Tall monoliths frame the doorway that leads down steps to the main passageway to the Lower West Gate.

A DAM PROJECT

Thomas McClellan

The bumpy track winds and twists its way to el-Qitar in Syria; first a fleeting glimpse of its rocky northern spine peaks up, but it's only a kilometer or so later when, reaching a rise, the entire mountain suddenly is in full view. This year I wasn't prepared for what I saw. A long narrow trench cut into its west slope. I was taken aback, and more than a little curious about who was digging our site. Later, climbing over Qitar we found three other long deep trenches cut with pneumatic jackhammers, one deep sondage and a drilling rig boring into Qitar's innards far deeper than we ever would. In a heretofore empty field stood a new prefabricated construction camp bustling with activity. Such was our welcome this year.

Fortress el-Qitar is withstanding its last siege and will soon fall, not to Pharaoh's army, nor Hittite soldiers, nor warriors from Assur, but to the very Euphrates River that it has so long guarded. Such is the thirst for electricity in the modern Middle East—another dam across the Euphrates.

After the initial shock had worn off we ventured up to the camp a little apprehensive about our reception and what we would learn. Would we be able to work; what would be flooded; when? But all in due course; first we

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LETTER FROM TURKEY

Çayönü
September 15, 1986

Greetings:

Here are some random impressions two days after our arrival at our base camp for the excavations at Çayönü. This is our eleventh field season (since 1964) for work on this very early (about 7000 B.C.) village-farming community site in southeastern Turkey.

Four of us traveled out together from the States: Andrée Wood, our volunteer staff specialist on the reclamation of blood residues on artifacts; Dr. Tamara Stech of the MASCA laboratory of University Museum, Philadelphia, where she is part of a team that concentrates on the history of metals; Linda and I. The other U.S. staff member, Mike Davis, had arrived in early August.

As usual, the trip brought back fond memories of how wonderful travel to the field used to be before airplanes became the only practical way to travel—13 hours of cramped sitting, Chicago to Istanbul (with only a 50 minute break at Zurich), is too much for long legs. However, we did have two days in our Turkish colleague Halet Çambel's wonderful Bosphorus-side house to catch

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Surveyor Cliff Ogleby lays out random squares at the neolithic site of Tell Haloula with laser theodolite and electronic distance measuring device.

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had to meet our neighbors, sip tea and—what? drink ice water (I forgot to say that it was over 45 degrees Centigrade the first several weeks—106 + Fahrenheit). We were lucky to find the director of the project there, as well as the chief geologist, who gave us a warm and hospitable welcome, and proceeded to tell of things to come. A major hydroelectric dam, a water level behind it 30 meters higher, a modern town on that very spot, with four-lane highways, gardens and apartment buildings. Then I zeroed in on the big question: could we have some more ice, and oh yes, where would the dam be built. They hadn't determined the exact spot, but the one favored at the moment was there—he pointed out the window to el-Qitar. More precisely, it turns out, about 20 meters from the Late Bronze River Gate, which I had steadfastly refrained from digging until we got the other city gate right. Well that's the story; at best they will place the dam down stream and el-Qitar only faces flooding. Most of Area X, the lower settlement with its defensive walls and River Gate, will be flooded, as will the unexplored lower slopes outside the city walls where a number of wall fragments exist, and the summit with its upper settlement, Area Y, will become an island. At worst, that will all happen and they will also build their dam at el-Qitar and rearrange its landscape a little. The sudden population increase and construction activity will surely do the summit no good.

We were prepared to change our plans immediately and start digging madly, but we were assured that we have

Large stone remnants of the defensive wall on the south side of the Upper Settlement at el-Oitar. Across the river is the small conical site, Tell Ahmar.
several years grace. We stuck to our original plan to study pottery and to limit our excavation to clarifying unresolved problems from previous seasons. We were a small team, with Anne Porter now studying in Chicago, another Australian, Mandy Mottram currently located in Singapore, and Issam Khalifeh from the Lebanese National University in Beirut. Our surveyor, Cliff Ogley came for four weeks with a group who worked on the classical site of Jebel Khalid: Graeme Clarke from the Australian National University in Canberra, Peter Connor and Bernie Joyce from Melbourne University. My wife Joanna, our daughter Katie, and I lived in the Mukhtar’s compound, sleeping under the stars and becoming part of the family.

Jebel Khalid now appears to be primarily Hellenistic rather than Roman and Byzantine as we had previously thought. Clarke and Connor, who lead their independently funded classical project, traced the city walls around the site for 3.5 km, and made two small soundings there. We shedered several other sites in the area that will be flooded, including our own village of Yusef Pasha which is built on top of an Islamic-Byzantine settlement. We collected surface material (by stratified random sampling) from a large Neolithic site with Halafian pottery. Mandy Mottram is studying the material as part of an MA thesis at Melbourne.

At el-Qitar we removed balks and excavated a few new areas to complete the plans of several structures. In the passageway from the Lower West Gate we discovered a new set of stairs leading to a room with quite large stone door jambs, over two meters tall. Much of our time in camp was devoted to studying and processing pottery.

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our breaths. We also ignored the necessary 4 hours and one plane change on Turkish Airways and, instead, took the train down from Istanbul to here (Ergani). That was two nights and a day in comfortable, old fashioned Wagon Lits compartments, with countryside and people to observe outside big windows. No dining car, but fine food available in stalls at each of the larger stations.

Upon arrival, we offloaded the enormous pile of gear at Ergani station, where Halet, Mehmet Özdoğan (now, with Halet’s formal academic retirement, the official expedition field director re the Turkish Antiquities Service), Mike Davis, and several workmen had come to meet us. In 10 minutes we were “home” in the Çayönü base camp for a good lunch and happy reunions.

Halet’s girl Friday, Sara, came down to open the camp house in late July. Halet, Mehmet, Mike and most of the Turkish students arrived soon after, and began the clean-up on the site that was needed after the winter’s rains. By early August Wulf Schirmer and his architectural team had driven through from their Karlsruhe University base in Germany.

We now have about two weeks of actual digging left, plus clean-up and yield analysis in the camp house. I’ll report on our actual excavation results after things are finished—I’ve certainly (after only two days) not yet absorbed all that’s happened. It seems sure that the actual sequence of renovations in the “skull house” is becoming more clear (but not why these renovations were originally reported).
undertaken!). What we had taken from a number of examples to be the standard transverse arrangement of stone "joists" for the "grill plan" buildings is now upset by a clear example of the plan with longitudinal "joists." And if to welcome Tammy Stech's arrival, there has been a much larger than usual yield of copper and malachite artifacts. In sum, it surely seems that we're well into an especially good field season; but more of that when it's completed and we've taken in more of what's going on.

For now, it's enough to say that both Linda and I have that wonderful feeling about being back at work here again with the colleagues we admire so much. Most of Halet and Mehmet's students are the same good ones we had last year. Jan de Roller, the young Dutch archeobotanist from Groningen University, is back again and one of Wulf Schirmer's new assistants is a charming Korean architectural historian. This is indeed a truly international effort!

More later—

Best of cheer,

Bob Braidwood
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In the months of January and February the Museum Education Office will again be offering the popular Children's Workshops on Saturday mornings January 10, 17, 31 and February 7. Topics will be announced in November. Please call the Education Office, 962-9507, for information. Each workshop includes a gallery tour and related craft activity. A fee and pre-registration are required.
WINTER MEMBERS COURSES

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HISTORY II:
THE MIDDLE KINGDOM

The Middle Kingdom arose from the anarchy of the First Intermediate Period. Two distinct royal families emerged, the Heracleopolitans, forming Dynasties IX and X, and the Thebans, forming Dynasty XI. Local rulers, exhibiting a great deal of independence, aligned with one or the other of these ruling families, until the final showdown, when Mentuhotep II overcame the Heracleopolitans and ushered in the Middle Kingdom that reached full flowering under Dynasty XII. Important governmental and societal changes characterize this period: an almost feudal system of kings and nomarchs, and a “democratization” of the cult of the dead with the triumph of Osiris. Under Senwosret III of Dynasty XII, a new centralized government emerged, a system that carried Egypt through the bizarre XIIth Dynasty, with weak kings and all-powerful viziers. The period ended with the invasion of the Hyksos, a Hurrian-Syro-Palestinian people who invaded and ruled most of Egypt for 108 years. This period, ca. 2200-1600 B.C., will be studied using royal and private inscriptions, kinglists, biographies, and literary works. Readings will be assigned from books recommended for the course, supplemented with handouts from scholarly journals. In addition, a brief tour of the Museum’s Egyptian gallery will focus upon Middle Kingdom monuments in the collection.

Readings will be assigned from these required books:
Winlock, Herbert E. The Rise and Fall of the Middle Kingdom in Thebes. New York, MacMillan Co., 1947
(Out of print, but can be found in libraries.)

This course is the second in a sequence which will cover the entire period of ancient Egyptian history from 3000 B.C. through the Roman conquest ca. 30 B.C. While the course is open to any interested person, enrollment is limited and priority will be given to those who have taken previous courses in the sequence.

INSTRUCTOR: Frank Yurco is a Ph.D. Candidate in Egyptology at the Oriental Institute. He has taught numerous courses in Egyptian history and hieroglyphs at the Oriental Institute and the Field Museum.

XI-XII Dynasty segment of Abydos Kinglist.

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE HOLY LAND:
A SURVEY

Archaeological activity in Israel has increased at a rapid pace since the foundation of the State in 1948 and especially after the events of 1967. Unfortunately, the results of this activity often fail to reach the clergy and the public, thus resulting in the perpetuation of inaccuracies. This course is designed to provide an introduction to the archaeology of the land of Israel, paying special notice to recent discoveries and theories. All prehistoric and historical periods will be discussed, from the Paleolithic through the Islamic Periods. The goal of the course, simply stated, is to reconstruct how man lived during those periods.

While we will not set out to prove or disprove the Bible, the archaeological evidence may well enhance in many instances our understanding of the biblical accounts and other historical sources (such as Josephus).

Topics to be discussed in the earlier sessions include the history of exploration, the geography, and the salient characteristics of each archaeological period. The second half will present the results of archaeological fieldwork of representative sites through a regional approach.

It is strongly recommended that students have available either Kathleen Kenyon’s Archaeology in the Holy Land (fifth ed.) or Yohanan Aharoni’s The Archaeology of the Land of Israel, from which readings will be assigned.

INSTRUCTOR: Samuel Wolff recently received the Ph.D. degree from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, the University of Chicago. He is a former Assistant to the Curator of the Oriental Institute Museum. He has participated in field excavations in Tunisia, Sicily, Sardinia, and at Tell Gezer and Tell Ashkelon in Israel.

Class will meet on Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon, for eight weeks. January 17 through March 7 at the Oriental Institute. FURTHER INFORMATION 962-9507. Tuition is $60 plus $25 annual membership in Oriental Institute.

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The Oriental Institute's colossal statue of King Tutankhamun is the subject of the current Featured Object brochure. The text for the brochure was written by Egyptologist William J. Murnane who has worked at Chicago House in Luxor and published books and articles on his work at Medinet Habu, the very large site in western Thebes at which the Tut statue was found over fifty years ago.

The red quartzite colossus is one of a matched pair that originally stood inside a mortuary temple built by King Ay and usurped by his successor, King Horemheb. The statue which is now in Chicago was heavily damaged but, fortunately, its partner, presently in the Cairo Museum, included intact some of the missing parts. These elements served as models for the reconstruction of the Chicago piece so that the restored statue appears as it would have looked when it was completed in the Egyptian New Kingdom.

The statue has been identified on stylistic grounds as one made for the young King Tutankhamun and the resemblance of the facial features to those of the famous mask from Tutankhamun's tomb is readily apparent. However, the names and epithets carved on the statue are those of King Horemheb. How this inconsistency came about is discussed in Dr. Murnane's text. He also discusses aspects of the statue that contemporary Egyptians would have recognized as suggesting the king's roles as warrior and representative of his dynasty in addition to his role as divine ruler.

The King Tut statue is one of the Institute's outstanding attractions for the public and Dr. Murnane's text makes it possible for visitors to complement their esthetic appreciation of the statue with a deeper understanding of its significance and history. The Featured Object brochure is available to visitors free of charge for the four months during which the Tut statue is featured; the brochures are located in a case next to the statue in the Egyptian Hall. Interested members may request a copy of the brochure by sending a stamped self-addressed business size envelope to the Education Office at the Institute, 1155 E. 58th St., Chicago, IL 60637.
LECTURE SCHEDULE

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November 13, 1986 Fr. Stanislao Loffreda, Franciscan Biblical Institute, Jerusalem, Excavations at Capernaum. THIS IS A THURSDAY LECTURE.


January 21, 1987 Thomas McClellan, The Oriental Institute, Excavations at el-Qitar: Late Bronze Age Fortress on the Euphrates.

January 30, 1987 George Bass, Texas A&M University, A Late Bronze Age Shipwreck near Kus, Turkey. A joint lecture with the Chicago Society of the A.I.A. THIS IS A FRIDAY LECTURE.

February 19, 1987 Richard Ellis, Bryn Mawr College, A Village on the Euphrates: Four Seasons of Excavation at Gritille, Turkey. A joint lecture with the Chicago Society of the A.I.A. THIS IS A THURSDAY LECTURE.

March 4, 1987 Gary O. Rollefson, San Diego State University, Neolithic Developments at 'Ain Ghazal, Jordan.


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