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Mr Wouter van Warmelo

New executive for Habitat Council

THE Habitat Council is a non-governmental organisation which was founded in 1975 to facilitate coordination of the activities of voluntary organisations concerned with environmental conservation. Its mission is "to increase the effectiveness of the contribution of member organisations to environmental conservation in South Africa."

To further the mission, the Habitat Council moved its Secretariat from Pretoria to Cape Town on 1 January 1992. Mr Wouter van Warmelo was appointed new Executive Officer.

Wouter van Warmelo spent nearly five years as Conservation Liaison Officer of the Botanical Society of SA, where he acquired considerable experience in environmental conservation. Owing to this experience, he has become well known in conservation circles throughout South Africa.

As Executive Officer, he is responsible for implementing decisions of the Executive Committee, collecting and distributing environmental information, facilitating communication among members, and between members and outside organisations and, when necessary, acting as a channel between members and Government.
— *Habitat Council.*

Witrenosterkalwers word "ambassadeurs" in die Ooste

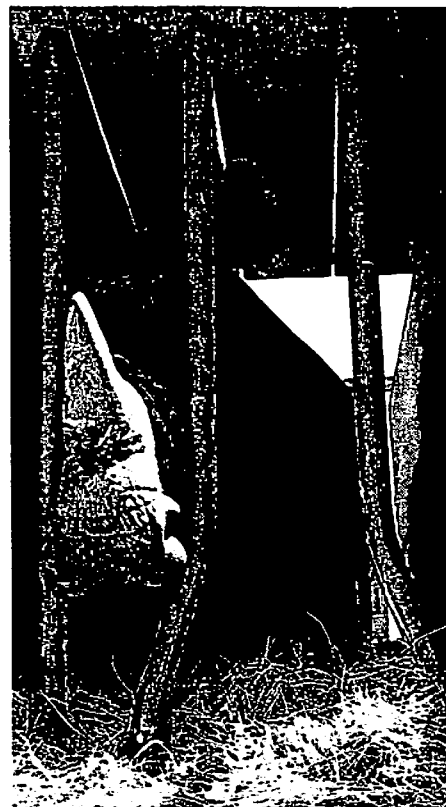
DRIE jong Suid-Afrikaners het onlangs na Japan vertrek as "ambassadeurs" vir die land.

Thembi, Thandi en Tom is drie witrenosterkalwers — gesoute reisigers wat aan die openbare lewe gewoon is nadat hulle verlede jaar die sterre van die Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg was. Nou het hulle ook 'n wêreldreis onderneem op pad na hulle nuwe tuiste in die munisipale dieretuin van Toyohasi.

Mnr Ian Cornell, wat vereer is vir sy diens aan die Parkeraad deur as erewildbeampte aangewys te word, was namens die Parkeraad verantwoordelik vir die vervoer en dokumentasie van die renosters.

Mnr A J Strauss van die Natalse Parkeraad het mnr Cornell en die renostertjies op die reis vergesel. Aangesien mnr Strauss die afgelope 15 maande vir die renosters gesorg het, het sy teenwoordigheid hulle tydens die reis rustig gehou.

Soos die meeste ander belangrike dieretuine wêreldwyd, beskou die Toyohasi-dieretuin diere uit Suid-Afrika as uiters gesog aangesien die diere gewoonlik gesond en goed versorg is. — *Natalse Parkeraad*



Tom, een van die renosterkalwers, wag om na sy nuwe tuiste vervoer te word

Bop Parks Board leads the way

BOP Parks Board is considered to have the most relevant strategy for the future protection and management of wildlife in Africa. This was the view of world-renowned authority on conservation, Professor John Hanks, at the last Professional Hunters' Association of SA (PHASA) meeting.

On receiving a trophy for the successful utilisation of wildlife resources nationally, the Board's Director, Mr Roger Collinson, said in reply that Bop Parks' role was to protect national resources. To do this all people have to be involved in the process, by en-

couraging them to use their environment wisely. "Only when communities from grass roots level upwards can see conservation as being relevant to their own immediate needs, will they become committed to protecting that which belongs to them. To us, people are as important as plants and animals," Mr Collins said.

The award reflects the degree of success that the Board's people-oriented conservation policies have had to date.

— *Rick Matthews, Bophuthatswana National Parks Board.*