Scientists' Study
First Of Its Kind
In Two Decades

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Seventeen distinguished archaeologists, said by professional colleagues to be “as brilliant a gathering as could be accumulated,”

will read papers in a history-making symposium this week at Rice University.

The conference, dealing with

“Prehistoric Man in the New World,” was called by Symposium Director Edward Norbeck “the first attempt at an appraisal

of this scope—covering the entire New World—in a couple of

A complete schedule of speakers and topics for the archaeological symposium may be found on page 6.

SPONSORED BY Rice and the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, the colloquium will be one of the highlights of the university's Semi-centennial celebration.

Contributing scholars represent universities and institutions from the United States and Mexico, and the expected 150 out-of-town guests will include professionals and amateur archaeologists from the entire Western Hemisphere.

Famed Mexican scholar Ignacio Bernal will present the summary to the symposium, and Utah's Jesse D. Jennings will be senior editor of the collection of the papers. Dr. Norbeck will serve as co-editor of the book, which will be published by the University of Chicago Press this spring.

DR. NORBECK characterized the aim of the conference as “a review and appraisal of facts and theories concerning prehis-

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toric peoples and cultures of North and South America.” He added that “since the last similar appraisal, a great deal of new knowledge has accumulated.”

Rice Chancellor Carey Croneis will open the proceedings at 3 pm Friday afternoon. Papers will be read in four sessions during the two days.

THE READINGS will actually be 30-minute condensations of the much longer papers, and Dr. Norbeck stressed that the addresses are planned for an audience including laymen. Students and the general public are invited.