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'Cave Men' Continue
To Live In France

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VOUVRAY, France (BP)--While the great world powers discuss (and fail to agree upon) a ban against nuclear warfare; while Americans build home fall-out shelters; and while the majority of the world trembles with fear from the arms race, a gr up of French families live year-round in caves occupied for generations.

At one time, sophisticated city folk expressed indignation that, in this modern age, human beings should still live in caves. But in recent years the real estate value of these dwellings has jumped drastically, either because of nuclear nerves r from realization of certain advantages these cave-dwellers enjoy.

The caves are warm and dry, draft-proof and noise-proof, an advantage over many modern homes. Air conditioning is provided, a system millions of years old. Their crops grow directly overhead. Papa can yell down the chimney, which comes out among the grape vines, to tell Mama when to put his coffee on!

These homes are burrowed in the limestone cliffs, situated a safe distance above the Loire River. Most have false fronts built over the cave entrance.

Inside, many have electricity, central heating and modern plumbing. They range in size from bungalow to manor house. Some have paneled walls, antique furniture, and all have whitewashed ceilings of solid rock, ranging in thickness up to 60 f et!

But even caves are not the answer for personal security in this nuclear age!

In nearby Tours, a little Baptist church is growing rapidly, thanks to the purchase of a church building last year with mission funds from Southern Baptists. These French Baptists are sharing the one sure way to peace and security for our time...the timeless, ultimate plan of God for the world, through faith in His Son, Jesus.

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Cutline to photo: Don't let the false front fool you! This is a cave house.