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CABLES: RARE BIRDS

ENGLAND

is doing well. The daily food consists of 70-100 bunches of salad and a considerable quantity of grass, cabbage, etc. The Duisburg Zoo's Manatee is the first representative of the old genus of sea-cows in a German Zoological garden since the end of the war.

Other interesting new-comers are 1,1 Coarse-haired Wombats (Vombatus ursinus) as a gift from an expatriate zoofriend; the import was arranged with the aid of the Adelaide Zoological Gardens. Further acquisitions include 1,0 Dromedary (Camelus dromedarius), 0,1 White-tailed Deer (Odocoileus virginianus), 1,0 Roe Deer (Capreolus capreolus), 1,2 Tree Shrews (Tupaia glis), 0,1 Slender Capuchin (Cebus gracilis), 0,1 Pale-faced Saki (Pithecia pithecia), 0,1 Red-backed Saki (Chiropotes satanas), 0,1 Squirrel Monkey (Saimiri sciureus), 0,2 Spider Monkeys (Ateles paniscus), 1,0 Roloway (Ercopithecus diana roloway), 0,1 Barbary Ape (Macaca sylvanus), 0,1 Chimpanzee (Pan troglodytes). After a difficult period of acclimatisation our pair of Proboscis Monkeys (Nasalis larvatus) is now on exhibition in the äquatorium where 66 species and subspecies of apes and monkeys in 182 individuals are now exhibited.

Newly arrived birds are 2 Magellan Penguins (Spheniscus magellanicus), 2 Chinese Francolins (Francolinus pintadeanus), 5 Humming Birds (Colibri delphinae, C. cyanotus), Red-headed Barbet (Capito bourcieri), 2 Mountain Tanagers (Compsocoma notabilis), 1 European Nutcracker (Nucifraga caryocatactes).

Among recent births are 0,1 Guanaco (Lama huanacos), 2 Bush-babies (Calago senegalensis), 1 Red-nosed Monkey (Cercopithecus erythrotis), 1 Diana Monkey (C. diana), 1 Hulman (Presbytes entellus). A still-born hybrid (Erythrocebus patas Cercopithecus cephus) is noteworthy. In the wellknown stud of Arabian horses a number of excellent foals of the famous kaisoon stallion, a gift of the Egyptian State department, was born.

Large barless enclosures for European Red Deer and European Wild Boars were opened in September.

(Dr. W. Gewalt)

GREAT WITCHINGHAM — ENGLAND

On Wednesday, 22 November, two pairs of European Eagle Owls will leave London Airport for Stockholm. They were bred in the Norfolk Wildlife Park at Great Witchingham and have been presented by naturalist Philip Wayre, Director of the Park to the Swedish authorities at Skansen.

The birds will be used as part of a scheme run by Dr. Kai Curry-Lindahl, Director, Nordiska museet and Skansen, Stockholm, to re-establish this species in the wild in those forests in Sweden where it has become extinct.

The European Eagle Owl is one of the world's largest owls and the female, which is bigger than the male, weights nearly 6 lbs. and has a wing span of 6 ft.

A total of twelve birds bred in the Norfolk Wildlife Park have now been presented to the Swedish authorities in the last three years.

GUERNSEY - Channel Islands

A Parma Wallaby (Macropus parma) has been born at the Guernsey Children's Zoo; from the Overton Park Zoo at Memphis they received three young Raccoons; from the Buenos Aires Zoo some Flamingoes, and from the Canadian Government another Silver Beaver.

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The new personnel building is finally completed and now in use for our kitchen, the carpenter's workshop, changing rooms, washrooms and other internal zoo purposes.

In order to renew our animal buildings, the demolition of the very old house for Antelopes and other small mammals is now taking place, on the site of which we shall eventually construct a new area for rodents, small carnivores, kangeroos and other small mammals.

Among our recent new-comers are: 4 Fennec foxes, 3 young Jaguars, 1 Cheetah, 2 Chimpanzees, 1 Gorilla, 3 Colobus Monkeys, 3 White-necked Guenons, 4 Hulman, 4 very rare Nilgiri Langur, 3 Giant Red Kangaroo, 2 White Rhinos, a young Okapi, 3 Jackson's Hartebeest, 2 Topis, 5 West African Crowned Cranes, 1 Martial Eagle and 2 Snow Owls,

Births within the last two months: a Greater Kudu, a Pronghorn Antelope, a Slender-horned Gazelle, two Grant's Gazelle, 2 Impala, an Addax, a Singha Gazelle, a Blessbuck, a Thar, a Llama, an Alpaca. Four Eider Ducks and a great many other ducks of about ten species were hatched.

(Garlef Müller-Langenbeck)

EVANSVILLE — Indiana — U.S.A.

Mesker Park Zoo became the third U.S. zoo to reproduce Trumpeter Swans when their four-year-old pair nested and hatched young. Of the two cygnets hatched by the mother, one was accidentally killed within twenty-four hours, apparently when it was stepped on by a deer which crossed over to the island where the swans built their nest. A third cygnet hatched three days later from an egg which had been abandoned in the nest by the parents and then placed in an incubator. This young one was very weak, however, and died. The single cygnet remaining with the parents id doing very well.

Other births include: a male Costa Rican Deer, a rare Baird's Tapir, a Lion-tailed Macaque and a de Brazza's Monkey.

(A.W.)

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New arrivals at the Zoo of the University of Ife are a Hinged Tortoise (Kinixys erosa), a female Bushbuck, two Pottos, and a Carpet Viper (Echis carinatus).