

Symbols Deep in Amazon Jungle Could Be Prehistoric Message

New York — (U.P.) — Deep in the heavy jungle of the Amazon headwaters there are rock-carved symbols that could turn out to be a "time capsule" message from a prehistoric civilization.

An ancient symbol specialist just back from his third expedition in a continuing effort to solve the riddle of the symbols reported today that mapping of the previously uncharted area with airborne cameras had added new evidence to the theory of a civilization in the pre-history of South America.

George Michanowsky, president of the Amazonia Foundation, led the recent four-month expedition into the Bolivian headwaters of the Amazon river system. The expedition located, in the gorge of a legendary "river of writing," a boulder measuring 35 by 35 feet an ancient people may have tried to leave a message to posterity.

The Aymara Indian tribe which lives in the High Andes has perpetuated the story of the existence of a "khawera Kalkata," or river of writing, Michanowsky said. This tribe is thought to have been illiterate back through the time of Columbus, but Michanowsky regards it as significant that their spoken language included a word meaning "writing."

Michanowsky believes the river in which his expedition's work was done is the one to which the Aymara legend refers. The symbols also occur on other rock outcroppings in the area. He has developed a theory of deciphering the petroglyphs and has been at work on the project for several years.

The aerial survey, in which three planes were used for photographing, disclosed an ancient road linking the low-lying river and jungle area with a nearby 14,000-foot plateau. The Aymaras live in the mountainous areas of the plateau.

Another accomplishment of the expedition was locating on the high plateau a stone-ware head of a jaguar. There are no jaguars on the plateau now and the Spaniards found none there in their time, Michanowsky said. "On the jaguar head are painted symbols which to my knowledge never have been found in the Western Hemisphere before," he said. "One is an Egyptian-

type Tau cross, with a conventional Maltese cross on each side of it.

"This all fits into a theory of an ancient civilization using some of the ancient symbols of mankind. It is an addition to my theory that human writing may have originated through a "universal organizing principle," perhaps buried deeply in prehistoric ritual and mystical traditions."

Michanowsky believes that in the light of these discoveries scholars should re-examine the question of whether writing existed in pre-Columbian South America. Prevaling archeological thought, he said, has held that it did not.

Will of Playwright May Be Contested Soon

London — (U.P.) — A London newspaper says the validity of the will of playwright George Bernard Shaw soon will be contested in court.

The Evening Standard said Friday the defendants will include Shaw's chauffeur-gardener, Frederick Day, and his wife—who were left a joint annuity—the British Museum, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and others.

After taxes, Shaw left more than \$500,000. He directed that the residue of his estate should be used to finance an inquiry to see if a 40-letter alphabet would save time, money and labor.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Budapest—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty on the mental and physical torture of his eight years of imprisonment by the Communists: "It is God's miracle that I am here and am as I am."

Vienna—Leslie Balloogh-Bain, first American newsmen out of Budapest since the Russian reprisals, on the bloodshed there: "The Russian policy was 'a gun, a house.' If a shot was fired from a house, they destroyed the house. Every part of the city was blasted."

Port Said—A senior British officer on the shortness of the fighting between the Anglo-French forces and Egypt: "We went to war before breakfast and packed up after supper."

Vienna—United Press staff correspondent Anthony Cavendish on being held prisoner with other newsmen by the Soviet army more than 50 hours in Győr, Hungary: "We burned what remaining notes we had, for the Communists blame the whole revolution on 'reactionaries and Fascists who came in from the West.'"

Girl Scouts Troop Organized

Troop 190, Central Point, was organized among girls of the fifth grade and registered for the current year on November 1. The leader of the troop is Mrs. E. R. Griggs, and the assistant is Mrs. C. W. Thompson. The troop committee members are Mrs. C. E. Chamberlain, Mrs. R. F. Danikin and Mrs. B. L. Collinsworth.

Troop officers are Donna Thompson, scribe; Gloria Thompson, treasurer; the patrol leaders are Carol Muddlin, Joyce Anderson, and Barbara Beck. Laurel Selness and Rachel Hamilton are Senior Scout helpers. The troop meets each Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Scout room. Other interested fifth grade girls are invited to join the group.

Egyptian Plans Flown To Saudi Arabia

Nicosia, Cyprus — (U.P.) — At least 50 per cent of Egypt's Russian-made jet bomber force escaped Allied destruction because it was flown to Saudi Arabia before the invasion of Egypt, authoritative sources said Saturday.

A high source said at least 24 Ilyushin bombers were flown to Saudi Arabia following British warnings that the Allies intended to bomb Egyptian airfields.

Allied military experts were worried today over reports that the jet bombers are safe. They feared Egypt may be regrouping its Air Force for a powerful strike against troops in the Port Said area, should fighting break out again.

FOOTS CREEK Two Births Announced

By MRS. L. J. COWIE

Foots Creek—Two new babies have arrived in the last week to families on Foots creek. The first was Jerry Steven Palmer, weighing six pounds two ounces, was born Oct. 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Palmer, who live on the left fork. On Nov. 1 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frantz, weighing nine pounds seven ounces. He has been named James Kenneth Frantz. The Frantz family, who live on the right fork, have two girls, making the baby the third child in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. (Tex) Bennett have returned from their vacation trip to Mexico. While in southern California they visited with relatives and friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Nightengale and family, of Rogue River, who are living in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robertson recently took a trip to British Columbia to do some fishing. Their two children, Doug and Terry, who are in school, stayed at home with Mrs. Robertson's mother.

Minnie Rose's grandson, Teddy Dole, who was discharged from the Army this summer, has gone to Los Angeles to follow his line of work. Young Teddy lives here on the creek with his grandmother and attended school in Rogue River.

Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Chance, and daughter Barbara, recently spent a weekend in Portland on business.

Jim Cowie has been home most of the week with the flu, but is better now and back on the job.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who are now running Foots cr. store, are remodeling one of the cottages and making a nice home for friends of theirs from the coast.

Mr. Clarence (Buster) Harrison is still recovering from surgery on his back.

A dozen or more dump trucks are hauling rock off of the state gravel bar on the left fork, for the new highway fill near Savage Rapids dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Bennett of Longview, Wash., were down, visiting the H. R. Bennett family and the F. L. Bradford family.

Ralph Frantz and Ray Frantz are elk hunting in eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fulton and children Larry and Georgia, are home from Portland for about a month. Mr. Fulton will have more surgery on his amputated arm here, then he will return to Portland to be fitted with an artificial limb.

Last week end, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin LeMaster, of Yreka, Calif., were here on their ranch with other members of their family, including Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bradford Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood of Murphy and Mrs. Frank Williamson.

Mrs. Harold Weed just returned from a trip to Los Angeles, Calif. While there her granddaughter Donna, who has lived her with her grandparents a lot, and attended Rogue River school, was bitten on the cheek by a dog. It took 28 stitches to

45 Persons Shaken Up in Road Mishap

Islip, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Forty-five persons were shaken up or injured Friday night when a car struck a horse-drawn hay wagon carrying a troop of Girl Scout Brownies and their chaperones on a hay ride.

Six persons were hospitalized, including three of the Brownies. The others were treated and released.

The accident occurred near an intersection in this Long Island town. Most of those taken to hospitals were girls between the ages of seven and nine who were shaken up, cut or bruised.

Police said the accident happened when a car driven by John Gunderson, 43, of St. James, N. Y., crashed into the rear of the wagon. Gunderson's car careened off the wagon and into the path of an oncoming car driven by Benjamin Devine, 30, of Brentwood, N. Y.

Gunderson was hospitalized with a fractured leg and lacerated forehead. Devine was held for observation and treated for a head gash.

A dinner party was given Saturday evening by Mrs. Jim Cowie in honor of her birthday.

Guests included Mrs. and Mrs. Forrest Bradford Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood of Murphy and Mrs. Frank Williamson.

This precinct had an excellent turnout on election day. Serving at the polls were Mrs. Jessie Roe Frantz, Mrs. Letsy Miller, Mrs. Beta Potter, Mrs. Daura Daily, and Mrs. Bob Robertson.

Northwest National Parks Show Increase In Visitor Numbers

National parks and monuments in Oregon, Washington and Idaho showed a 7 per cent increase in visitors for the first nine months of 1956 over 1955.

Park records show that for the period ending Sept. 30, 1956, the seven national park service areas in the three states for which records were kept showed a visitor count of 2,367,364 compared to 2,206,033 during the same period last year. Fort Vancouver National Monument at Vancouver, Wash., a newly established area for which no count was made in 1955, had 9,353 visitors.

The comparative figures for other northwest area for the two years, showing 1956 figures, are: Comparative Figures

Crater Lake National park, 347,996 compared to 332,295; Mt.

Rainier National park, 785,361 compared to 781,751; Olympic National park, 809,360 compared to 693,567; Crater of the Moon National monument, 113,348 compared to 101,731; Oregon Caves National monument, 59,047 compared to 66,765; Whitman National monument, 25,498 compared to 18,272; and Colville Dam National Recreation area, 226,534 compared to 211,652.

Park officials said there is no satisfactory explanation for the decline in visitors to Oregon Caves. Most of the loss occurred during July when there also was a decline in traffic on Highway 101, principal route used by tourists visiting the Caves area.

The 1956 figures fell just short of being double the visitors for the full travel year ending Sept. 30, 1946, the first full war travel year. For that 12-month period the visitor total was 1,320,000.

The Pacific northwest parks followed a nationwide trend in the national park system. For the full system park visitors for the first nine months of 1956 exceeded the 1955 figure by 11 per cent. Visitors in 1956 to the end of September totaled 47,074,574.

Secretary of Interior Fred Seaton attributes the sharp increase in visitations to "the growing economic strength of the country which permits Americans to invest their increasing leisure time in visits to the great scenic and historical areas preserved in the national park system for their enjoyment."

National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth said the steady annual increase in park visitors emphasizes the urgency of the new Mission 66 program to overcome existing deficiencies and provide adequate protection and development of the system.

"When our 10-year Mission 66 program got under way last July," Wirth said, "the national park system was equipped and staffed to properly care for only 25,000,000 visitors a year, less than half the number we must care for this year."

"Our goal, under Mission 66, is to make our national park system adequate to care for 80,000,000 visitors by 1966, the golden anniversary of the establishment of the service. With travel increasing at its present rate it will take us several years to catch up with current demands and it may be necessary to revise our goals upward before 1966."

Wirth said a good start has been made in contracting for expanded visitor facilities in parks, many of which will be in use next year.



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