

Tell Missionaries' Last Jungle Days

Wheaton Kin Reveal Radio Reports of 5

"Here comes another group of Indians that we haven't seen before."

These words, spoken by radio, were the last to be heard from five daring missionaries who ventured into the territory of the bloodthirsty Auca Indians of the Ecuadorian jungle.

The men, one the son of a Chicago executive, have been missing since last Sunday.

THE STORY of how the men prepared for months for their first contact with the savage tribe, and their success up to those last words, reached Chicago by short-wave radio from Quito, Ecuador.

The five men include two 1949 graduates of Wheaton College.

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They went into the Auca territory last week, and last were heard from Sunday.

Their stripped airplane and the bodies of two were sighted Wednesday on a sandbar of the Oglan River.

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"Eight days ago they landed on a sandbar about 200 yards long in the middle of a river. They took with them a prefabricated tree house, a good radio and all necessary provisions.

"THE FIRST day they spent in constructing the tree house. Their main difficulty was with flies and the heat. They saw no Indians.

"After that they tried to make contact by standing on the sandbar and shouting friendly Auca phrases.

One morning three naked Indians appeared—a boy about 20, a woman about 30, and a young girl.

"Nate Saint took the young fellow up for a ride in the plane and he shouted all during the ride from sheer enjoyment."

There were several contacts with other Auca Indians until last Sunday, when the men radioed that a new group of Indians was approaching and the radio suddenly went silent.

U.S., Red Chinese Resume Talks

GENEVA, Switzerland—(AP)—Ambassadors of the United States and Communist China resumed their secret negotiations here Thursday.

It was the 32d meeting of U.S. Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson and Red Chinese Ambassador Wang Ping-nan since the talk started Aug. 1.

They agreed to meet again Jan. 19, continuing their weekly routine. There was no indication the Reds were anxious to carry out a break off the talks.

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OTHER Ecuadorean planes were flying over the area.

The rescue party was led by Dr. C. C. of the Fellowship of the World. "If it is successful, we will be able to get the survivors out," he said.

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