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PASSAGE

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He was unfound dead.
Left, hiking, with his camera and a
can of pop in his hand.
Six days ago, and in this heat
No chance.

Still, they search.

Two of the 60 go down in their plane,
one killed, the other, serious injuries;
the 58 go on.

He will be found
curved over his camera, the
tin can long gone, his spirit
chasing its contents in a scurry
underneath the Southwestern sky.

The camera will be removed carefully,
leaving the scene first, cradled
under the heart of a friend who will
carry on the thirst.