



Foundations of our heritage: research 1955-56.

HOW CAME CIVILIZATION? *The Jarmo Expedition*

The most complete and diversified team of experts ever assembled to study man's emergence from the caves and the beginnings of civilization returned from Iraq in August, 1955. During the past year it has been preparing a full-bodied report upon its findings. Chapters will describe the geological setting of the transition (H. Wright, geologist), the plant and animal resources available for it (H. Helback, botanist; C. Reed, zoölogist), the artifacts produced in it (B. Howe, prehistorian; V. Broman, P. Watson, J. Caldwell), and Carbon 14 materials used to date it (F. Matson, ceramist).

The article in *Life* magazine dealing with the discovery of agriculture in the "Epic of Man" series (April 16, 1956) was based upon a visit of members of the *Life* staff to the excavations. Other articles have appeared in the *Illustrated London News*, in *Archaeology*, and in *Antiquity*. In November, after the first report made to Institute Members, a symposium was held on the subject in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Social Science Building on campus.

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