

## REPORT OF THE FOREIGN EXPLORATION COMMITTEE

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In the continued emphasis on the program to find resistance to Phytophthora root rot of avocado a number of additional seed collections were received during the year from various parts of Latin America. In December, 1963, G. A. Zentmyer attended the meeting of the Caribbean Division of the American Phytopathological Society in Costa Rica, and made 16 avocado collections in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Mexico. In April, 1964, a cooperative program for collecting and testing for resistance was initiated between the University of California, Riverside, and the Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agrícolas in Mexico City, under the direction of Dr. J. Galindo A., plant pathologist in Mexico, and Dr. G. A. Zentmyer. Initial collections were made in April, and testing tanks were installed at the experiment station at Chapingo, Mexico. Seeds from other parts of Latin America will be tested there for root rot resistance also, and resistant clones will be sent to Riverside.