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Group of "scientists" turn up in abandoned quarry, speak of mysterious "Mole people"



... AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE

LAST WEDNESDAY a group of self-proclaimed "scientists" was found stumbling out of an abandoned limestone quarry in an unnamed part of Wiltshire. They were discovered by some local schoolboys playing nearby, most likely up to no good whatsoever. The men appeared befuddled by the sight of daylight and spoke, if at all, in a hurried impenetrable rush which made little sense to

their rescuers, but once fed, cleaned and rested, the men gave a more coherent account of their sudden and enigmatic materialization in the quarry. They had evidently been on a journey to the Earth's core, where they had met with a subterranean race of humanoid mole-like creatures.

The journey had been made - in secret and unannounced - using a uranium-powered vessel made out of hardened steel. Unfortunately the vessel had to be abandoned just yards before they reached the surface and could not be rescued before it tumbled into the abyss below,

never to be seen again. The tunnel they had arrived through immediately closed up and the limestone dust settled over it to cover any signs of it ever being there, and in the process eliminated any evidence of the extraordinary events they claim to have witnessed.

The group was hurried to a medical facility to be evaluated as regards to their mental status.

Next week: *Eccentric professor concocts travel plans to the moon - in steam powered rocketship!*