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Edward Almandarz, former Associate Curator at Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, Ill. USA, has been promoted to Curator of Reptiles. Thomas Whittinghill has been promoted to Associate Curator.

The Metropolitan Toronto Zoological Society, Toronto, Canada, has chosen to employ Kim Dormaar, M.Sc. of Guelph University as Directorial Assistant to the Zoo Director and R. H. Doresa, F.C.A. as Financial Manager.

John W. Banks, formerly Supervisor of the Children's Zoo at Houston, Texas, USA, has left this position to join the staff of Vivo Animales, an animal dealer located in Waco, Texas, USA.

Frank Kish, formerly Associate Curator at the Topeka, Kansas Zoo, has been appointed Assistant Director of the forthcoming Columbia Zoological Park (Riverbanks Park), Columbia, South Carolina, USA.

Charles Edward Shaw, 52, assistant director of the San Diego Zoo, Cal. — USA died on 30th May 1971. During his 33 years with the zoo he became an authority on the Galapagos Tortoise and was the author of several books and numerous papers on herpetology.

Gerald S. Lentz has become zoo manager for Busch Gardens in Houston, Texas, USA.

Paul N. Linger took up new duties as assistant director of the Denver Zoo, Colorado, USA.

James L. Swigert has resigned as director of Jungle Larry's Safari at Caribbean Gardens, Naples, Florida, USA.

Hanover Zoo
Germany

WHITE RHINO BORN

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On the 2nd January 1971, a male White Rhino was born at the Hanover Zoo, Germany. The mother is taking excellent care of her baby which is thriving.

This happy event means the first White Rhino birth outside Africa; since 1946 three babies were born at the Pretoria Zoo, South Africa; the Hanover baby is number four.

In October 1970 the female White Rhino arrived at Hanover, when she was already pregnant.

Italian Zoos Assist WWF

On 24th April 1971 the Italian World Wildlife Funds Panda Money collecting unit was installed at the entrance of the Rome Zoo. In the first month of its installation, a total amount of 178,660 Lire (equal to about 1190 Swiss Francs) was collected, in spite of a strike of the municipal employees, lasting several days, during which the zoo remained closed.

Other Panda collecting units are installed in the zoos at Naples, Milan, Turin, Verona, Oria (Brindisi), Faenza (Ravenna), in the Naples Aquarium, in the Museum of the Abruzzo National Park in Pescasseroli, and in the Wildlife Refuges of Burano and Bolgheri. Many of these are also giving very satisfactory results, especially those placed in the Milan and Turin zoos.

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