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NEW ZEALAND RAPIDS:

M.S. DINGHY: Young New Zealanders seek an adventurous week-end on the Waikate River — using air force rescue floats to shoot rapids which have never before been navigated. This is in the thermal region .. the Focka Hecki rapids ... with a sudden drop of more than thirty-six feet ... all of it through jagged rocks and a racing, raging torrent!

Look out there! They'll NEVER make it! They're over!

UPTURNED: And now it's a battle to save their lives. Two cling to the overturned dinghy as it tesses and turns in the swirling water. And two more swim for it, making full use of their lifejackets. It's dangerous here, with jagged rocks only inches beneath that white foam and the strong current dragging the four men through the rapids.

Never navigated before ... but these men do it the HARD way!

SECOND LOT: Now another lot try. For them, it's just a weekend's sport, with the spice of excitement to give them something to talk about in the office during the week. And the fact that no-one's successfully shot these rapids before only makes it MORE interesting!

HEAD ON: There they go! That dinghy's being flung about like a cork, and they battle desperately to hang on, and to straighten the dinghy as it twists side-on to the current. Through the rocks,....through the foam ... down and down the rapids! This is really high adventure ... young men from Auckland, determined to conquer the Focka Hecki rapids. And ... miracle or not ... they MAKE it!