

BASLE ZOO NEWS

During September and October 1964 the following births and sales are reported:

Born:

- 1.0 Malay Tapir. The baby had a birth weight of 8,5 kilos.
- 0.2 Sitatunga.
- 3 Straw necked Ibis.

Sold from our breeding stock:

- ② 1.0 Great Indian Rhinoceros, born on March 9, 1963 as second zoo generation. It is now in Vincennes Zoo Paris.
- 1.1 Pigmy hippopotamus.
- 2.0 Serval cat.
- 3.0 Puma, Nos 20, 21 and 22 of that breeding pair.
- 1.1 Sitatunga.
- 1.0 Polar bear. Bottle raised.
- 4 Red checked Ibis.
- 2 Straw necked Ibis.
- 2 Snowy Owl
- 3 Rothschild's Myna.
- 1.1 New Zealand Scaup.

Acquired:

- ② 0.1 Okapi from Vincennes Zoo Paris in exchange for the Indian Rhino.

(Dr. H. Wackernagel)

THE SNAKE MITE

The Zoological Garden of Topeka, Kansas, U.S.A. has recently published a paper on a subject of interest to most zoo people. This paper is called:

"Control of the Snake Mite (*Ophionyssus natricis* Gervais) in Captive Reptile Collections."

Additional copies are available upon request from:

Mr. Gary J. Clarke. Director Topeka Zoo. 635 Gage Boulevard Topeka, Kansas 66606 - U.S.A.

Belgian Zoologist

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THE SMALLEST DEER FROM CHILE

"PUDU"

The Pudu (Pudu pudu) - the smallest American Deer, is in danger; it will be known to you that this mammal is on the list of endangered animals.

Mr. Carlos Junge, Director and owner of the Zoological Gardens at Chillan Viejo, Chile, informed us that he has been fortunate enough to acquire a fine couple of these rare deer.

Very soon a suitable building will be completed, where these deer will find a good home. Mr. Junge will try to breed them in the near future.

This newly arrived couple represent the success of an indefatigable attempt to acquire them; for more than five years Mr. Junge has been looking for them.

When a breeding herd has been successfully built up, the young will later be sent to well known zoos interested in the saving of these deer.

DR. GRZIMEK'S ACTIVITIES

Prof. Dr. Bernhard Grzimek has been elected President of the "Deutscher Naturschutzring" (German association for protection of nature). In this association are incorporated all unions of hunters, conservationists, naturalists, ramblers etc. with two million members. Being one of the strongest unions in West Germany it will influence politicians and administrations to safeguard wildernesses and the last untouched landscapes against cultivation and melioration, because they are much more important in cultural and economical respects for modern mankind than when transformed to interior agriculture. It also will help overseas countries in the preservation of Nature.

Gallup-Institutes which regularly question German television listeners, have stated several times during recent years that Dr. Grzimek's television programs have the highest frequency of listeners and the best judgement values. It is the most popular series of all German television programs including fiction films, criminal stories etc. It seems that in no other country is a scientific series of programs the favourite. Dr. Grzimek uses his program to influence German listeners in favour of nature protection and to collect money for the conservation of wildlife and to encourage tourism to National Parks in Africa.