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LOBSTER FOR DINNER, RANSOM MONEY ASSURED – ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK IN IRAQ DURING THE 1930'S

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The 1930s saw a vast increase of archaeological excavations in Iraq, when well-funded projects from Europe and North American were came to the Middle East to conduct large-scale excavations. This presentation will focus on the Diyala Expedition of the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute Conducted between 1930 and 1938 it was one of the largest and best-funded projects of this time period. Using unpublished field photographs, archival materials and original film footage this presentation will outline the expedition's scientific goals and historical significance, but also introduce its illustrious members, headquarters, living and work conditions, cars, fashion, and glamorous visitors. These impressions vividly relate the nature of this "Golden Age" of archaeology, which was glamorized in novels and movies but soon eclipsed by the shadows of World War II.

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