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...Journey of Mixed Emotions

By LORANA O. SULLIVAN

For attractive, dark-haired Ruth W. Giddings her trip to Alaska Tuesday will be a journey of mixed emotions.

It will be exciting and, she hopes, productive. An anthropologist, Mrs. Giddings will be part of an archeological expedition seeking to discover more about the life of early man in America.

But, as Mrs. Giddings, a 45-year-old mother of three, put it, "It will be hard."

Mrs. Giddings is the widow of Dr. J. Louis Giddings Jr. who was professor of anthropology at Brown University and one of the world's foremost authorities on the ancient inhabitants of the Bering Strait area. Dr. Giddings died last December from injuries he received in an automobile accident.

Dr. Giddings began excavation last summer of a rich site which he discovered near



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Mrs. J. Louis Giddings

Kotzebue, an Eskimo town, on the Kobuk River. The site is a few miles north of the

Arctic Circle and 125 air miles from the Arctic Sea.

The study was begun under a two-year \$62,700 grant from the National Science Foundation. Mrs. Giddings is returning this summer to continue her husband's work.

"The National Science Foundation has seen fit to continue the grant," she explained. "And they have given us an additional \$7,000 to continue excavation on a large scale."

The expedition will be led by Dr. Froelich Rainey, director of the museum at the University of Pennsylvania, and an anthropologist with whom Dr. Giddings worked. Douglas D. Anderson, who will be teaching anthropology at Brown next year, will be in charge of digging. Mrs. Giddings will be in charge of supplies and cataloging.

Others on the expedition

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Nixon Sees 'Danger of Corruption'

Boston —(AP)— Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon has called on fellow Republicans to work to create a "strong, loyal opposition in Congress to right a dangerous balance."

Speaking at a \$100-a-plate fund raising dinner last night, Mr. Nixon said that as a result of the national elections of 1964, one party is too strong and one party is too weak.

Strong, loyal opposi-

Mrs. Giddings, who has a master of arts degree in anthropology, began early this year to continue her husband's work. She was named curator of Brown University's Haffenreffer Museum of the American Indian at Mount Hope in Bristol. Before his death, Dr. Giddings was director of the museum, a post he held since the museum's formation in 1956. In addition Mrs. Giddings, a Bristol resident, is continuing work on her husband's collections and books.

The expedition this year will be digging in the lowest levels of a deeply stratified site, Mrs. Giddings said. The previous expedition dug down to gravel believed to have existed during the Ice Age 6,000 years ago.

Mrs. Giddings and her son will be living in a log house that Dr. Giddings built for his family last summer. It is on a five-acre site near the

in Alaska but they will not accompany the expedition this summer. Ann will visit in Texas and James will work with the American Friends Service Committee in Maine.

Going back to the archeological site her husband developed will be difficult for Mrs. Giddings. But she is determined that the rich excavation should be developed properly and not be left to people who sift indiscriminately through abandoned diggings.

"I want it done right," she said. "And I know that Rainey and Anderson are thorough and it will be done right."

As for what they will find this summer as they sift through tons of earth from the site Dr. Giddings described as "one of the most remarkable . . . in North America," she is less specific.

"There isn't much to be said now," Mrs. Giddings reported. "But ask me again in September."

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