

Frankfurt-am-Main - Germany

A noteworthy hatching occurred with the Manchurian Cranes (*Grus japonensis*): a young bird was hatched and successfully reared.

Other uncommon newcomers are a second Aardvark (*Orycteropus afer*) and a Gila Monster (*Heloderma suspectum*).

Another recent birth was an American Tapir.

Georgetown - British Guiana

The aquarium is the richer for the Surinam Toads (*Pipa pipa*) donated by Mr. Walter G. Roth. These interesting creatures which, at first glance, resemble dead leaves lying on a stream bed, possess the peculiar characteristic of carrying their eggs about in shallow depressions on their backs.

Hanover - Germany

In the very near future the second tract of the new house for carnivores will be opened. This building will then be completed and will house all known great carnivores. As a new construction I would like to mention the house for ordinary and pygmy-hippos, close to the new house for elephants, tapirs and rhinos. In the course of other new constructions we had to close one of our water-fowl-lakes, leaving us only two places for all our geese, swans, ducks and other water-birds, naturally rather overcrowded. Despite the very rainy weather this year, we had a very good number of visitors, partly because of the alwayschanging stock due to numerous large imports from all parts of the world.

Among another great number of new arrivals during the past few weeks, I will mention:

2.0 Giant Hornbills (India), 1.3 West african Hornbills (*Ceratogymna elata*), 0.2 Wreathed Hornbills, 1.2 Ground Hornbills, 1.1 Seriemas, 1.2 Dorcas Gazelles, 1.2 Singha Gazelles (Sudan), 0.2 Lesser Kudus, 1.0 Sable Antelope, 1.1 Bushbuck (Senegal), 2.0 Cheetahs, 1.1 Walross, 2 Crowned Cranes (Eastafrika), 1.1 Orang Utans, 3.3 White-handed Gibbons, 1.5 Hamadryas Baboons and 1.2 Chimpansees.

In the last few weeks were born, among others:

1.1 Blesbock, 1.0 Capped Capuchin Monkey, 1.0 Greater Kudu, 0.1 Schweinshirsch.

(Garlef Müller-Langenbeck)

Jacksonville - U.S.A.

On 15 February 1961, the Jacksonville Zoo, Florida, acquired a

female African Black Rhino. She was purchased from the Miami Rare Bird Farm and shipped from Mombasa, Kenya on 27 January 1961. 3866

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Kobe - Japan

On 12th February 1961 a Reticulated Giraffe was born at the Kobe Oji Zoo.

Madison - U.S.A.

Newest couple making their home at Henry Vilas Park Zoo are a pair of lovable Chimpanzees, just arrived from New York. They occupy a glassed-in apartment at the Monkey House.

On July 28th a long-awaited event occurred: a hybrid Zebra and Donkey was born to a Zebra mother.

Other births include: a Dwarf Zebu, an Elk; some Fallow Deers; a Sika Deer, a Bison and some Raccoons.

(Daniel M. Watson)

München - Germany

In the Hellabrunn Zoo's Great Ape Station two female Chimpanzees have again been born.

The 20th Hippo birth also took place; for the first time, the birth took place on land; in all other cases the babies were born in the water.

Other births include a female Onager, two female Wisents and a female Przewalski Horse.

(Dr. Lutz Heck in "Du und das Tier")

New York - U.S.A.

Noted at the Bronx zoo on 17 June 1961 were two very cute baby animals, a white handed gibbon and pigmy hippo. The gibbon was born on 23 May 1961 and the hippo on 13 May 1961. The zoo was also very fortunate in exhibiting three of the world's species of tapir. These consisted of 2 South American tapirs, 1 Giant or Baird's tapir, and 2 juvenile Malay tapirs.

New York zoo aquarium:

On June 18, 1961 there were no less than 5 walrus on exhibit. This is perhaps the largest number of these Pinnepedia exhibited at one time since Carl Hagenbeck had 8 at his park at Stellingen in 1908. The New York collection consisted of the enormous male Atlantic walrus "Olaf", the female Pacific walrus "Ookie", and 3 young Pacific walruses, recently acquired.

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