

At the Norfolk Hotel Nairobi

WHEN the Minister for Tourism and Wildlife, the Hon. Mathews Ogutu (left) was interviewed in the lovely gardens of the Norfolk by Miss Cheryl Tiegs (centre) for ABC Television on the subject of Kenya's game policy and future plans for conservation, Mr. Jack Block (right) took the opportunity of presenting the Minister with the written histories of three of Kenya's most famous hotels: **Then and Now, Nairobi's Norfolk Hotel; Old Nairobi and the New Stanley Hotel, and The Nyali Beach Hotel Story.**

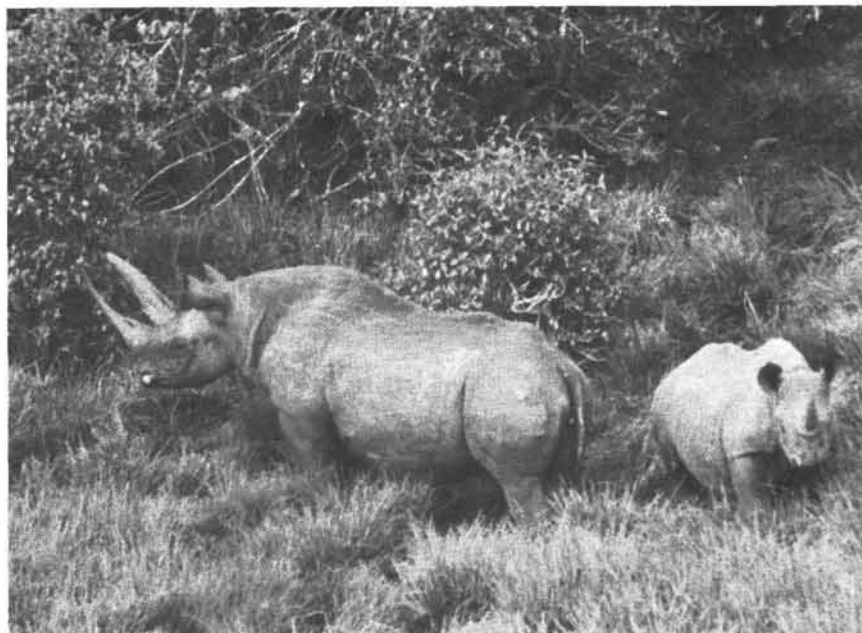
Block Hotels have also recently issued two other booklets in the same series, **Treetops, Outspan and Paxtu, and Keekorok Game Lodge and Samburu Game Lodge.** As a set, they cover Kenya's hotel and game-lodge history from the



turn of the century up to the present day.

Miss Cheryl Tiegs, formerly one of the world's highest-paid professional models until turning her talents to films and television, was a very popular personality seen around the Norfolk Hotel at the end of 1978.

•**SIR ARTHUR NORMAN** (on the right, in the picture on the right), chairman of Thomas de la Rue and Trustee of the World Wildlife Fund was guest of honour at a WWF reception at the Norfolk Hotel at the end of 1978 to meet Kenya people involved with game conservation. He is pictured with Sir Michael Blundell (centre) and Jock Leslie-Melville (left) who is currently concerned with the rehabilitation of Rothschild's giraffe and is co-author with his wife Betty of the recently published *"Raising Daisy Rothschild."*



RHINO — picture by courtesy of David K. Jones.

The largest rhino population in Kenya in 'The Salient'

THE Outspan Hotel, well known both in its own right and as the springboard for visiting world famous Treetops, can now offer to those who stay there overnight a visit to one of the most rewarding wildlife reserves of the Kenya highlands. This is a journey by Land-Rover (with driver and guide) into the Aberdare National Park salient, about 16 km. from the hotel. The area is not open to the general public.

The Aberdare mountain range, recently re-named the Nyandarua, are part of the central highlands of Kenya, rising to 13,244ft. above the sea level. Mount Kenya (17,058 ft) in the same area is the second highest mountain on the continent. Its twin peaks Batian and Nelion always snow-covered, though astride the equator.

The salient, in which Treetops is situated, is famous for its superb montane forest, and contains the largest black rhino population in Kenya. Leopard can often be seen there including the rare melanistic leopard not easily found elsewhere. Whilst often called "black", the coat of the melanistic leopard is, in fact, a very dark glossy brown, with the usual leopard "rosette" markings hardly evident at first glance in the pelage.

Other animals to be found in the salient



are civet, genet, serval and African wild cat, elephant, buffalo, eland, baboon, colobus, sykes and vervet monkeys, hyena, giant forest hog, bush pig, and many types of antelope including the bongo.

Bird life is prolific. John Williams *Field Guide to the National Parks of East Africa* names more than 200 varieties to be found in the vicinity including parrots, turacos, the rare Narina's trogon, bush-shrike and



a dozen different varieties of sunbird including the scarlet-tufted malachite. It was in the Aberdare salient that Prince Charles camped during his last visit to Kenya.

A morning or evening "safari" into the salient can be arranged through the reception desk of the Outspan Hotel, or through Block Hotels Central Reservations Office, Box 40075, Nairobi, who deal with the bookings for all the hotels and lodges of the Block Hotels group, namely Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi, Outspan Hotel and Treetops, Keekorok and Samburu Game Lodges, Nyali Beach Hotel, Mombasa and Sindbad Hotel, Malindi. Telephone Nairobi 335800.