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RESULTS OF EXPLORATIONS OF SITES FROM THE STONE AGE AND EARLY BRONZE AGE AT
ŁĄD AND POLICKO, VOIVODESHIP OF KONIN

Summary

From the 8th to the 28th July 1972 systematic explorations were performed by the Poznań Archaeological Museum at Łąd, district of Słupca, on site 4 and at the neighbouring village Policko on site 2. The main purpose for these excavations was to gain a deeper insight into the Stone Age and Early Bronze Age settlement in the area of the preglacial Warta valley in the region of Łąd.

Both sites were lying on dune-like eminences, surrounded by marshy meadows of the valley.

On site 4 at Łąd, the oldest traces of a human habitat go back to the Middle Stone Age. From Neolithic times date some small temporary camps of a population belonging to the Culture of Funnel-shaped Baekers and to the Corded Ware Culture. Within the explored area we found also traces of the sojourn of a Bronze Age population which, however, left no dwelling remains. At the turn of Bronze Age Period V to the Hallstatt Period an offshot of the Lusatian Culture founded here a cemetery testified by pottery sherds and fragments of burnt human bones. It was almost completely damaged after a posterior afforestation of the dune.

On site 2 at Policko, we found traces of the hab-

itat of a population belonging to the Mesolithic Komornica Kulture (younger phase). At a later period, this site was occupied — similarly to site 4 at Łąd — by small seasonal camps of bearers of the Funnel-shaped Beaker Culture (probably of the Wiórek stage) and of the Corded Ware Culture. During the Early Bronze Age the same area was repeatedly inhabited, though only in a temporary manner. No dwelling hints were left and the remains of two small fire-places can be hardly attributed to anyone of the afore mentioned population on account of the lack of dating relics.

In the course of excavations in the Early Medieval earthwork castle of Łąd we discovered within the precinct of the suburbium a pit of the Funnel-shaped Baeker Culture, a kind of shed used presumably for dwelling purposes.

Throughout the ancient periglacial Warta valley, in the region between Łądek, district of Słupca and Białobrzeg, distr. of Września, several other prehistoric sites were discovered which testify a short stay of human groups from the Mesolithic down to the Early Medieval Period. All these sites are situated on hillocks or small dune eminences.