

Acquisitions:—

Mammals: 1.0 Tasmanian wombat; 1.1 Common wombat; 0.1 Bosman's potto; 2 Demidoff's galago.

Birds: 1.1 Andean Crested duck; 1 Golden conure; 1 Patagonian conure; 0.1 Cape Barren goose.

Reptiles and amphibians: 1 Venezuelan Plains rattlesnake; 1 Red-headed krait; 1 Argentine Snake-necked turtle; 1 Paulson's Pacific boa.

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During the first months of 1975 Wilhelma Zoo started a public appeal to find a name for the first Indian rhino born here. Wilhelma got about 2,000 different suggestions and in the middle of March the former director Mr. Schöchle, "baptized" the rhino baby with Stuttgart red wine.

A pair of Peruvian cocks-of-the-rock and of Crowned Wood partridges moved from quarantine to the Bird House, and also Wilhelma's 3 young apes (gorilla, orang utan, chimpanzee) born at the end of 1973 left the keeper's home and are shown now in the Ape House.

Recent births were:—

0.1 Proboscis monkey; 0.1 orang utan; 0.1 drill; 1 Gelada baboon; 1 Senegal bushbaby; 0.1 eland; 0.1 Sable antelope; 2.3 Barbary sheep; 1.0 Mongolian Domestic sheep; 2.2 Four-horned sheep; 0.2 Axis deer; 0.1 Pigmy hippo (first one in the Wilhelma); 2 Suricates; 3 Chinese leopard; 2 mara; 2 White-tailed porcupine; 2 Cape Barren goose; 2 lorikeets; 6 *Emydura albertisii*; 1 *Egernia cunninghami*; 5 *Gonyosoma oxycephala*; 2 *Phyllobates lugubris*.

Arrivals:—

1.2 goosander; 4.10 Japanese monkeys; 1.0 chimpanzee; 2.2 tupaia and various Thai reptiles.

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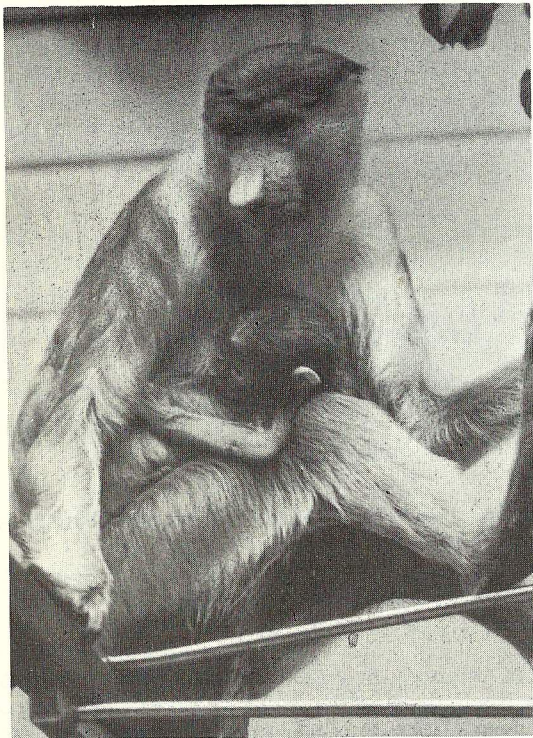
Sunbittern fledges at National Zoological Park

On February 7 a sunbittern, *Eurypyga helias*, hatched in a nest in a hollow log which was attached to the wall, high up in the indoor flight room of the Bird House.

By the 16th the chick was walking around in the nest. On March 3rd it fledged and flew to the top of the rock work in the flight room.

Both parents tended the chick which was a perfect miniature of the adult birds. The parents were very defensive towards other birds. The flight room was closed to visitors until the chick was able to fly free. Ten days after fledging the chick was flying back and forth to the nest.

The adult birds were acquired in 1966 and 1967. This is their first successful rearing of a chick.



◀ Female Proboscis monkey,
born at Wilhelma
Zoo, Stuttgart



Mr. Schochle
“baptizing” the first ▶
Indian rhino born at
Wilhelma Zoo,
Stuttgart

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