MUSEUM NEWS

HASANLU, IRAN

The members of the expedition to Hasanlu, under the leadership of Robert H. Dyk, Jr., arrived in Iran early in June. This year the Metropolitan Museum of Art is sponsoring for the third time the Iranian Government and the University Museum. The Metropolitan’s representative is Dr. Vaughan G. Crawford who is acting as assistant director.

Again this year work will be continued on the central Chalcolith mound with its successive seventy feet of build-

TINGS, levels, only thirty feet of which had been cleared at the end of the 1958 season. One of the objectives is to clear and explore an ancient structure believed to have been a bronze worker’s shop, which should add considerably to our knowledge of the way of life in Iran in the early first millennium B.C.

Test excavations will be made in the south and west sections of the outer town area as an effort to determine the extent of the Bronze Age occupation. Work will be continued until the end of August.

TIKAL, GUATEMALA

The picture story, TIKAL, 1959, summarizes this season’s accomplishments but tells of only a few of the people who made them possible and just what they did. Some of them have been working at Tikal since the beginning of the Project, others are new this year.

As in past seasons, Edwin M. Shook, Research Associate of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, was Field Director, with William R. Coe, Assistant Curator on the American Section of this Museum as Assistant Field Director and archaeologist. Stuart S. Scott, graduate student of the University of Arizona, as assistant archaeologist worked under Mr. Shook’s direction on the excavation of the North Acropolis and the Temple of the Red Stela, he is continuing in this area during the summer. Another assistant archaeologist, William A. Havieland, a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, worked with Dr. Coe in the Great Plaza and North Terrace excavations.

Vivian L. Bronson, archaeologist, also did some excavating but gave most of her time to the laboratory, of which she is in charge. The several thousand objects recovered in the diggings all passed through her hands, were studied, cataloged, repaired, and scored. In this work she was assisted by Mary B. Ricketson. Benedicta G. Kohn acted as the director’s secretary and did the paper work for the laboratory; she also took care of the daily radio communications with Guatemala Government agencies.

George F. Guillery, archaeologist, Chief of Tikal National Park, handled a large part of the repair and restoring of Tikal monuments. He also excavated a panel depicting people from one of the Twin Pyramids Complexes. Robert F. Carr, as surveyor, has completed the plane-table survey of the central part of the site and is working this summer on mapping in the outer area. Dorothy Thor, who has always comparable work at Zaculeu and Copan, as project archaeologist responsible for the program of reconstruction and consolidation, he spends most of the year at Tikal and one of his duties is the映射（映射）of the local labor force. Antonio Ortiz continued as foreman but now that he operates the hotel, he has less time than formerly for this work.

In April, Linton Satterthwaite, Curator of the American Section of the Museum, visited Tikal to complete his study of all the early period monuments, so far found there so as to present them in as much detail and as economically as possible in forthcoming scientific publications.

Scholars engaged in cooperative projects, which are encouraged by the Expedition, are an ornithologist, a batologist, and two ecologists. Frank B. Smith, ornithologist, the author of the recently published Birds of Tikal, is remaining through this summer, a season which he had not previously spent in Tikal. Cyril L. Lomdell, batologist, Director of the Texas Research Foundation, and heading authority on local vegetation of the Maya lowlands, this year began an intensive study of the botany of Tikal and its environs. George and Ursula Cawell of Harvard University, ecologists, made a harvest survey in the swamp area in the hope of obtaining a pollen series.

New on the staff this summer are Anna Chowning, archaeologist, of the Department of Anthropology of the University of California, who is doing a survey excavation of a new group of mounds in an area where houses for the Tikal civilization are to be built. Keith Demaree, of the Department of Anthropology, Long Beach State Teachers’ College, is working with the pottery and other artifacts from Miss Chowning’s excavations. They are being studied by two student archaeologists, Peter Harrison of the University of Toronto and Philip Achenrat of Harvard University. Norman S. Johnston, architect, of the University of Pennsylvania School of Fine Arts, is working under Mr. Trif’s direction preparing drawings of such ornamental details of the structures as the stucco elaboration on the Temple of the Masks.

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R. BOISSONNADE, Goldschätztum in Romäischer Mitte-

lungen 50, 1944.


SIBERIANS OF THE NEW WORLD


PORTRAIT OF A HERO


GABRIEL BEUTTNER, Lives of the Twelve Caesars (Augustus, Tiberius, Gaius, Claudius). Modern Library, No. 188.

THE AUTHORS

MARGARET Plass ("The Art of Beinie"), Research Associate in the Section of General Ethnology, is a Philadelphia lady who lived many years abroad with her husband, the late Webster Plass, a consulting engineer. The interest of Mr. and Mrs. Plass in African tribal sculpture, began in the University Museum, increased by association with William Fagg of the British Museum. The quality of the Webster Plass Collection, assembled at the time they lived in London and bequeathed to the British Museum at Mr. Plass’ death in 1952, attests to their position as connoisseurs of this art. Mrs. Plass has since continued her interest.

WILLIAM R. COE ("Tikal 1959"), Assistant Curator of the American Section of the Museum and Assistant Field Director at Tikal, has been associated with the Museum since 1927. His interest in American archaeology, particularly of the Maya area, in 1949 he was given a Scholarship by the National Geographic Society and in 1954, he excavated for the Museum in El Salvador, and in 1955 he went to Dr. Alfred Kidder, Jr., in his excavations in Bolivia, in the Lake Titicaca basin. Dr. Coe’s PhD dissertation, "Fundos Negroes Archaeology", will be published this year in the Museum Monograph series.

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