

# Rescue Six in Jungle Air Crash

PANAMA CITY, Sept. 26 (AP)—A "white thing" under the brush caught the eye of a search pilot today and led to the jungle rescue of four American engineers and two Panamanians whose plane crashed on a survey flight Friday.

The pilot, Ramon Xatreux, a Panamanian, died last night of injuries.

United States air force helicopters plucked the survivors from the mangrove swamp on Panama's Pacific coast over which rescue planes had searched in vain for four days.

## Lost While Surveying

The twin-engine Beechcraft had disappeared while surveying sites for a new sea-level canal, a section of the Pan-American highway and a dam.

The Americans aboard were Madison Larkin, 44, of Scranton, Pa.; Donald Lueber, 44, of White Plains, N. Y.; Dale Shockley of San Francisco; and John Bahr, 40, a resident of Panama.

The men were spotted by Michael D. Petrosky and Dave Bronaugh, American civilian pilots of a domestic air line owned by Petrosky.

## Take to Hospital

Rescue helicopters of the United States air force's southern command lifted the survivors from the swamp and took them to the Social Security hospital in Panama City.

Shockley was in critical con-

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## Plane Missing Since Friday in Panama

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dition, with internal injuries as well as injuries to his left wrist and ankle, the hospital reported. The other survivors were reported in serious condition.

Besides the pilot, the other Panamanians aboard were Edwin Fabrega, deputy chief of planning in the office of the president, and Francisco Si-bauste of the government's cartography department.

### Hear Radio Report

Petrosky said he and Bronaugh were flying a search pattern over one area when they heard on the radio that a land search party had picked up a report that the missing plane had been sighted Friday near Chiman, a fishing village on the Pacific coast.

The flyer said he decided to check the coastline on the flight back to Panama City.

From about 800 feet altitude, Petrosky said "a white thing" under the brush caught his eye. He lost it, but while banking to circle saw the plane's wreckage. He counted four men on a wing, signaling, and what appeared to be a body some distance away.

He said the fuselage appeared intact but the cockpit was smashed and the wing damaged. Helicopters were soon on the way to the spot, about a mile inland from the coast and 45 miles southwest of Panama, City.