

Announcer (Allen Jackson?): Very ancient history can become present-day news. Consider this:

Anthropologists speak of the Peking Man as a human-like creature that lived more than a half a million years ago on the mainland of Asia. Parts of several Peking Man skeletons were unearthed in a limestone quarry near Peking in the 1920's. According to most reports, U.S. Marines packed the bones into footlockers as the Japanese advanced into China in 1941, and the fossils have been unaccounted for ever since.

But at least some of them may have been re-discovered by a man named Donald Giffens\* [phonetic] in a footlocker in a remote cabin not far from the Marine base at Camp Pendleton, California.

A Chicago businessman, Christopher Janus, who has been trying to locate the fossils, gave us this account.

Janus (voice): The footlocker was full of fossils - bones - and in one side of the footlocker there were a great many pictures. And these were pictures of China. And he remembers the dates on them, and some of them were as way back as 1926, but they were pictures of excavations in 1926. He took the pictures with him, and took a couple of the fossils with him - he just stuck them in a plastic bag and went off.

Announcer: Janus, who has offered a reward of \$150,000 for information leading to recovery of the Peking Man, will meet with Giffens later this month and try to verify what the footlocker contained.

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\* Githens (SFC 1 Jul 75)