

WORLD PREMIERE:

BASLE BRED RHINO

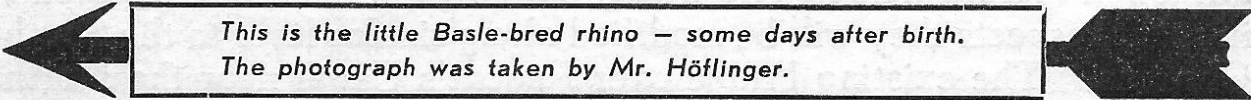
On the 14th September, 1956 a baby was born to the Indian rhinos. (Rhinoceros unicornis) — a very sensational birth for it is the FIRST one to have occurred in a Zoo.

The Indian rhinos, "Gadadhar" and "Joymothi" came to the Basle Zoo (Switzerland) in 1951 and 1952, having been imported by Mr. Peter Ryhiner the collector from the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary of Assam. Both animals were young and lived together very peacefully.


Since the Spring of 1956 their keeper — Paul Waldner — thought it was obvious that Joymothi was pregnant. The development of the embryo was easily followed and the movements in the mother's body were clearly visible.

The birth on the 14th September was carefully watched and all particulars were photographed. The mother took excellent care of her baby, a well-formed male weighing 60.5 kilograms at birth. The little fellow (which is called "Rudra") was very calm and was not afraid of people.

One hour after birth the baby went to stand and looked for the nipples in order to take his first feed. On the second day he walked together with his mother in the barless enclosure of the Rhino-Elephant House which was built in 1953.



*This is the little Basle-bred rhino — some days after birth.
The photograph was taken by Mr. Höflinger.*



MEETING AT SEATTLE - U. S. A.

The American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums recently met in Seattle, where Mr. Edward J. Johnson, Director of the Zoological Park there was elected President for 1956—1957. Mr. Philip Skeldon, Director of the Toledo Zoological Park, Toledo — Ohio, was elected Secretary.

The foreign visitors who were at this meeting were Dr. Heinz Heck, Munich Zoo Germany; Dr. A. Shulov, Director of the Biblical Zoo at Jerusalem and Mr. Carr Hartley, animal catcher and exporter of East Africa.

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