

**Vast underground maze holds key to human evolution, say scientists**

A street collapse in Mexico City has uncovered a secret of evolution which scientists say staggers the imagination — a race of "Mole People" living in a maze of tunnels deep beneath the city!

Teams of Mexican and American anthropologists have converged on the site to study what is being termed the greatest evolutionary discovery in the history of mankind.

The bodies of three mole people found in the half-mile-long cave-in have been taken to a secret laboratory in the University of Mexico where they will undergo months, perhaps years, of pathological testing.

Experts in the field of archaeological excavation were flown in from Egypt two weeks ago and they have already uncovered a subterranean tunnel world that stretches for miles beneath the city.

And German anthropologist Dr. Wilhelm Gresch stunned his colleagues when he reported that he had come face to face with several of the human-like creatures while probing one of the tunnels that links up with the city's underground sewer system.

"I not only saw them with my own eyes, but I grappled with one of the mole people," Gresch said only hours after his history-making encounter.

"It was only a brief struggle. The creature was as slippery as an eel and was as swift as a lightning bolt.

"I meant it no harm. I merely wanted to try to communicate with it. But it fled from me in terror.

"The mole people I saw are unlike anything I could even imagine. They dwell in those dark, dank tunnels and sewers like cockroaches, and, like cockroaches, they scurry from the light."

Gresch said the largest of the mole people he encountered stood about three feet tall and had human-like arms and legs.

"Some stood upright and one or two were on all fours," he recalled.

"They had hands and feet much like ours. And they smelled ghastly.

"Their bodies were naked and the skin had no pigmentation whatever. In the glow of my (flashlight), they had the color of dirty snow. And I did

# Race of mole people found in city sewers

see what appeared to be genitals of a male creature, though there may have been females in the group. What really as-

tonished me was their eyes. "Living their lives in almost total darkness, they have no need for eyes. Like the com-

mon garden-variety mole, their eyes should be almost non-existent.

"Yet, these incredible creatures had eyes as large as saucers. They were immense eyes with glowing pink irises that

flashed like fire in the ray of my light. I am convinced that those eyes enable the mole people to actually see in the pitch dark."

Gresch and other scientists working at the site say evidence indicates the mole people have probably lived in the underground tunnels for thousands of years and had only recently moved into the sewer system to forage for food.

"There is much we don't know — virtually nothing at all," he added. "But every day we collect more bits of information.

"At this point, we have no idea as to their origin or how they evolved into the underground creatures that I have seen.

"Were they once humans who for some unknown reason were forced to live underground? We don't know.

"Soon, we hope to capture one of the mole people. That is our priority project.

"Then we may get the answers to our questions — if we can find a way to communicate with them.

"But for now, my colleagues and I must content ourselves with what we have at hand — the most amazing anthropological discovery in the history of mankind."

— MARGOT TERRY



EXCAVATION has uncovered mind-boggling evidence of a race of mole people living under Mexico City. Artist's conception of one of the creatures, right.

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## No vacancy sends man into chain saw frenzy

When he was told there was no room for him at a Holiday Inn, a man stormed outside and returned with a chain saw.

Police in Rock Springs, Wyo., said John Rayburn, 33, fired up the saw and began carving the front desk, causing about \$1,850 in damage. When a security guard tried to stop him, cops said Rayburn pulled a pistol and started shooting.

No one was hurt in the gunfight — and Rayburn was arrested after a 90 m.p.h. chase by police.

## Dead mouse ruins man's TV snack time

Joe Quinn was nibbling from a packet of peanuts in front of his TV when he discovered to his horror that the package

contained one nibble too many — a dead mouse.

Joe was so upset by his furry find that

he came down with a case of nervous rash.

When the London man complained to the peanut company, they offered him 15 pounds (about \$25) and an apology. But when a newspaper got into the act, the company upped the ante to 250 pounds.

"We are very careful about mice getting into our factories, but occasionally they get into a ship's hold when the nuts are shipped from abroad," said a company boss.

## Boxer shorts' comeback hopes to KO competition

Young businessman Andy Kaplan is turning out a product he hopes will be the fashion fad of the future — custom-made boxer shorts.

"There is a reemergence of boxer

shorts," said the 20-year-old Hillsdale, Mich., college student. "There's definitely a market there. But a lot of them were bland. So I figured why not just take them and make them fancier?"