

On a primitive raft six Scandinavian scientists are attempting to cross the Pacific from Peru to Tahiti. They believe that a group of South Sea islands were first populated by South American Indians, who must have crossed the ocean on such a raft as theirs.

If they are right the South American adventurers made their four-thousand mile journey many centuries ago. So on a raft fifty feet by twenty the men of science have set out. They believe the best way of proving their theory is to show that the voyage is possible. There's nothing of the guinea-pig experimenters about these young men. They've got the courage of their own theories.

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1. TITLE: SIX MEN ON A RAFT! SCIENTISTS DRIFT ACROSS PACIFIC IN UNIQUE TEST!
2. Callao, Peru---Final preparations for a modern Odyessey, by six men on a raft: This primitive craft is to carry Anthropologist Thor HeyerJahl and five companions four thousand miles across the Pacific - to prove a scientific theory. The raft, duplicating those used by prehistoric Peruvians and named for their ancient sun god, Kon Tiki - gets a modern christening.
7. These Scandinavian scientists believe that civilized South American Indians made similar ocean crossings centuries before the voyages of Columbus. So, their proposed route is the one believed to have been sailed by those ancient Ancient Mariners - to Tahiti.
12. Professor Heyerdahl believes that many of the South Pacific Islands were originally settled by these voyagers from Peru. If he can make it, he figures those hardy old-timers could too. Science turns to high adventure on the high seas!