

COLORADO BOAT PARTY IS SAFE AT LEE'S FERRY

Expect to Arrive at Boulder Lake About July 20 Reports Say

LEES FERRY, July 8. (UP)—A tired but happy sextet of intrepid scientists, their battle with formidable Cataract Canyon, "the graveyard of the Colorado river", won, rested here today before venturing further down the river where new and possibly more terrifying experiences await them.

Given heart by the conquest of the Cataract Canyon rapids, the Nevills partly expressed confidence that they would be able to negotiate the rest of the trip successfully and arrive on the smooth waters of Boulder lake sometime around July 20.

THE SIX-member Nevills expedition was sighted Thursday by two coast guard pilots from El Paso, Texas.

The pilots, R. W. Fendlay and J. L. Riggs, reported they had communicated with the party and that apparently its members were well and did not need aid.

They sighted the expedition's boats 20 miles northeast of Lee's Ferry. The pilots reported to Lieutenant Perry S. Lyons, United States coast guard commander.

THE AIRMEN wrote notes which were answered by the raising of hands of the six members of the party.

The pilots reported from Lee's Ferry that they dropped three notes.

The first note read: "If you are the scientific expedition from the University of Michigan, all persons lie down."

The four men and two women lay down.

THE SECOND message read: "If everybody okeh, raise your arms to a horizontal position."

The six persons raised their arms.

The last message read: "If you need food, everybody sit down."

No one sat down.

The search by plane was a last resort to find the party, which was scheduled to arrive at Lee's Ferry, Arizona, July 4.

THE EXPEDITION, headed by Norman D. Nevills of Mexican Hat, Utah, a veteran boatman, includes two women, Elzada Clover, 40, University of Michigan botanist, and her assistant, Lois Jotter, 25. Other men in the party are LaPhene (Don) Harris, 27, United States geological scientist; W. C. Gibson, San Francisco artist, and Eugene Atkinson, University of Michigan zoologist.