

various species of duck have died through eating lead shot. This is picked up together with the small stones used in grinding up the birds' food in the gizzard. Digestive juices dissolve the lead, which is then absorbed by the blood stream, ultimately causing death. Apparently even a single pellet can be lethal.

### More humane traps

Manitoba fur-trappers have now been supplied by the Government with new traps on a trap-for-trap basis. The old leg-hold traps received in exchange have been destroyed. The new Conover trap kills the animal as its springs shut, thus avoiding the pointless suffering and injury inflicted by the old variety.

## ITALY

### New WWF member

Dr Pier Lorenzo Florio, a frequent contributor to *Animals*, has been elected to the Council of the Italian Appeal of the World Wildlife Fund. The Italian branch of the Fund was officially launched last December with a dinner and press conference attended by the Duke of Edinburgh. Other Council members, and various political, press, and financial personalities were also present.

## INDIA

### Great Indian rhino

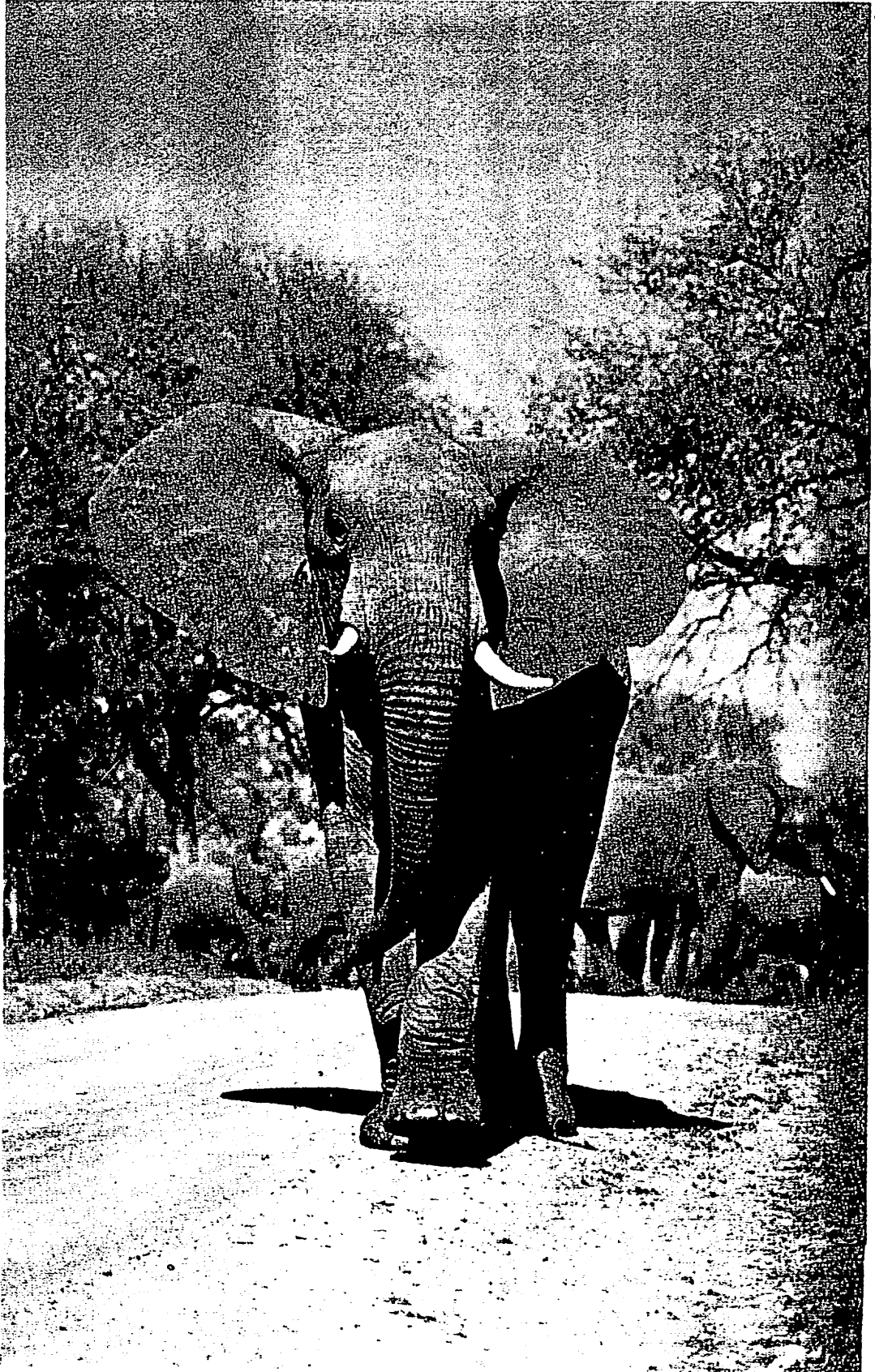
A recent survey has revealed a slight increase in the population of the great Indian rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*), which now numbers about 740. The survey pointed out, however, that India's wildlife is threatened as much by overgrazing by domestic stock and trespass by villagers, as by poaching.

## KENYA

### New National Park

Dr Grzimek of Frankfurt Zoo, who has long been involved in matters African, has drawn attention to the fact that with the exception of Kenya, all East African countries created new National Parks soon after gaining independence. The Frankfurt Zoological Society offered the Kenya government a donation of

There is nothing particularly newsworthy about this picture of an elephant herd in the Kruger National Park, South Africa . . . We simply thought it was a wonderful photograph!



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