

## **LITERACY ... Aucas ... Brus ... Cashibos**

“oto, ponpa, iwa...” A new chant in the Auca jungle. By flickering candlelight Kimo and Dyuvi are signing out the syllables of their nasal language as they hunch in concentration over their Auca books. Literacy is the new law of the Ecuador forest where a few years ago these same Indians were chanting war songs on the even of a spearing.

All is changed now. The new Tiwaeno village rings with laughter of little Aucas who also love to read. Rachel Saint and Dayuma are completing the translation of Mark's Gospel. Kimo recently chose the tenth chapter to be read at the first Christian wedding before he talked to God about the new home being formed.

Mary Sargent, Rachel's earlier partner in the jungle while she learned Auca from Dayuma at a jungle hacienda, has recently given the Auca literacy program a forward thrust in Tiwaeno by teaching 20-25 Aucas to read. Catherine Peeke, who has also helped in the Auca tribe, is working with Rachel and Dayuma on language analysis to hasten the completion of the Auca New Testament.

Phil Saint, well known chalk-evangelist both in the United States and Argentina, recently visited his sister Rachel in the Auca village. He was thrilled and inspired to see an Auca girl teaching a flannel-graph lesson to a group of children. While there he baptized nine more of the Auca believers. Nine others had received baptism in November, 1961.