

INTERNATIONAL ZOO-NEWS

Boca Raton - U.S.A.

We are informed that the "Kruger National Park of U.S.A." — the wellknown park "Africa-U.S.A." in Florida — has had excellent breeding results: in 1956 the following youngsters were born: 22 Zebras, 5 Blackbucks, 12 Nilghaie and 13 Eland Antelopes, 6 Abbyssinian Asses, 5 One-humped Camels, while 40 ostrich-eggs were hatched and raised.

This 300 acre natural replica of the "African Veldt" expects several Giraffes and 6 more Elephants.

New York - U.S.A.

"Muyoni" — the Bronx's new female Okapi, was heavily infested with parasites and was in a generally poor condition when she arrived on November 1, 1956. Under constant treatment since that time, she is now showing definite improvement.

A longevity-record for the species apparently was established by an Anoa, which was born in the Zoo on July 16, 1928 and died on January 10, 1957. This was a period of 28 years, 5 months and 25 days.

San Diego - U.S.A.

One of the Society's most cherished wishes came true a few weeks ago with the arrival of the rare Okapi, which was in excellent condition. Plans are now being made for a new shaded forest-like enclosure that will be more in keeping with the Okapi's native habitat.

Other recent arrivals include: a pair of Hawaiian Ducks — very rare; a young Monkey-eating Eagle; one White-breasted Sea Eagle; one female South American Tapir; and a unique Sea Snake: this black and white banded poisonous species has lungs like any other snake, but is capable of swimming and remaining under water for long periods without surfacing for air.

"Blessed events": a Cape Buffalo, six Cape Hunting Dogs (rarely born in captivity!), two Black Karakul lambs, a Puma cub, a Black-buck Antelope, two Muntjac fawns. (Znz)

San Francisco - U.S.A.

Recent important additions are two immature male Orang Utans and the zoo's first African Rhino — a three year old female. A male Nilghaie Antelope has been added to the five females, which have been without a mate for several years. It is hoped that a herd can

now be built up.

Recent donations to this zoo include 3 combed geese from India, an Owl Monkey and a White-faced Gibbon. Important births included that of a Muntjac to the evergrowing herd, which has done much in forming trade for San Fransisco.

San Fransisco has finally had funds approved for a master plan; the city allocated \$7,500 and Mr. J. Francis Ward was designated architect. The Aquatic aviary had a "face-lifting" in the form of repainted pools and new glass windows. (Albert Beck)

Decin - Czecho-Slovakia

Bad news comes from this zoo: on 14th February 1957 their very tame lion died, caused by lung- and intestinal tuberculosis.

(Dr. Vladimir Still)

Copenhagen - Denmark

During the early summer they hope to receive a pair of Przewalski horses in exchange for a pair of their young Pere Davids Deer.

From the Edinburgh Zoo came 6 fine King Penguins. The Giraffe-family was once again enlarged with a nice baby.

Bristol - England

Another successful year was reported at the Annual Meeting of the Bristol Zoological Society: expenses had risen, and the balance carried forward of £6,000 was about £3,000 less than last year. A bigger operational surplus had resulted from increased entrance fees. Against that, the attendance dropped by over 50,000 – from 721,984 to 668,780.

Among recent acquisitions were two orang-utans which had been secured at "fairly high cost".

Manchester - England

The new monkey enclosure, of very modern design, called "Monkey-rama", has been completed and a group of 20 Javan monkeys installed.

The large gibbon cage, originally built for the Zoo's centenary in 1936, has been dismantled and re-erected in another part of the Gardens and a very attractive new house built inside the cage for the gibbons.

A smart new Main Entrance has been built to take the place of the old one which was over 100 year's old. The Longsight Entrance is also to be re-built within the next few weeks. The architect for all these new features is Tom Hayes of Oldham, Lancashire.

Work has just commenced on a new enclosure for the coypus. This will also be of very modern design.

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STUDY-TRIP FOR OKAPI

On March 25th 1957 Mr. Ir. F. J. Appelman of the Blij-Dorp Zoo, Rotterdam-Holland, started for a trip to the Belgian Congo, in order to study the Elephant-station "Gangala-Na-Bodio" and the National Park "Garmaba". The most important motive of this trip, however, is to study the Okapi in the forest of "Ituri" and in the wellknown station at "Epulu". Most important... for the Rotterdam Zoo expects to receive an Okapi very soon...

REQUEST

Mr. J. R. Wadsworth, V.M.D., Extension Animal Pathologist at the Department of Animal Pathology of the University of Vermont, Burlington-Vermont USA has made a special study of tumours in animals: he is a very anxious to acquire specimens from world wide zoological gardens. Zoo-Directors are requested to give him their fullest co-operation.

COVER PICTURE

A North African Ground Hornbill (*Bucorvus abyssinicus*) photographed at the Milano Zoo-Italy.

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MONKEYS: Java monkeys, Rhesus monkeys, Green monkeys, Mangabeys, Chimpanzees, Spider monkeys, Wooly monkeys, Gibbons, Marmosets etc.

Canaries, Senegal Finches, Cardinals, Australian Finches, Tangaras, Peking Robins, Toucans, Soft-billed Birds, Drongos, Troupials, Cocks of the Rock, Bell-birds, Parrakeets, Conures, Agapornides, Parrots, Cockatoos, Maccaws, etc.

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