

# Prehistoric Garbage Dump In South America Yields Trace Of Old Civilization

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**BUENOS AIRES, June 30 (AP)—** Scientists digging in a prehistoric garbage dump have found new traces of South America's oldest civilizations.

Miguel A. Vignati, professor of anthropology at La Plata university museum, and a group of other scientists discovered the ruins which tell a new story of prehistoric Indian culture.

The discoveries were made in Patagonia, a vast, desolate tableland and mountainous region stretching from the territory of Chubut to Tierra del Fuego, Argentina's southernmost territory.

The lost civilization Vignati and his companions found probably was the forerunner of the tribes which once formed the powerful Patagonian Indian nation whose warriors were known for their extreme height and big feet.

The scientists found their clue to the lost civilization while poking through a pile of mollusk shells which turned out to be an age-old garbage dump. They found broken dishes and other utensils made of stone and bone.

During two months of work in Patagonia, Vignati said he and his companions had found shelters carved in rock, brightly painted walls and pictographs.

Vignati said only the surface of the vast Indian culture had been touched. More extensive excavations will be made during January, February and March, the southern hemisphere's summer months.

The explorations ranged from Comodoro Rivadavia on the Gulf of Saint George, about 800 airline miles southwest of Buenos Aires, to Lake Buenos Aires, parts of which lie in both Argentina and Chile.

Vignati and his companions found one pictograph more than 600 feet long which told a vivid history of primitive life, love and the hunt. Other traces of Indian culture were found in the Bajo Caracoles and Cerro Pivri regions.

During their work the scientists also sought a link between the Spanish language and the tongue

spoken by the Patagonian Indians centuries ago.

Vignati said the explorers were excited when they found an aged Indian woman able to speak the Tehuenu language, the language used by the Chehuache-Kenks, one of three tribes which long ago flourished in Patagonia.

With her help, he said the scientists were able to reconstruct a large part of the Tehuenu vocabulary which he had believed lost to modern civilization.

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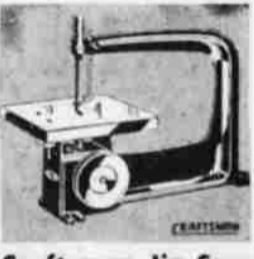
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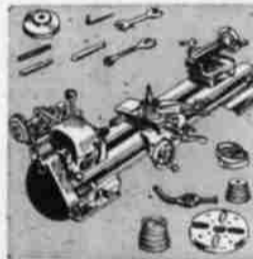
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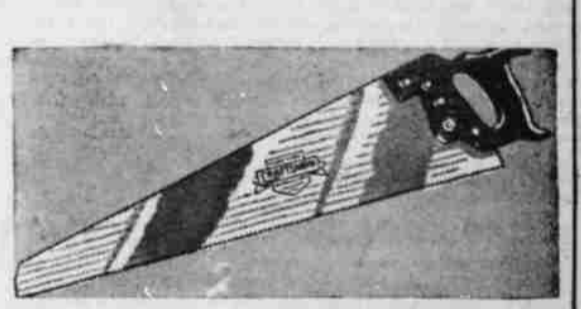
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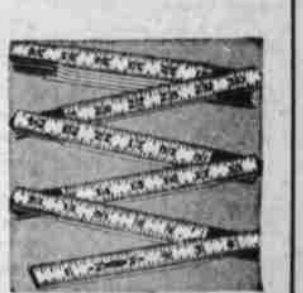
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