

## Briefly . . . .

### **Turtle Hatchery in Ceylon**

The Wildlife Protection Society of Ceylon has decided to start a hatchery programme to save the leathery turtle, and a pilot hatchery has been set up at Bentota beach. As this is a tourist resort tourists will both see turtles and see and hear about the steps being taken to save them.

### **Another Blessed Boy**

Another male oryx calf was born in the herd at Phoenix Zoo, Arizona, on May 7th, and two more births are expected.

### **Other Sightings Wanted**

UFAW is making investigations into the status of the otter in Britain and would welcome reports of sightings which will be treated as confidential: 230 High Street, Potters Bar, Middlesex.

### **Restriction on Tapir and Cat Imports**

Tapirs and all cats (except the domestic cat) have been added to the schedule of the *Animals (Restriction of Importation) Act*, by an *Order of the Minister for Education and Science* on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

### **Finland losing Three Carnivores**

Finland is threatened with the loss of three large carnivores, according to *Suomen Luonto*; bear (between 100–200 left and decreasing—51 were killed in 1969); wolverine (40–60 left), and wolf (about 10 left). As bounties are still paid for wolves—because of the damage they are said to do to reindeer—extinction is in sight. In Sweden the wolf is protected.

### **Barasingha Project to Start**

A generous gift from the USA has enabled Ranjit Sinh, FPS correspondent in India, to embark on his project for breeding the endangered barasingha, the swamp deer, in the Kanha National Park.

### **Great Indian Bustard Survey**

A survey of the great Indian bustard by R. S. Dharmakumarsinhji, with the aim of defining the area that would make the most effective sanctuary for this very rare (and much overhunted) bird, is the first project of the new Indian national appeal of WWF.

### **Rhino Sightings in Sumatra**

Five Sumatran rhino and 38 orang utan nests have been seen by Dr Fred Kurt and his WWF survey party in their first two weeks in the little known Loeser Nature Reserve in Sumatra.

### **Increase in Whooping Cranes**

The largest number of whooping cranes since conservation projects began thirty years ago on this seriously endangered bird returned from Texas to the breeding grounds in Canada this spring: 56—48 adults and 8 young. In 1941 there were 15.