Archaeological Collection Reflects Ancient Civilizations

and temples exists in the four flights of steep steps in a musty old building overlooking St. Charles Avenue.

There, the stark white skeleton of a Mayan Indian finds repose in a tomb of intricately carved walls.

A dimly lighted temple beckons the visitor into its eerie beauty.

A mummy is curled into a sleeping position in a wooden box and a shrunken head sits staring from its shelf in a storeroom counter.

A lifelike Mayan woman kneels by her thatched hut, weaving a delicate pattern on

a primitive loom.

The place is Dinwiddie Hall
on the Tulane University campus which houses a littleknown but important collection of artifacts from ancient Central American civiliza-

The collection is largely the result of 50 years of work by Tulane's Middle American Research Institute (M.A.R.I.) archoeologists-explorers who have braved crocodiles, ticks and coral snakes to foray by boat and mule into the Central American jungles. There they've dug into the past and returned to the academic halls with rich and important evidence from the ancient world of the Mayas and

Many of the items are irre-placeable, and a few of the collections are the best of their kind in existence, according to Tulane authorities. The small museum gallery can hold only a sample of the artifacts ... the rest are stacked, box upon box, in every nook and cranny, store-room and hall, in the Institute

Gifts to the Institute over the years include probably the world's finest collection of marble vessels from the Ulua region of Honduras, dated about 900 A.D. and the Mathilda Gray collection of Guatemalan Indian textiles.

The Doris Zemurray Stone collection of Ulua and Yojoa pottery from Honduras occupies 310 storage boxes and the Zemurray Costa Rican collec-

By RAYMOND R. COFFEY

LONDON-As if the Eng-

lish didn't already have their hands full with the Scots, the Welsh and the Northern Irish,

now it's the Cornish who are

getting all steamed up about

nationalism and demanding

That's right, the Cornish

the folk from the old Royal Duchy of Cornwall that once supplied thousands of tin

miners to the American melt-

ing pot and which is now the Southwestern most country of

A bunch of them have got

together to demand that their

To advertise their cause

and press their point they

have begun to print their own

The denominations include

the old shilling that Britain

abandoned when it decimalized its money four

years ago - and the Cornish

bills, which do not carry a pic-ture of Queen Elizabeth II as

"What we want is a full re-

turn of everything we are entitled to under the law of

the realm," said Brian Hamb-

ley, who has been chosen (or has chosen himself) as "Lord

Protector of the Stannaries."

Cornwall was the last part

of England to fall to the

Saxon invaders more than a

thousand years ago and the

"Stannaries" was a system of

laws later-developed to cover

the tin miners who made up most of the population cen-

Part of the system was the so-called "Stannary Parlia-

ment" that last met 222 years

ago - but which Hambley

and other Cornish nationalists

insist is still, in constitutional "perfectly valid."

Last February they "elect-ed" 24 members of the Stan-

nary and declared Cornwall

back in business as an inde-

seize land in Cornwall belong-

ing to the Britush Crown and

declared this week that all

laws passed by the British government in the last 222

year's are invalid in Cornwall.

the Home Secretary question-

ing the method by which the

They also threatened to

pendent operator.

turies ago.

British banknotes do.

own "ancient and sovereign" parliament be revived.

England.

Cornish money.



DR. ROBERT WAUCHOPE visits with an "old friend," the skeleton of an ancient Mayan, in the intricately carved reconstructed tomb which is part of the Middle American

Research Institute at Tulane University. Dr. Wauchope has been director of the institute for the past 33 years

exhibit cases are available to display them, however.

An, island in this sea of treasures and boxes is the office of Dr. Robert Wauchope, institute director for the past 33 years and veteran of many field expeditions. The softspoken South Carolinian, a former president of the Society for American Archaeology, first journeyed into the jungles in 1932 as a staff member of the Carnegie Institution of Washington expedition to the ruins of Uaxactun.

Equipped with little more than a poncho, machete and hemmock, Dr. Wauchope recalls spending 10 hours aback a mule named Golondrina. floundering in mud, dodging heavy undergrowth to reach the excavaction site.

"Now, you can fly there and stay in comfortable quarters near the site - it took us six days by boat and mule back in 1932,' he said.

Through the years, his attempts to unveil the secrets of past civilizations have led him through jungles, into the

24 members of the new "Stan-

nary" got themselves elected

- and therefore refusing to

pay any attention to them.

But Humbley — who is a
bus driver when he is not on
duty as "Lord Protector of
the Stannaries" — figures

By questioning the election

methods, he said, the British

government was by implica-

tion admitting Cornwall's right to have its own parlia-

"We are demanding our an-

cient liberties," he said in an

interview. "No act of the British Parliament is valid in Cornwall unless the Stannary

gives its assent. We are capa

ble of running our own

None of this, he hastened to

add, should be taken as being

"We would still be under the British Crown," he said.

independent Royal Duchy . .

'We would just go on as an

The new issue of Cornish

money has been backed so far

by a grand total of 300 British

pounds - about \$700 - raised

by Frederick Trull, who is chief clerk of the Stannary

parliament that was convened

The new bills carry the

slogan "Argho Kenethlek Kernow." which is Cornish for

'National Fund of Cornwall.' But since hardly anyone, in-

cluding Hambley or Trull,

speaks much Cornsin these

days, there is an English

tanslation handy on the re-

Trull said he expects the

new money to be bought first by collectors but that he sees no reason why the day won't

come when it is the main cur-

verse side of the bills.

rency of Cornwall.

last February.

against Queen Elizabeth.

even that was a victory.

ment.

affairs.

Now Cornwall Is

Going Nationalist

highlands and even to live for on

a time in Indian villages. "We learned to be careful of small things such as coral s n a k e s , scorpions a n d spiders," says Dr. Wauchope, who confesses he still sometimes automatically empties trousers before putting them

The archaeologist has recounted many of his experiences in the introduction to his book "They Found the Buried Cities," a lively account of early expedition into Central America . When Dr. Wouchope retires

next June, leadership of M.A.-

R.I. will be turned over to Dr. E. Wyllys Andrews V, whose late father initiated the Institute's Yucatan field work where excavacations were begun in 1956.

The digging, supported by the National Geographic Society, the National Science Foundation and American Philosophical Society grants, continued for 15 years and re-vealed the largest and longest-inhabited city ever discovered in the region, with evidence of habitation from about 1200 B.C. to the time of the Spanish conquest.

Dr. Wauchope, whose works include eight books, five monographs and more than 100 articles, feels the field of Middle American archaeology is still open "for tremendous opportunities."

"There are hundreds of sites for archaeologists to dig, thousands of miles of virtually unknown territory for explorers to explore and more structures than one could visit in a lifetime," says the archaeologist.

"Doubtless there are scores, perhaps hundreds, of Maya towns and cities, some of major size, that have never been discovered."

As M.A.R.I. passes the half-century mark in 1974, Tulane has just completed a major dig in the southern part of Campeche, 225 miles south of the Yucatan sites.

Dr. Andrews, Dr. Wauchope's former student, takes over the helm at a time when the Institute faces a space

the same floor space as it did 50 years ago and most of the offices - even a small carpentry s h o p — doubles as storage space. A little room once available f o r visiting

with stored publications. As for Dr. Wauchope, he plans to use his retirement to pursue his hobby-archaeology. He and Mrs. Wauchope will leave in March, 1975, for

Jutiapa, Guatemala, where they'll explore for Indian ruins and dig at selected sites. Then, in the fall of 1975, he'll teach full time in the Tulane department of anthropol-



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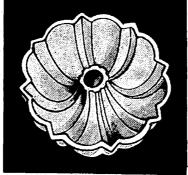
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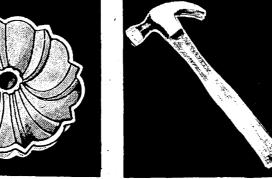
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Now it's the Cornish making noises. Where will it all

Well, probably not in Corn-wall: Viscount Weymouth, the ponytailed, golden-earringed, guitar-picking 41-year-old hippie heir to the Marquess of Bath, wants to abolish parlia-The only official reaction from the British government so far has been a letter from ment and bring back the legendary kingdon of Wessex that Alfred the Great put out of business more than a thousand years ago.



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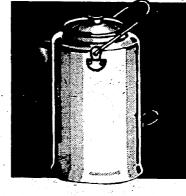
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