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Parents Pray for Lost Missionary

Mr. And Mrs. Kenneth L. Fleming, whose son is among five American missionaries feared captured by savage Amazon jungle Indians, prayed today for their son's safety—and the success of his work.

The Flemings, who live at 1403 Tenth Av. W., have been notified that their son, Peter, 27, is missing in the jungles of Ecuador. He and four other missionaries flew in a light plane to work with the primitive Auca tribe.

“We feel that Peter is safe,” said Mrs. Fleming. “We have faith that God will take care of him.”

Radio Message Stops Short

The missionaries had radioed they had preliminary friendly meetings with the tribe. The last message said: “Here come a group of Aucas we have not known before.” Then the radio transmission broke off.

“We knew that Peter was on a dangerous trip,” said Fleming, an insurance-firm executive. “In his last letter, he asked us to pray for a project coming up. We didn’t know what it was.”

Bodies Seen Near Plane

Other missionaries' planes and Army and Air Force planes, which joined the search today, reported the group's plane was stripped. One body was lying near the plane. Another body was spotted some distance away. However, searchers did not determine whether the bodies were those of Indians or white men.

The National Geographic Society in Washington, D. C., today described the Auca tribe as “the world’s most bloody-thirsty killers,” the United Press reported.

Indians Always on Warpath

“The Aucas are always on the warpath,” said the society. “They hate everybody. Occasionally they prey on each other like maddened beasts.”

One report said a signal fire had been spotted in the area. Searchers hoped it might have...

[Image: Kenneth L. Fleming and wife. Caption: **AWAITING NEWS:** Kenneth L. Fleming, 1403 Tenth Av. W., talked with a friend on the telephone as he and his wife awaited news of their son, Peter, 27, feared captured by savage Indians in Ecuador. The younger Fleming is one of five American missionaries missing in the jungle.]

... been kindled by the Americans.

Fleming represented the non-denominational group, Christian Missions in Many Lands. He was born in Seattle and was graduated from Queen Anne High School and from the University of Washington in 1950. He attended the university for two postgraduate years and went to Ecuador in 1952.

Fleming returned in 1954 and married Olive J. Ainslie of Seattle. Mrs. Fleming, 23, is safe at the missionaries' base in Ecuador.

The other missing missionaries are James Elliot, Portland, Ore.; Roger Youderian, Billings, Mont.; Nat Saint, Philadelphia, and Edward McCully, Milwaukee, Wis. All are married. Their families are in South America.

The elder Flemings have another missionary son, Kenneth C. Fleming, 28, in Durban, South Africa.