and many more. The wounded numbered among them the Addax antelope with one horn missing and a piece of shrapnel buried in his throat. In the incubators the pheasants and ducklings died in their shells two days before hatching, for their electric mother had gone cold.

Response to our situation came at once in the form of offers of help. First of all from the Tel Aviv zoo, who since the war have sent us a young hippopotamus and a guanaco to compliment our depleted stock. The zoos of Holland have been most helpful with a generous gift of birds (the department worst hit) and a gibbon. The Chicago zoo has offered a tiger cub and we are preparing for her arrival.

Slowly, with the help of our friends at home and abroad we are rebuilding the Zoo in Jerusalem. The big Orang Utan, shocked into apathy, has at last started coming out of his house even when the planes are in the sky. The parrakeets are nesting and the sea-lion, surviving but blind seems to be getting used to a world without light. These things, and the all too visible repairs on fences and cages bear mute testimony that this Zoo was at the front.

ROME ITALY

New Aquarium-Oceanarium Opened

BY DR P. L. FLORIO

A new Aquarium-Oceanarium was opened in May at the Luna Park (Fun-Fair) of the EUR district. It has a circular pool (dia. 12 m., depth 3.5 m.) containing 400 cu. m. of sea water, and housing four Bottle-nosed Dolphins (Tursiops truncatus), 3 males and one female. In the basement there is a circular corridor with 24 glass-fronted ponds of one cubic metre each, 12 with sea water fishes and 12 with fresh water fishes, and some glass windows through which visitors can look inside the dolphin pool. The water is circulated through a gravity filter, and there is a heating system for the winter. The dolphins comes from Cesenatico and were captured in the Adriatic. They are now being trained and can already perform a number af exercisesa The trainer swims with them and rides them. They take the fish from his mouth or jump out of the water to catch it from his hands. The Aquarium belongs to the Society which owns the Luna Park. The Director is Mr. Di Sora.

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Black Rhino Born

On August 31st, 1967 the National Zoo's affable and amiable pair of black rhinos (Diceros bicornia) produced their first offspring, a male, at 4:09 P.M. after a gestation of 472 days. The baby first tried to stand at 4:10 P.M., was completely on his feet by 5:30 P.M., and began nursing at 5:57 P.M. The mother is taking excellent care of the baby, and to date both are thriving.

The youngster was named Dillon — after S. Dillon Ripley, 8th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution — and is the first rhino of any species ever bred and born at the National Zoological Park. According to available records, Dillon is the 13th African black rhinoceros born in the States and the 37th born in zoos throughout the world.

Although the baby has not been weighed, the following measurements were obtained at 9 days of age.

Shoulder height - 24½ inches
Tip of lip to base of tail - 42 inches
Tail length - 12 inches
Ear length - 5¼ inches
Girth (behind front legs) - 37 inches
Neck girth - 25 inches
Circumference of right front foot - 17 inches
Circumference of right hind foot - 17 inches

The parents, Tony and Thelma, were received from John Seago in 1960 and 1961, respectively, when they were approximately two years old. The pair was named for Tony and Thelma Parkinson.

(Marion McCrane)

Photo: National Zoo.