

## Prof. J. L. Giddings Represents U. S. at Circum-Polar Conference

Professor J. L. Giddings of the Brown Department of Sociology is one of four Americans who has been chosen to represent the United States at an International Circum-Polar Conference to be held May 19-23 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The conference, one of the first of its kind, will be composed of delegates who are all specialists, either archaeologists or anthropologists, in the polar area. Membership is by invitation only and eighteen will attend the conference. Also unique is the fact that Russian delegates have been invited and have accepted membership. According to Dr. Giddings, this is the first time other specialists have met with the Russians on this topic in recent years.

The presence of the Russians at this conference is quite important, not only for the promotion of good will, but because little is actually known in other countries about the latest developments in Siberian archaeology. Russian scientists have been working and publishing in this area, but they have not published in other languages. This has slowed communication considerably.

Dr. Giddings, who will present a paper on the Arctic Region as seen from Alaska, says that the Russians have had little opportunity to make excavations in Alaska. This is particularly important to the theories connecting Old World Man to New for Siberia and Alaska serve as the connecting links.

At this conference perhaps a more definite agreement will be reached about the manner in which men crossed from Asia into

the Americas. The theoretical approach that men migrated all at one time is definitely outdated, according to Dr. Giddings. He finds archaeological evidence of men in the Western polar region from a very early time. Another important outcome of the conference may be the exchange of archeological sites, as Alaska being open to Russian exploration and the Siberian coast where migrations would have occurred from to those of other countries. However, free exchange of available information is the main purpose of the conference.

Other countries represented will be: Canada, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark. Besides Dr. Giddings, the other Americans attending the conference will be Dr. Henry B. Collins of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, Dr. Froelich Rainey of the University Museum in Philadelphia and Dr. Harp of Dartmouth College. Dr. Kaj Birket-Smith and The Danish Museum will be hosts for the meeting. Funds for this conference have been donated by American and Danish foundations.

## Sports Shorts

Pembroke lost to Radcliffe in a softball game played at Cambridge on April 24, the final score was 11-8.

The tennis team also recorded a loss to Radcliffe. Singles were played by Debbie Theiss, Carol Platzker, and Sandra Hodgkins. Doubles were played by Cubby Morris, Marjorie Tingle, Nancy Seidl and Carolyn King.

Both the tennis and the softball teams will play against Jackson on Wednesday.



I trust you all had a pleasant weekend.

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