

Young anthropologist Johann Reinhard checks supply list for expedition

## Vanishing Kusanda lure New Lenox man to jungle

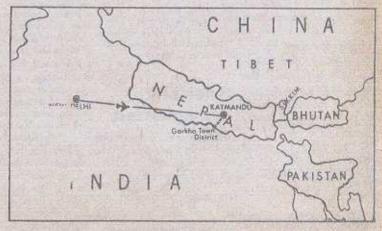
By ESTHER WINCHELL NEW LENOX — A personable young man of 24 will leave his hometown of New Lenox next week for the hot, steamy, dis-ease-ridding jungles of central Nepal

Lean, good-looking Johann Reinhard has chosen to spend the next year on a solitary an-thropology expedition into uncharted regions of Nepal. It is doubtful if any other white man has ever penetrated this remote

The object of Reinhard's oneman expedition is to find and study scientifically an almost unknown hunting and food gathering tribe known as the Kusunda which inhabited central Nepal along the border of India in the vicinity of Gorkha Town Dis-

An intense young man who wears sophistication with inno-cent cook, Reinhard radiation of contagious enthusiasm as he discusses his expedition.

"Like a perfect dream coming true, it is exactly what I've



Reinhard will fly from New Delhi to Katmandu and go on foot into Gorkha Town District

hold the key to questions surrounding early settlement of mongoloid neoples in South and East Asia.

The Kusunda are supposed to lead a nomadic life in the wild, least accessible forests of the

turalists and it is thought that the Kusunda tribe is among the last of the hunters and food

They may have, in fact, already disappeared, taking with them the last chance for study

## gions of Nepal," Reinhan New Lenox man plans lonely year in jungle plained, over the control of the contro

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customs and beliefs of mankind.

provides a solid preparation for area he will explore, his trip to Nepal. He majored in general anthropology at the University of Arizona for four

of 1965 with two underwater archaeology expeditions in Italy Compressing most of the vital of the tropics. and one in Sicily, all sponsored by the University of Pennsyl-

vania Museum.

He worked as a surveyor-diver and assistant cameraman and it was during this period that the photograph of Reinhard and Claude Duthuit was taken. The men were in 38 feet of water placing survey stakes for manping of an ancient ship wreck off the coast of southern Italy.

Reinhard also spent a month with the American anthropologist Russell Bernard, studying the sponge diving industry on the Greek island of Kalymnos and carried out preliminary research of the coral and sponge diving industries along the Yugoslavian coast.

Reinhar took special training in the field of linguistic analysis in London, England, to aid him in classifying unknown tribal languages. He is learning the Nepalese language in order to talk directly to tribal people without using interpreters.

A dissertation on the expedition will be prepared by Reinhard for his doctorate of philosophy degree from the University of Vienna.

Reinhard's adventuresome spirit showed early in his life when he traveled alone through Brazil the summer after he graduated from Lincoln-Way High School.

While studying at the University of Arizona be became an accomplished skin-diver and during vacations from school in Vienna he hitch-hiked throughout Europe, took up mountain climbing, scaling such heights as the Matterhorn in Switzerland in addition to his research work as a diver.

Reinhard, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reinhard at 155 Fir St. in New Lenox, for the first time in two years, is assembling supplies for his expedition.

A \$1,500 fellowship from the Wenner-Gren Foundation of Anthropological Research will belp to finance Reinhard's expedition

study of cultural development, portion of the cost himself. He photographic and recording corder, linguistic file cards and include a snake-bite kit, will be entirely dependent upon equipment, into four or five medicines to withstand the ray-fifter and purification to his own supplies and equipment packs that can be carried on ages of moisture and fungus malaria preventatives and Reinhard's academic back-ground and research training any consequence in the remote mendous amount of preparation.

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However, he is bearing a big necessities for one year, plus "Packing my camera, tape relicine is vital. Survival su

"Medical supplies for myself his greatest opportunities

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Perhaps a clue to this un covered, sparsely populated re-proach to life may be few his parents' reaction to th pedition that may lead his the jaws of death.

"Johann considers this part of his education, so more power to him." wa father's comment.

Mrs. Reinhard said, "I the whole thing is fascing Of course I will warry be we won't be able to comi cate with him for long per But the country sounds lous, especially India. I i like to go there myself."



Reinhard (right) pounds survey stake underwater off coast of southern Italy with Claude Duthuit