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Five US Missionaries Believed Seized by Savages in Ecuador

CZ Planes Aiding in Search

One of Captives May Be Dead: Helicopter Flows to Areas

QUITO, Ecuador, Jan. 10 (AP)

Five flying missionaries from the United States were believed today to have been seized and at least one of them slain by savage Auca Indians. The scene was a remote Amazon jungle region of northeastern Ecuador.

A Quito radio station reported receiving a message from U. S. Air Force search plane saying that the missionaries plane was destroyed and that observed beside it was the body of one unidentified person.

The body was pierced with an Indian lance, the plane's report to the station said.

The search plane, an amphibious Albatross, was dispatched from the Panama Canal Zone to fly over the Jungle region where the five missionaries landed in their small Piper plane on Sunday.

A last radio message received from the missionaries said: "Here come a group of Aucas whom we have not known before."

The five were identified here as Nae Saint, Edward McCully, James Elliot, Peter Fleming, and Roger Youderian.

Youderian was identified as a missionary for the "Gospel Missionary Union" and the other four representing "Christian Missions in Many Lands"

This is the story as put together from dispatched received in Quito: The Piper plane landed on a river bank in the heart of the Jungle. At 12:15 p.m. Saint established radio contact with their base at Shell Mera, an oil company headquarters. Mrs. Saint stayed behind at Shell Mera to receive radio communication from the party.

Saint messaged his wife that he would be in charge of radio operations and that he would transmit again at 4 p.m. At that exact hour he began another message, then interrupted with news of the approaching Aucas. Then communications were broken off.