

# FEAR IS FELT FOR THE SAFETY OF 2 WOMEN, 4 MEN ON ROUGH TRIP

Air Firm's Sky Liners Ordered to Keep Lookout For Contingent

## OVERDUE AT LEE'S

Fourth of July Comes, Goes Without Word From the Party

A sky hunt for the missing Colorado river expedition, one day overdue at Lee's Ferry on the stream below the most dangerous rapids, was begun today by TWA aerial liners, as the deadline for the arrival of the party at Lee's Ferry came and went without any clue as to the fate of the two women and four men who are daring the dangerous rapids of the river.

Lew W. Goss, regional superintendent for TWA, today ordered the first eastbound liner to fly over the river in an attempt to sight the missing boat party, and to go as far off the regular course as legally permitted in the hope of locating the party.

The plane, according to Goss, will fly 25 miles north of Lee's Ferry, then follow the river upstream.

**OTHER TWA** liners, running on the regular schedule into Boulder City, also have been instructed to keep a lookout for the missing party as the liners follow their normal schedules.

Fears grew for the safety of the party, unheard from since June 20, and overdue here on the first half of a daring scientific expedition down the flood-swollen river.

Campfires were lit last night as the anxious watchers, including the two residents of Lee's Ferry, prepared to wait through the night for any sign of the expedition riding the river's rapids in three small boats.

**THE PARTY** was believed to either camped on a rocky ledge beneath one of the narrow canyon walls, or drifting helplessly on the crest of the stream, or already smashed to bits on the jagged rocks.

A. J. Hansen and F. S. Anderson, U. S. geological survey employes who take daily water measurements at Lee's Ferry, reported they had seen no signs of wreckage.

Hansen said he believed the extremely high water, flowing almost three times its normal because of early summer rains, had delayed the expedition, particularly in portaging the more dangerous rapids.

"I figure they're all right," Hansen said, "July 4 was the earliest date set for their arrival here. It may a week yet before they reach Lee's Ferry."

**MAKING THE** rough 650 miles voyage from Green River, Utah, to the quiet waters of Boulder lake behind Boulder dam, Nevada, were Miss Elzada Clover, 40, University of Michigan botanist, and her 25-year-old assistant, Miss Lois Jotter. No woman has ever before conquered the Colorado.