

PANAMA

On June 15th the NORTHWIND moored at Rodman Naval Base, Panama, our first port of call. After several hot humid days at sea we were ready for some time ashore and maybe a tall cool one or two! In Panama City there was plenty of opportunity to try a hand at bartering with the local shop keepers, if you were so inclined, or sightseeing. Some of the local points of interest included the Pan American Building and the Presidential Palace, both sites of recent anti-U.S. riots. For many the Panama Canal itself was the major point of interest and we were able to appreciate the work and suffering that made our short passage from the Pacific to the Atlantic possible. Sailing for New York on the 18th we left behind our last hopes for suntans, and had to face the stormy Atlantic.

