

into the Black Sea⁶, we might expect to find *S. gaederopus* also. However, according to Shackleton and Renfrew¹, the radiometric age of the examined *Spondylus* shells is only 2,500 BC and 4,000 BC.

It is therefore concluded that, at least for this special case, the ¹⁸/₁₆O method is irrelevant. Finally, *S. gaederopus* lives today along various Mediterranean coasts (Algeria, France, Italy, Israel, and so on) cemented to

some rocky substrate, and it would probably be very difficult to tell from the isotopic composition the exact geographical location (that is Aegean or Adriatic) where the samples were collected.

Yours faithfully,

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Announcements

University News

Professor P. M. Maitlis, McMaster University, has been appointed to the chair of inorganic chemistry, University of Sheffield.

Appointments

Mr W. A. Cumming and Dr J. D. Keys have each been appointed assistant vice-president (laboratories) of the National Research Council of Canada.

Graham Morris, manager of the Education and Training Division of ICL, has been appointed deputy president of the British Computer Society for 1971-72.

Sir Ronald Baskett has been appointed secretary of the Agricultural Research Council, in succession to Sir Gordon Cox.

Mr D. J. Parkinson has been appointed under secretary, and Dr C. C. Webster has been appointed chief scientific officer.

Miscellaneous

The Academy of Sciences of the USSR has been awarded the International Galaber Prize for the research projects carried out by the automatic spacecraft Luna-16.

Dr F. B. A. Giwa, University of Ibadan, has been awarded the first World Meteorological Organization Research Award for Regional Association I (Africa), in recognition of his work on the effect of wind on the resonant period of the atmosphere.

Erratum

In the article "Australia's Caenozoic Drift" by J. G. Jones (*Nature*, **230**, 237; 1971), the first sentence of the penultimate paragraph should read "A final problem which Australia's Caenozoic drift may elucidate is the origin of the Coral Sea".

British Diary

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