

INTERNATIONAL ZOO-NEWS

AMSTERDAM - HOLLAND

Artis Zoo reported the following breeding successes: 3 Green Varanas, an Indian Antelope, a Hog Deer, a Greater Kudu, two White-eared Marmosets, and three Black-footed Penguins.

Highly noteworthy is the arrival of two female (Scimitar Oryx) to join the male already in the Artis zoo.

ANTWERP - BELGIUM

In October 1967, a Mountain Gorilla baby was born at the Antwerp Zoo; alas it was a premature birth.

(L. Noordermeer)

ASHOVER - ENGLAND

Owing to the worst outbreak of foot and mouth disease ever recorded in Great Britain, we have been closed to the public since the middle of November as part of our precautions against this scourge, but it is hoped that we shall reopen before the end of February.

As part of our new regrouping plans we now have all our Suidae (three species) housed together in a series of newly completed enclosures, while the new Small Mammal House is rapidly taking shape and should be open by Easter. The Animal Information Bureau, situated immediately to the right of the main gate, is now taking shape, and our entire library is, for the first time, assembled together in the National Zoological Society members' room.

New is 1-0 Patas Monkey (*Erythrocebus patas*), presented by Shamrock Farms Ltd. of Sussex.

(C. H. Keeling)

ATLANTA - GEORGIA - U.S.A.

Presently our reptile collection consists of 705 specimens representing 295 species and sub-species. We now have 22 varieties of crocodylians, with latest acquisitions in this order being 4 Paraguayan Caiman, *Caiman c. yacare*, and one Morelet's Crocodile, *Crocodylus moreleti*, which adds to our present collection of five *C. moreleti*. It is hoped that the *C. moreleti* will breed, as courtship behavior has already been noted.

Recent notable additions to the collection include one Somaliland Puff Adder, *Bitis a. somalica*, one melanistic Jura Viper, *Vipera a. aspis*, one Schweizer's Viper, *Vipera l. schweizeri*, one Eyelash Viper, *Bothrops schlegeli*, two Common Mamba, *Dendroaspis viridis*, one Mexican Vine Snake, *Leptophis m. mexicanus*, one Children's Python, *Liasis c. childreni*, four Haitian Ground Boa, *Epicrates c. fordi*, and two Jamaican Boa, *Epicrates subflavus*. Eighteen forms of rattlesnakes

were added to the collection in January, including one Hybrid Rattlesnake, *Crotalus b. basiliscus* x *C. m. nigricens*, one Totonacan Rattlesnake, *C. d. totonacus*, one Panamint Rattlesnake, *C. m. stephensi*, and one Mexican Ground Rattlesnake, *Sistrurus ravus*.

(J. S. Dobbs)

On December 18, 1967 the G. V. Gress Zoo, located in Atlanta's Grant Park, received its first rhinoceros. In fact this is the first rhino ever exhibited in the state of Georgia. This animal is a male African black rhino which was born in the Pittsburgh zoo in October 1965, the third calf born to that zoo's breeding pair. Atlanta zoo foreman, John Dilbeck, travelled to Pittsburgh and brought the rhino back to Atlanta in a truck. The young rhino is not yet owned by the Atlanta zoo but is being exhibited through an arrangement with the dealer Zee-handelaar, who obtained the animal through a trade with the Pittsburgh zoo. It is hoped that sufficient money can be raised to purchase the rhino for the Atlanta zoo.

(J. E. Reynolds)

EAST BERLIN - GERMANY

New in the collection of the Friedrichsfelde Zoo are a group of the rare Ellip's Waterbucks, and a Douroucouli (*Aotus felinus*).

Noteworthy is the birth of a Malayan Tapir; other successful breedings are three Sumatran Tigers and a male Chinese Leopard.

(H. J. Michaelis)

WEST BERLIN - GERMANY

For the last quarter of 1967 the following news can be reported:

Mammals born: 1 Black Leopard, 1 Common Zebra, 1 Thamin (not raised), 1 Greater Kudu, 1 Nyala, 1 Blackbuck, 1 Grant's Gazelle, 8 Barbary Sheep, 2 Mouflons, 1 Bison, 1 L'Hoest's Monkey, 1 Lion tailed Macaque, 5 Hama dryas Baboons, 1 Mandrill.

Birds hatched: 4 Black Swans, 1 Red-eared Bulbul.

New arrivals:

Mammals: 4 Coypus, 1 Small Civet, 1 Dubowski's Deer, 3 Thars, 2 Dall's Sheep, 4 Proboscis Monkeys.

Birds: 4 Guanay Cormorants, 1 Bronze-winged Teal, 1 Magpie Goose, 1 Trumpeter Swan (a gift of the US Fish and Wildlife Service), 4 White-naped Crane, 6 Hooded Cranes, 2 Brolga Cranes, 2 Indian Black Ibises, 2 European Spoonbills, 1 Indian Open-billed Stork, 1 Satyr Tragopan, 1 Himalayan Monal, 6 Olive Pigeons, 1 Mitu, 2 Red-footed Falcons, 3 Scops Owls, 2 Great Blue Turacos, 2 White-crested Turacos, 1 Coppersmith, 1 Blue-throated Barbet, 2 Bee-eaters, 2 Peruvian Cocks of the Rock, 1 Quetzal, 3 Rufous-tailed Hummingbirds, 2 Blue and black Tanagers, 1 Superb Tanager, 1 Masked Crimson Tanager, 2 Scarlet-chested Sunbirds, and many others.

(Dr. Heinz-Georg Klüs)

BIRMINGHAM - ALABAMA - U.S.A.

Recent births at this zoo include a white-eared marmoset, *Callithrix aurita*; 2 golden rumped agouti, *Dasyprocta cristata*, and 2 petz conures, *Aratinga canicularis*.

We now have under construction a group of cages for displaying birds of prey and large psittacines.

For exchange to zoos in other countries we have pairs of spider monkeys, *Ateles geoffroyi*; Coati, *Nasua nasica*, and native Alabama reptiles and small mammals offered in exchange for small mammals and reptiles not native to the United States.

(Bob Truett)