
The Istanbul-Chicago
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Prehistoric Project
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The autumn field campaign of the Istanbul-Chicago Universities' Joint Prehistoric Project was canceled because of the illness of our Turkish codirector's husband. Hence this report on our 1983 activities will be brief, but we are—at this writing—gearing up for our 1984 autumn campaign at our prehistoric early village site of Çayönü.

In the late autumn of 1983, some twenty-eight years after our last field season in northeastern Iraq, the volume of final reports appeared on our work at Jarmo and other early sites. Titled *Prehistoric Archeology Along the Zagros Flanks*, Linda S. Braidwood *et al.*, eds. (Oriental Institute Publications, vol. 105), the book has over 700 pages, includes the work of some twenty specialists, and weighs almost ten pounds! It seems to us that many times that weight in delayed publication responsibility is at last off our shoulders. At least, we had done a fairly substantial preliminary report on our Iraqi field work in 1960, but now our

duty to those wonderful years in the field is completed.

Aside from the completion of several articles, either general or regarding our work in Turkey, the only other matter of interest was our contact with a highly promising new piece of research. While at the University of Victoria, in British Columbia, for a lecture and pair of seminars, we visited the laboratory of Thomas Loy, an archaeologist on the staff of the Provincial Museum in Victoria. Loy has developed very promising procedures for the identification of the blood traces which surprisingly, often remain on ancient flint or obsidian cutting, piercing or scraping tools. Since the hemoglobin crystals in blood are characteristically different, in each different animal species, it appears that—as Loy refines his procedures—we shall have a completely new way of understanding the uses of ancient stone tools, and new dietary information about the peoples who produced the tools. We think the prospect is very exciting.