

Stone age cave dwellers still exist in Southern Philippines

TASADAY FOREST, Philippines (AP)—The Tasadays, a gentle people who have no weapons in their Stone Age culture, have shyly but warmly received the first outsiders ever to see their cave homes.

Anthropologists with the expedition to the southern Philippines say this is the first occasion in

modern times that a people has been found living as cave dwellers.

A Philippine-led anthropological expedition reached the caves of the band of 24 tan-skinned Tasadays last week not knowing how they would react to seeing outsiders, including several white-skinned foreigners, at their home-site.

At first the Tasadays were cautious but friendly. After a few

days they appeared to have lost much of their timidity.

A young man tried to blow on a flashlight to start a fire. Children began bringing samples of Tasaday food—such as wild palm pith—to the expedition camp that outsiders have set up about half way between three large caves in which the Tasadays live and a stream some 600 feet below.

The Tasadays use stone tools and make fire by friction. They

wear leaves for clothes and forage for food in streams in the dense jungle that surrounds them. The tribe appeared to be in excellent physical condition, showing little discomfort from the cool, wet weather and 4,000-foot elevation.

They have lived in the caves as far back as anyone can remember and they appear to find complete harmony with their environment. The Tasadays, speaking through

interpreters, say they have no enemies and thus no weapons. They say they have never heard of unfriendly people, either among themselves or other tribes living in the general area.

However, the Tasadays already are using long knives called bolos given to them by members of another expedition that met them at the edge of their forest last June.

The expedition has spent the

last few days observing Tasaday customs, food gathering and living habits. It is sponsored by Panamin, a government-supported foundation set up to help Philippine minorities.

Led by Manuel Elizalde Jr., president of Panamin, the expedition wants to define the Tasaday area to protect it from loggers and farmers who are slowly but steadily approaching.

Members of the current expe-

dition, including the American aviator and conservationist Charles A. Lindbergh, several anthropologists and a photographic magazine, reached the Tasaday area by jumping out of a helicopter onto a special wooden platform atop a 75-foot high tree. The platform had been built by a Panamin team which earlier hiked into the Tasaday forest by Tasaday guides.

MSC announces holiday schedule

Memorial Student Center activities and services will observe A&M faculty-staff holidays for Easter and be closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Director J. Wayne Stark said all MSC service and commercial areas except the U. S. Post Office will be affected by the four-day holiday.

Areas including the barber and gift shops, main desk and general offices will close at 5 p.m. Thursday and reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 4. The snack bar will close a half hour earlier Wednesday and reopen at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 5.

Veterans may sign up now for benefits

Those who wish to receive GI benefits while attending summer school at A&M must sign up at the Student Affairs Office, Room 110, YMCA.

Veterans should sign up before the first week of May, if possible, and show the number of hours for which they plan to register. Four hours per session is considered full time and three hours is considered three-fourths time.

Radio station will feature 'A&M Story'

A major Houston radio station will spotlight "The Texas A&M University Story By People Who Live It" on its morning news report Thursday.

KTRH—740 on the dial—will air the three-part series at 7:15, 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. as the feature segments of its morning report, Announcer Jack Ford said Tuesday. Each segment runs three and one-half minutes.

Ford and associates spent a day on the campus interviewing A&M officials and students about university activities and programs. President Jack Williams and others described life at Aggie-land in the interviews.

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