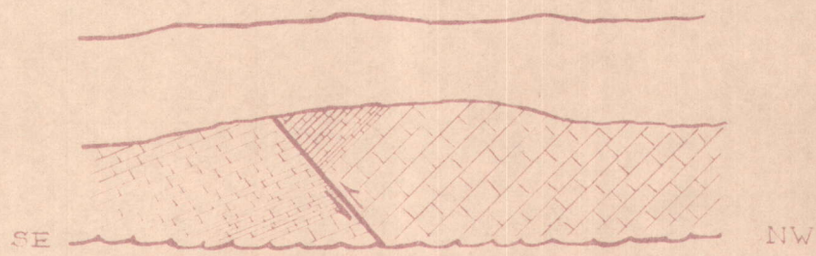

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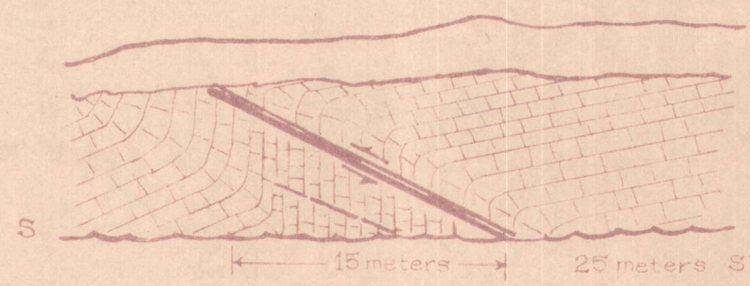

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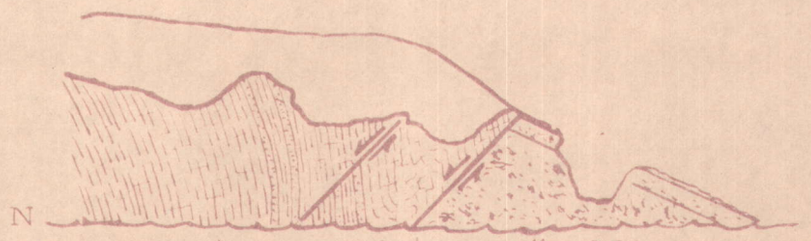

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a match. All samples which were heated, emitted a strong undoubted bituminous odor. No sedimentary rocks outcrop anywhere in the vicinity of these localities and the writers are at a loss to explain their origin. In any event, they are of no commercial importance.

Several reports of oil seepages along the Pacific coast were traced down and found to be without foundation. At several localities small blebs of asphalt were found on the surface of rocks which outcrop along the coast but always below the high tide mark. This asphalt was undoubtedly brought in by the sea, probably from boats. No authentic occurrence of bituminous material was seen in the sedimentary rocks of Guanacaste.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of the geologic reconnaissance survey of the Province of Guanacaste and adjoining portions of Puntarenas definitely condemn the entire area as having no oil or gas prospects. This conclusion is based on the following facts:

1) Appreciable thicknesses of marine sediments are confined to relatively small, scattered areas.
2) Absence of any section which could possibly be regarded as favorable source material.
3) Highly faulted, jointed and broken structure in most areas.
4) Complete absence of any direct evidence of oil or gas anywhere within the areas of sedimentary outcrop.
5) Paucity of favorable structural traps.

The Salinas uplift is not unfavorable from a structural standpoint but exposes the lower member of the Santa Elena formation, which contains no source or good reservoir beds at its normal outcrop only about eight kilometers to the south. It is estimated that a well on the crest of this structure would reach basement at a depth of less than 4000 feet.

It is believed that no further exploratory work of any kind is necessary in Guanacaste. Our present knowledge of the area is regarded as sufficient to fill out any broad regional picture which might be useful in the solution of problems in other areas of Central America.

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PLATE VII

Fig. 1, Liberia uplands and Volcano Orosí

Fig. 2, Edge of Liberia Plateau at La Cruz

Fig 3, Northeast side of Santa Elena Peninsula

Fig 4, Looking southwest from La Cruz. Salinas Peninsula with Santa Elena Peninsula visible in the distance.

Fig. 5, Upper Nicoya limestone on Cerro Barra Honda

Fig. 6, Lower Santa Elena limestone near Puerto Costillo

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PLATE VIII

Fig. 1, Normal fault near Curu.

Fig. 2, Calcareous sandstone near Curu.

Fig. 3, Folding near Curu.

Fig. 4, Folding near Curu.

Fig. 5, Thrust fault and drag folding near Curu.

Fig. 6, Sharp fold near Curu.

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PLATE IX

Fig. 1, Guiones limestone (?) near Curu

Fig. 2, "Cobblestone" bed of Nicoya formation. Concoidal weathering sand

Fig. 3, Concoidal weathering sandstone at Curu.

Fig. 4, Guiones limestone near Punta Guiones

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