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After 7000 Years

Jarmo, a small village in Iraq, is not of any great importance to the commerce of the world and it is hardly ever mentioned in the headlines; nevertheless, it is of great historical interest, for it was there, 7000 years ago, so the anthropologists say, that man first experimented with social living.

Soon, a group of scientists headed by Professor Robert Braidwood of the University of Chicago Oriental Institute, will be leaving for that ancient spot where they will try to bring some semblance of order into the confused picture of man's early attempts to find the good life.

20th century man has subdued many of the physical and psychological forces which held his forbears in chains of dread and insoluble mystery; but, at this moment, he is troubled in heart and mind over the grim and perhaps calamitous results of his hard-earned knowledge and skill.

World Council Of Churches

The threat of conquest from without has not infrequently induced neighbouring communities to sink their relatively minor differences and present a common front to the enemy.

At any rate the second assembly of the World Council of Churches which meets at Evanston, Illinois, on Sunday is an indication that powerful forces are at work to bring together some 1,500 representatives of 161 denominations seeking to see where they agree rather than what their differences may be.

It is not without significance that the time when it was possible to speak of Christendom with any meaning was a time when the non-Christian world was pressing viciously in from many fronts.

International Contest

Children who find amusement in stamp collecting and its various sidelines will be interested in a news item from New Delhi which reports that the Government of India has invited all boys and girls under 16 from all countries of the world to enter a stamp designing contest on the theme, "India as I see it."

The novel contest, first of its kind in the history of any country, is a feature of the celebration of India's postage stamp Centennial which takes place in October.

North Atlantic Atoll

The nineteenth century witnessed the building of lighthouses and other aids to safe navigation throughout the world. The previous century saw Martello towers built for defence on frontiers by land and sea.

According to Engineering News-Record a series of radar towers will be constructed far out to sea from Virginia to Newfoundland, some of them as far as 125 miles off shore, taking advantage of the shallow continental ledge and frequent shoals.

The purpose of this enormously costly project, of course, is to provide warning of the approach of enemy aircraft from the sea and to give a few extra minutes notice to defence authorities.

A few years ago the world was astonished and perhaps mildly amused at the elaborate wall which the Soviet Union was constructing around its territory and that of satellite countries.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada may well be proud of being able to serve the Duke of Edinburgh "buffaloburgers". But for the action taken in time by this country the once-plentiful buffalo would certainly be now extinct.

Newfoundland salt fish production is expected to be down some 5,600,000 pounds this year in spite of good catches in some areas.

The United States Senate has passed a bill which includes a provision to increase the duty on uncooked fish sticks from one cent a pound to 20 per cent ad valorem.

The editor of Punch when on holiday is a serious man. He has warned the Couchiching conference that the doctrine of the divine right of kings was mild compared with the doctrine of the divine right of the state, as practiced now in some countries.

The London costermonger who was elected Pearly King at the Festival of Britain in 1951 is dead. The street pedlars derive their name from an ancient variety of apple that was sold in Restoration times, the costard. The "pearlies" derive their remarkable costumes from the fact that some pearl-button-decorated clothes, originally intended for export, were being peddled by one of their number.

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The Unsung

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

SEEKING LOST BROTHER

Sir, - I have had a most touching request from an old friend in France begging help in locating a long-lost brother who came to Canada many years ago.

Mme. Bobony, 40 rue Palissy, Agen, Garonne, France, writes that her brother, Isidore Bobony, born in Concaile-et-Villaine, France on November 8, 1885, came to Canada as a seaman or fisherman around 1900.

Maria Bobony is now quite old. She and her brother were left orphans at an early age. A staunch Christian and faithful church worker this aged person begs help in finding her brother before she dies.

I am, Sir, etc. (Rev.) G. F. PARTRIDGE Montreal.

COMICS FOR ADULTS

Sir, - When we feel that we need something special as a pleasant change, something that should jack one up so that he could enjoy a good laugh, what do we do?

It reminds me of an instance that occurred during my college days. We were studying composition in class. Asked to define "home" one of the students said that it was a place where a person or family lives.

The precise literal meaning has its place in the jargon of special groups and in technical discussions before learned bodies; but what gives spirit to our expression is the wealth that time has added to the symbols of our language.

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McCarthy On Trial

By Heath Macquarrie

The man who has always been so ready to pass judgement on people brought before his committee must now wait for his colleagues to give their judgement on his conduct.

Perhaps the only relative of this letter or the relevant facts, might reach the brother or someone who knows him, if he is still living. I have written to Pictou and St. John's seeking help. Any information should be communicated directly to Mme. Bobony at the above address in order to save time.

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much about their stand on the issue. There are few who would state that a majority of Americans are pro-McCarthy, on the other hand no one denies that he has many followers.

If anyone doubted the popularity of the noisy Wisconsin legislator he would have these doubts resolved by a demonstration held a few days ago in New York. A banquet was tendered Roy M. Cohn who has recently resigned as Counsel of McCarthy's investigating committee.

This New York display is only one indication that the political power of McCarthy is not yet destroyed. In the Congressional election campaign now on there are still many signs that McCarthyism may be ignored or opposed only at great political risk.

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Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

BAND CONCERT

The City Amateur Band, according to announcement, made their first appearance for the season on Hillsborough Square, on Monday evening last, where for the space of about two hours they discoursed sweet music to the delight of a large number of citizens.

"While some listened to the music or promenaded, others employed themselves in playing quilts and other games for amusement, and all appeared to enjoy themselves very satisfactorily. We understand that it is in contemplation to enclose the Square and to commence planting and otherwise ornamenting it, so as to make it a pleasant public resort for citizens and visitors during the summer season."

The Vindicator, June 22, 1864.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Feels, says a research expert, are rarely athletes. It takes a different kind of wind. —Hamilton Spectator.

The ultimate in introverts must be the man in England who has built himself a TV set with a one-inch screen. —Hamilton Spectator.

Report from Niagara Falls that "several" persons have recently been questioned in connection with the murder of an elderly woman in the area eight years ago shows that the law does not give up easily. Should this murder be solved, and the guilty party or parties brought to justice, it will not be the first time that murder has been punished long after it has been committed.

We must confess in public something the telephone operators in this area already know—there are more than a little impatient with wrong numbers and delays in answering. It did us good, therefore to hear a cheerful English voice on the phone last Saturday afternoon.

In the eight years since it was established, the Eyebank for Sight Restoration reports that it has received about 4,000 eyes which it delivered to surgeons who needed them to restore sight when cornea grafts were necessary. According to Dr. R. Townley Paton, vice-president of the Eyebank, grafting was successful in only 20 per cent of the cases that came to the surgeon's attention 20 years ago.

According to an Alberta man, who is at present engaged in research at Harvard University, the office of the future will be staffed by machines, rather than by men. By Mr. Iverson's account, "the automatic office is a distinct possibility in the near future."

Off a sunny border, she was made to bruise and bleed. —George Meredith

The Age Old Story

Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What hegetest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth? Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it.



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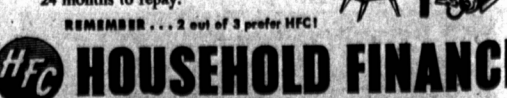
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