

Pubgoers discuss inflation woes

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LONDON — "The future don't hold anything."

Bob d'Angelo sat back in his chair and looked around the quiet pub for someone to disagree with his sweeping prognosis of Britain. Nobody did.

A brooding pessimism as to the future of this country was the most striking feature in a series of informal conversations with pubgoers in one of London's more typical, lower working class pubs.

There's a deep belief that — as grim as things are here — they're going to get grimmer. And while many blame the government for their problems many also blame themselves.

"Nobody can help us out," explained James Butler as he sat with his wife Rose. "It will get worse and worse. Soon people won't be able to live here."

The Butlers used to come to their local tavern, the Gloucester Arms in Kentish Town just north of central London, three or four times a week. Now they come only once. He makes \$81.60 a week as a truck driver, and with prices as high as they are now, they can afford only one night out a week.

Of their \$81 the Butlers spend \$32 for rent and another \$32 for food. That leaves them \$17 for the

gas and electricity bills, clothing and entertainment.

"It's very bad," said Mrs. Butler. "Prices are going up week after week. You can't budget anymore."

"If you've got three little children and can't work, I don't know how you'd eat," said Joyce Trusler, as she sat at one of the six small round tables that dot the pub.

In less than two years the pound has dropped in value from \$2.35 to \$1.60, causing prices for almost everything to soar.

Everyone has their own idea of why the economy has deteriorated. Some blame the European Common Market, which Britain joined in 1973. Others blame the decimal system of currency which Britain adopted in 1970.

But almost all point to three problems they feel are most responsible for the current situation. These are the number of immigrants coming into Britain, the misuse of the social welfare system and finally, themselves.

"There are too many lazy people here," said Michael Lay who owns a pub further down the road. "We're spoiled here. Too many benefits."

He claims that the high tax rate here, as much as 83 per cent, has discouraged personal incentive.

Professor redates birth of American man

Man has been in America longer than many people realize according to beliefs held by Dr. George F. Carter. One of Texas A&M's University's professors in geography, his efforts have been detailed in the 1977 Nature-Science Annual.

Carter has long contended that man entered the North American continent from Siberia perhaps as long as 100,000 years ago.

A Thomas Froncek article, "New-World Man Redated," relates Carter's part in efforts to push back the generally accepted age of man's appearance on the continent.

When a new dating technique was developed, based on chemical change in bone protein, Carter suggested that human bones found 50 years ago on the West Coast be tested. The bones were tested using a process of separating amino acids. The process indicated ages of 44,000 and 48,000 years, supporting Carter's theory.

The Time-Life book article reflects increasing confidence in Jeffrey Bada's data technique, and wider acceptance of an older age of man in the Americas.

Carter's basis for earlier American man also include stone tools found in the desert Southwest and dated geologically at 40,000 years, and inscriptions in Peru, Chile and on the American East Coast indicating men were making transoceanic journeys long before it was considered technically possible.

The Texas A&M professor's role in bringing fossils to Bada's attention was first credited in the 1975 Time-Life Nature-Science Annual.

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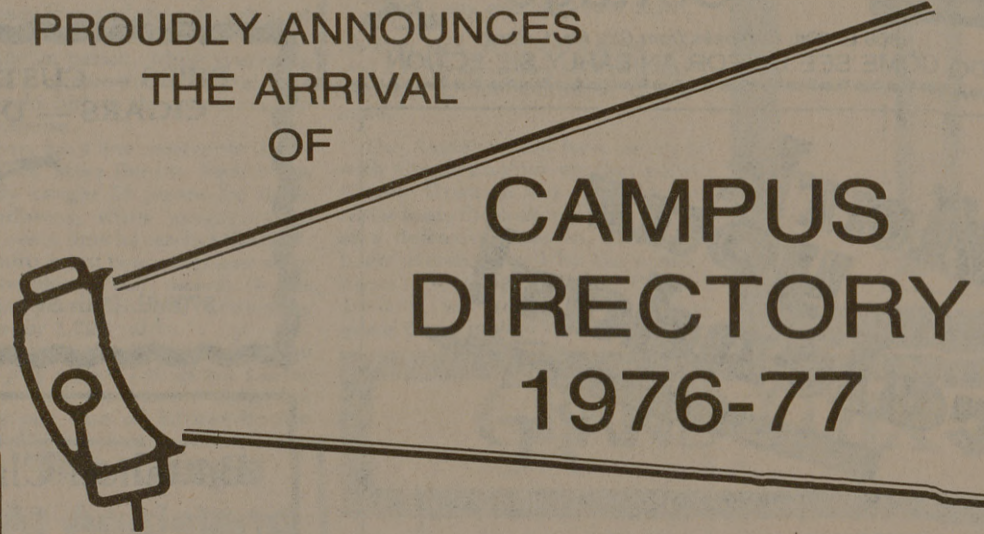
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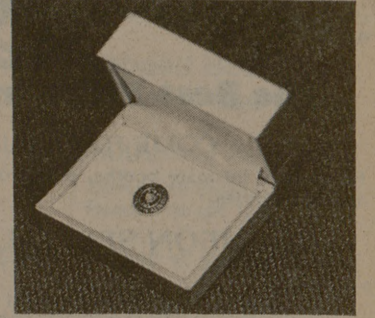


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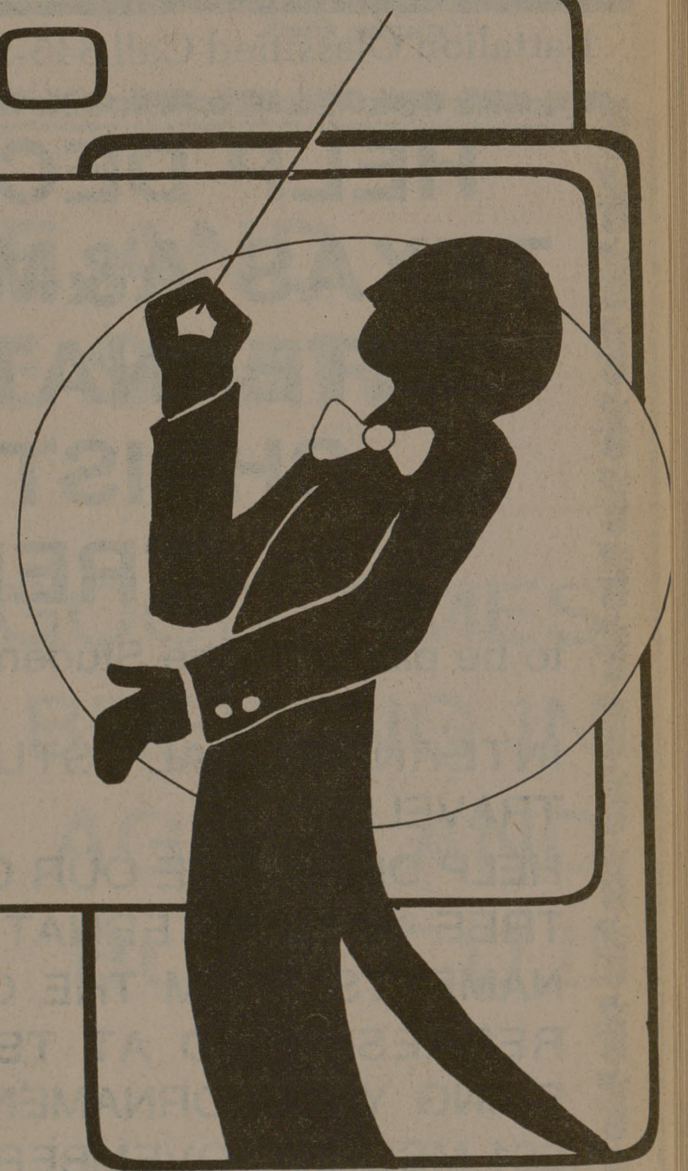
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