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Wassenaar-Zoo Gorilla, inspecting her new cage in the new great ape house.

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THE PURPOSE OF MY WORK

When I decided to re-issue the magazine INTERNATIONAL ZOO NEWS I fully realised what a heavy task I was undertaking, and I further realised that I might have some difficulty in obtaining full support from the many Zoos which are situated all over the world. Looking back on the results of the past eighteen months I find that more than 100 Zoos distributed all over the globe, have given ex-

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pression of their approval by subscribing spontaneously to this unique magazine. To all these organisation I tender my grateful thanks.

Subscriptions, of course, are essential in order that the magazine can continue, but to me one point is equally as important as a subscription—it is your help, for unless the Zoo Directors continue to send me their news items then there will be no magazine to publish. I believe, and fortunately many Zoo Directors are of the same opinion, that this magazine can provide a most useful and valuable service. I hate harping upon one point too much, but I must emphasise that only by more and more Zoos sending their contributions can the magazine serve its purpose.

May I, once again, put my aims and objects in a brief and concise form:—

The purpose of my interesting work is to issue a magazine containing news items which are important to zoo-men; any information about other Zoos throughout the world is of interest. Zoo-men are particularly interested in the exchange of information on new arrivals, births, rare exhibits, longevity records, diets and breeding data, attendance records, new buildings and construction problems.

Your International Zoo News is open for all these items; the only thing you have to do is - SEND YOUR NEWS ITEMS REGULARLY TO US AND THE I. Z. N. STAFF WILL DO THE REST!

I can fully endorse the following statement which one of the Zoo Directors added to the "Questionnaire": "The I.Z.N. will become a very valuable publication, and it should be of interest to all Zoos to co-operate in its development; the best way to collaborate is to send news of general interest."

On one of the other pages of this issue I give you the results of the "Questionnaire" and I hope you will find this information useful. As soon as the busy summer season is over I will inform you about the plans which I have for giving further tables covering longevity records, feeding and breeding results, together with detailed items of new buildings.

As always, I count on your kind co-operation to send me the items needed to compile the statistics.

REVIEW

The official publication of the Société Zoologique de Québec-Canada "LES CARNETS" contains in its April, 1954 issue an interesting article on the "Spruche Grouse" (*Canachites canadensis*), written by Mr. Gaston Moisan. The author describes the distribution, history, status, song and call notes, roosting, feeding, nest and nest building, and gives other valuable notes.

We have to welcome a new Zoo magazine, issued bi-monthly by the Artis Zoo at Amsterdam, Holland, and called, of course, "ARTIS." This is a beautiful magazine with a lot of splendid photographs and popular articles. Dr. A. F. J. Portielje writes a clear article on the "Curiosity and Astonishment of Animals." Some memories and considerations are told by the ex-Director of the Artis Zoo Dr. A. L. J. Sunier. We should like to congratulate the Artis Staff on this excellent magazine!

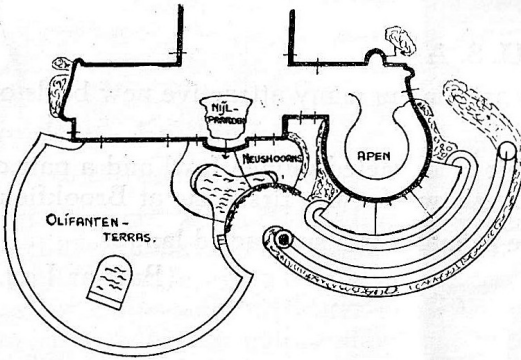
Mr. Kenton C. Lint has written a noteworthy article on the Breeding of the red-tailed black cockatoo, in the March-April edition of the "AVICULTURAL MAGAZINE." Besides this, the issue contains a good study on Great crested grebes and European wild pigeons.

Everybody who is interested in the bower birds should read the splendid article in "ANIMAL KINGDOM" (the New York Bronx Zoo publication), by Mr. A. J. Marshall. For aquarists the article on the *Tomeurus* is very valuable indeed.

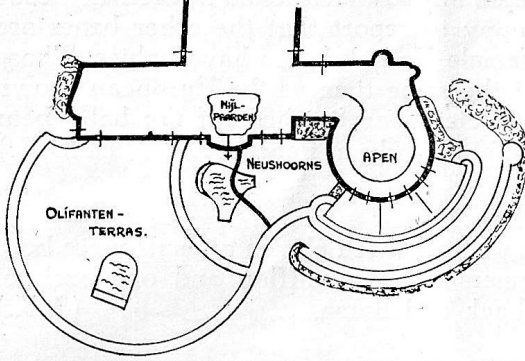
Mr. Toshio Nishiyama of the Uneo Zoo at Tokyo, Japan, gives a nice report of the "Delivery of a Hippopotamus and its care" in the April edition of "PARKS AND RECREATION MAGAZINE," the official publication of the American Institute of Parks Executives at Aurora, Illinois, U.S.A.

The March 1955 issue of "AFRICAN WILD LIFE" publishes a very interesting article on the African Elephant, written and illustrated by B. D. Nicholson, Elephant Control Officer at the Tanganyika Territory. Moreover this magazine gives a fine documentation of the "Platanna" (*Xenopus laevis*), compiled by Dr. Vincent A. Wager.

The new Pachyderm enclosures in the Rotterdam-Zoo Holland before



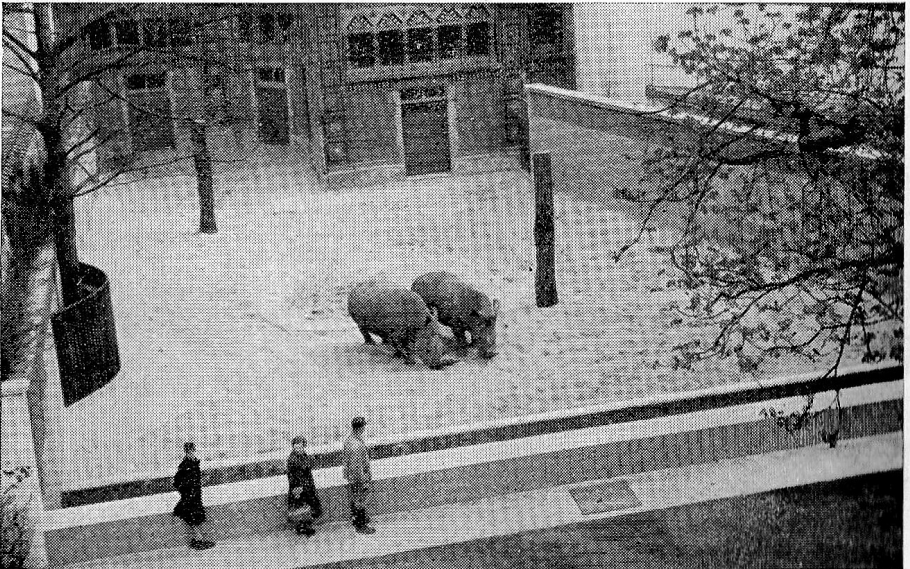
and after improvements.



Welcome!

We have to welcome a new co-operator: Mr. Marvin L. Jones, who will act as **SPECIAL REPORTER** of *International Zoo-News*.

Mr. Jones has the intention to make a rather long trip to Holland, Belgium, England, Ireland, France and Northern Germany; when he will visit your zoo in the near future, we should like when you will give him your fullest co-operation. Editor



The new enclosure of the Black Rhinos at Antwerp Zoo - Belgium