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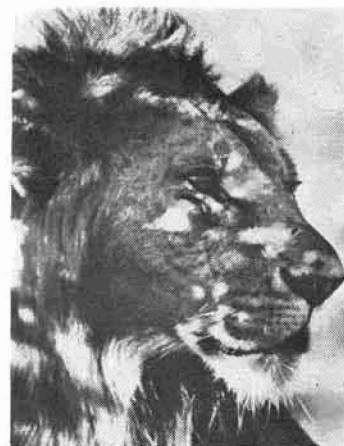


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LETTERS

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WHITE RHINO

SIR—I have just heard from a most reliable source that there is a plan afoot to crop 240 white rhino in the Umfologi area of South Africa.

Although I find this hard to believe, I do feel that the Society should check up on this at once.

If it is true, then couldn't they be caught rather than shot; we could certainly do with some in East Africa.

The current expedition to save the Arabian oryx might well be succeeded by one bent on saving the rare white rhino which, according to my correspondent, face destruction in South Africa.

A. CULLEN

Nairobi.

[Your message has been passed to the Society who are looking into the question as a matter of urgency.—Ed.]

OPERATION ORYX

SIR—Just a note in haste from the desert before setting out in search of the elusive oryx.

The Society's aircraft arrived safely, thanks to Wilken Air Services and to the RAF, who flew it from Kenya in the hold of a Beverley. Unhappily the dhow bringing petrol broke down which delayed flying.

The Hadhrani Legion are looking after us, providing transport, escort and signals and are really making the expedition possible; we provide the catching car, aircraft and know-how.

They are a fine lot and very reminiscent of the Pathans of the old Indian Army.

Local betting is still 10 to 1 against our sighting and catching the oryx, but we're full of hope and, while waiting for the final assault, we feed well on crayfish and unlimited supplies of oysters and there are a lot of duck about, as well.

IAN GRIMWOOD

Mukalla, Leader, Operation Oryx
Arabia.



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