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Polar Bear
Ursus maritimus
Circumpolar arctic regions.

Inside front

Alaskan Harbor Seal
Phoca vitulina richardii
Alaska, south to British Columbia.

Inside back

Cattleya hybrid
naturalized in a
Jacaranda in Fern Canyon.

Back

Black Rhinoceros
Diceros bicornis bicornis
Africa.

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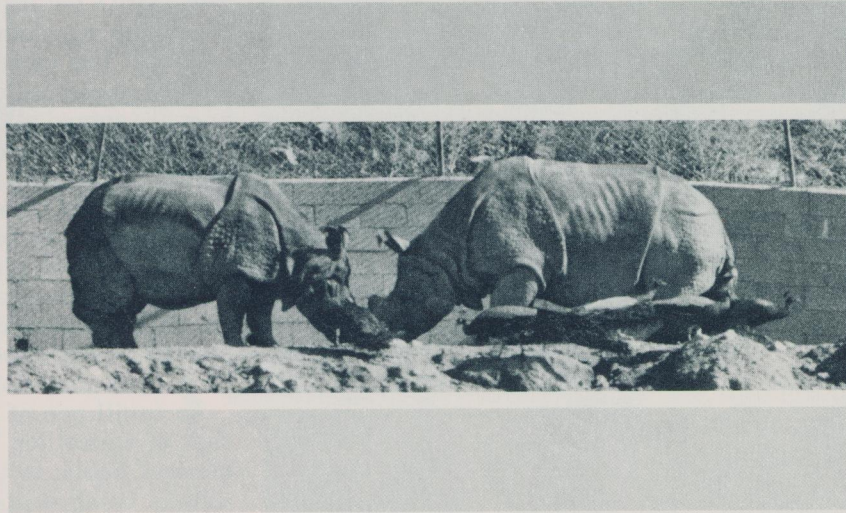
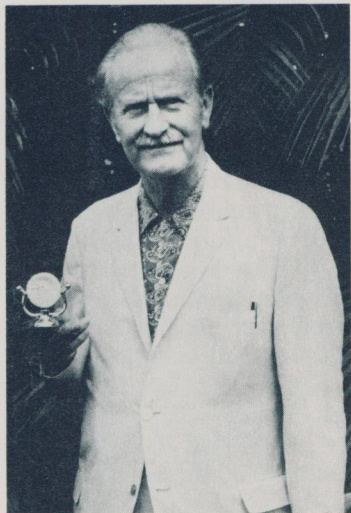
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Left: Prof. Ernst Lang at the 1976 meeting of zoo directors in Caracas where he was presented with the San Diego Zoological Society's conservation medal by Charles Bieler, director.

Lasai (r) meets Golden Girl at the San Diego Wild Animal Park on 12 January 1977. Golden Girl, a wild-bred female was shipped here from the Philadelphia Zoo on permanent loan in an effort to ensure the continued breeding of Indian Rhinos in captivity. She is entered as Kanakbala in the studbook established by Prof. Lang. Another female, Jaypuri, also lives at the Wild Animal Park.

Conservation Award

THE 24TH Conservation Medal of the Zoological Society of San Diego was awarded to Professor Dr. Ernst M. Lang, director of the Basel Zoo in Switzerland, for his extensive work in conservation and breeding programs. Under his direction the Basel Zoo has become world famous for the breeding of Indian Rhinoceros, Pigmy Hippopotamuses, Lowland Gorillas, Spectacled Bears and flamingos. That zoo became one of the first to regularly breed more animals than it acquired by purchase or trade.

Prof. Lang received his medal from Director Charles Bieler during the 1976 meeting of the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens held last November in Caracas, Venezuela.

Prof. Lang has visited the San Diego Zoo many times, and was partly responsible for the acquisition of Lasai, a male Indian Rhinoceros born at the Basel Zoo. Prof. Lang discussed Lasai's background in the January 1967 issue of ZOO NOOZ.

Prof. Lang is a veterinarian, and has continued to practice veterinary medicine during his tenure as zoo director. He has edited, with Dr. Heinz-Georg Klös of Berlin, an authoritative work on zoo animal medicine. Prof. Lang was president of the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens from 1965 to 1967 and has been active in several international conservation organizations. In 1963 he joined the staff of the University of Basel, and was named Professor of Zoo Biology in 1972.



Director Charles Bieler awarded a certificate to Jane Elizabeth Meier, D.V.M., at an Animal Health meeting in November in recognition of the completion of a 15-month veterinary internship. Dr. Meier, a 1975 graduate of Purdue University, is the eighth veterinarian to complete the internship at the Zoo hospital. She has joined the Zoo staff as an associate veterinarian.



Assisted by Howard Manser, keeper, and William Basom, California Fish and Game officer, Dr. Phillip Robinson places a cast on a Red-tailed Hawk. The bird had been injured by gunshot in the San Diego vicinity.