



A NOTABLE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER: *MOHINI*, AN INDIAN RHINOCEROS, WITH THE 100-LB. CALF TO WHICH SHE GAVE BIRTH ON OCTOBER 30.

AT a time when many people's thoughts were directed towards outer space an important birth was announced in this country. It was the birth of a female Indian rhinoceros, the first to be born in Britain. This happy event took place at Whipsnade, where hope, first kindled some sixteen months ago, only took obvious shape after a year. At last, on October 30, after sixteen months of gestation, *Mohini*, who came to Whipsnade from Assam in 1952, gave birth to a female calf which was estimated to weigh between 85 lb. and 100 lb. and was 1 ft. 10 ins. long. The calf's father is *Mohan*, who is six years older than *Mohini*, and was acquired in 1947. Both parents are noted for their great amiability, and motherhood has not changed *Mohini*. Whipsnade's success is not only a tribute to the scientific approach which was made to the problems connected with the difficulties of the breeding of this species in captivity, but is important at a time when these animals are in very real danger of becoming extinct. The first Indian rhinoceros to be bred in Europe was born in Basle Zoo over a year ago. Last January *Mohini* and *Mohan* were valued at £2200 each.

(Right.)  
ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE AND INTERESTING BABIES: THE FIRST INDIAN RHINOCEROS TO BE BORN IN BRITAIN, AND ONLY THE SECOND TO BE BRED IN EUROPE.



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