

HUMAN AND APE KINSHIP PARTED LONG, LONG AGO

Dr. Hrdlicka Says Paths Parted 25,000,000 Years Back—No Close Affinity Existed Declares Savant.

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WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—There was never a "close affinity" between man and the great apes, and what relationship there was has been broken for 25,000,000 years.

That is the new verdict held today by Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, authority on ancient man, after his latest study of thousands of human and ape bones in the Smithsonian Institution and elsewhere.

The savant asserts that the human race got its start on earth not less than twenty-five million years ago. If you count back to the time when man broke all family ties with the apes and concentrated on being human.

"There is some relationship but no close affinity between man and the great apes," he said. "If you had lived farther back than 85,000,000 years, however, he contends you couldn't have told a man from an ape, for in those days both were combined in a mysterious creature that was neither one, but common ancestor of both."

Then in the miocene geological age the ape-man ancestor's family developed two branches, says Dr. Hrdlicka. One grew into the humans of today. The other became the race of anthropoid apes that includes gorillas, chimpanzees and gibbons. That doesn't mean the human branch became human at once, but did trend definitely away from becoming ape-like.

DRIVE AGAINST CRIME REINFORCED BY GROUP OF NEW SENATE BILLS

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—The senate struck out today at gangsters and racketeers, passing a group of bills to strengthen the federal government's hand in fighting crime.

Seven bills, tightening up the federal laws regulating crime, were passed by unanimous agreement and sent to the house. They were all recommended by Attorney General Cummings.

Among senators urging their quick approval were Robinson, the democratic leader; Chairman Aahurst of the judiciary committee; Vandenberg, (R., Mich.), and Copeland, (D., N. Y.) chairman of the special senate committee which investigated racketeering.

Probably one of the most important of the bills would give the government a new law under which it could prosecute commercial racketeering, with power to penalize offenders with jail sentences up to 99 years.

Other bills approved would extend federal power over extortion by telephone, telegraph or other interstate commerce communication; make it unlawful for a person to flee from one state to another to avoid prosecution or testimony; strengthen the Lindbergh kidnaping law; penalize aid to escaping prisoners; make the murder of a federal officer a federal offense and give the government power to prosecute robbery of national or federal reserve banks.

PANSY PLOT MISSING WHEN CAVERN OPENS PORTLAND BACK YARD

PORTLAND, March 30.—(AP)—Gloating from her window, Mrs. W. J. Sheridan discovered with amazement that apparently only three or four plants remained in a plot she had planted to pansies the day before. Suspecting vandals, she hurried to the spot in her backyard.

She gasped as she stopped short of the brink of a circular cavern, 4½ feet across, and 32 feet deep. In the center of this plot Mrs. Sheridan and her 5-year-old granddaughter had spent an hour the previous day planting the flowers. There had been no indication that this section of the garden had rested on a rotting board floor covering the uncharted pit.

Neighbors recalled, however, that many years ago a brick yard was operated where the house now stands. A hard rain yesterday was believed to have caused the cave-in. A contractor said 30 or 35 large wagon loads of earth would be necessary to fill the hole.

DAIRY LEADERS LIKE NEW PLAN

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace said today he had been "astonished" by favorable reaction to the new dairy production control program coming in from dairy leaders. He added he did not believe the resolutions adopted by the cooperative leaders' meeting reflected any general sentiment among dairymen.

aid, showed Wisconsin would leave all other states in distribution of benefit payments. Wisconsin farmers would receive about \$18,555,000.

turn producers would be given benefit payments at the rate of 40 cents for each pound of butter fat reduced.

FLOODS WRECK BRIDGES IN WALLACE, IDAHO, AREA

WALLACE, Idaho, March 30.—(AP)—Flooded by three days of rain, several streams in this section reached flood stage today, tearing out two bridges

and cutting off all automobile traffic between here and Kellogg.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—The house public lands committee today reported favorably a bill to authorize the sale of 160 acres of

public land at \$2.50 an acre to the city of Forest Grove, Ore. The bill was sponsored by Representative Mott (R., Ore.)

PENDLETON, March 30.—(AP)—Bruce Shangle, well-known Milton rancher and business man, today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination as state senator from Umatilla county.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 29.—(AP)—D. A. Williams, president of the Continental Steel Corporation, today announced a 10 per cent wage increase to employees effective April 1. The increase applies to 1800 workers here and 700 at Canton, O.

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