Noted Jesuit Scholar Presents Evidence Man Descendant of Ape

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Philadelphia, March 19, (AP)—Father Teilhard de Chardin, Jesuit scholar, one of the most eminent geologists in the world, today presented an international gathering of scientists with evidence which he said showed that man must be considered as descending from apes.

“‘But,’” he said, “in these discoveries there need be no difficulty for Christianity As a scientist I must admit the evidence that man was born from the animal kingdom. But he was not an animal. The great, the tremendous, the significant fact about man is the coming of thought with and through him.”

Father de Chardin brought to this country for the first time the exhibits, photographs and studies of the discovery near Peking of Sinanthropus, a primitive man who lived hundreds of thousands of years ago.

He spoke at the international symposium on early man, the first conference of its kind ever held, sponsored by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Sinanthropus, he said, is the “third stage” found in tracing backward man’s prehistory. The first, he explained, is modern man, the second stage is the Neanderthal type, a man whose skull and stature were different.

This third man, Sinanthropus, had a head different from either of his successors. Differences in width and length of skull are the striking points. Father de Chardin explained. Modern man’s skull is widest above the ears. Sinanthropus’ head is widest exactly at the openings of the ears. Modern man’s head is egg-shaped; Sinanthropus arch-shaped.

The longest dimension of modern man’s head, he continued, is from the brow just above the nose to the occiput, the round bone which can be felt at the back of the head. At the back Sinanthropus differed, below the occiput bump this primitive man had a ridge no longer existing in human. From this ridge to brow was Sinanthropus’ longest head diameter.

Sinanthropus was an hairy human, said Father de Chardin. He showed a picture of a Sinanthropus skull with an unusual triangular bone at the back which he said has been found also in the heads of the ancient Incas of South America.

“Below this Sinanthropus stage of man” he said, “we may expect to find two more ‘platforms’. One should be an intermediate being which can probably be recognized by the leaning in the mandible. “Below that we should be able to find a being so primitive that we could not have any reason for separating him from the ape group.”
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[small newspaper clipping]
Sunday, May 30, 1937
3:00 P. M.
Foley High School

1. Processional.
2. Selection—Audience.
3. Scripture.
4. Invocation.
5. Selection—Chorus.
10. Offering.
11. Introduction of Visitors.
12. Remarks.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1st, 1937, 7:45 P. M.

1. Song—“May Chorus.”
2. Reading—Dorothy Thompson.
6. Duet—Anna Lee Thompson and Ella M. Jackson.
8. Flag Drill—Members of Fourth Grade.
10. Reading—Albertha Woodfaut.
11. Military Drill—Third Grade Boys.
13. Playlet—“Jack Rabbit.”
15. Play—“The Case Against Casey.”
16. Song—“How Did You Like It.”
17. Introduction of Visitors.
18. Benediction.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 2nd, 1937, 7:45

1. Processional.
2. Song: School—“Cheer Up.”
3. Invocation.
4. Salutatorian of the Senior Class—Louise Bowers.
5. Valedictorian, Grammar School Department—Lawrence Lewis
8. Play—“Too Much of a Good Thing.”
10. Valedictorian, Senior Class—Arlester Wright.
12. Presentation of Certificates and Awards.
15. Song—“Farewell.”
16. Benediction.
CLASS MOTTO—“March In Step With Progress”

CLASS COLORS—Orange and Blue.

Graduating Classes—Elementary Department
Gonzellas, Burniece _______ President
Bryant, Ruby ___________ Vice-President
Burns, Willie Mae __________ Secretary
Cray, Nathaniel ____________ Jackson, Henry
Henderson, Anna Mae _______ Speight, Lena Mae
Whetson, Lula Mae _________ Williams, Hosea
Woodfauk, Eunice

GRAMMAR OR EIGHTH GRADE
Glover, Sylvester __________ Lovett, Beatrice
Lewis, Lawrence ___________ Treasurer

NINTH GRADE
Bowers, Louise ___________ Secretary
Wright, Arlester _________ Vice-President

ELEVENTH GRADE
Spencer, Frank ______ President of Graduating Classes

FACULTY
William M. Oney, Principal
Miss Cleopatra Hadley
Mrs. M. Taylor, Mrs. Janette Oney,