



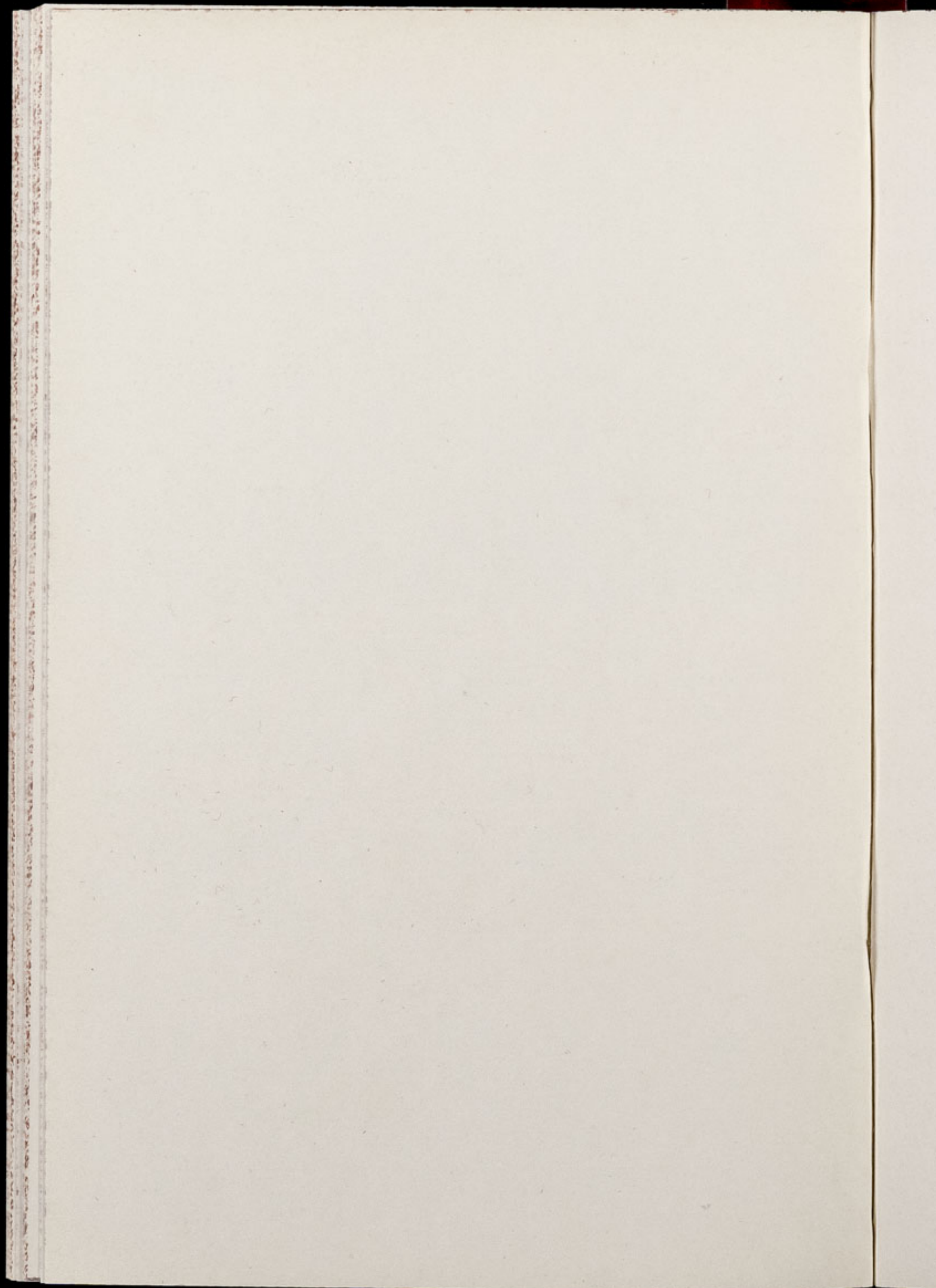
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Editorial

Many readers have asked if we would include in the magazine, a report on the Conference of the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens, held at Chester from the 9th to the 13th of September. This we are delighted to do. If our guests enjoyed being at Chester half as much as we enjoyed their being here, then the Conference was an outstanding success. Even the fickle British weather was kind. We gained much useful advice from visiting Zoo Directors and we hope that they also learned a little from Chester Zoo.

Last month we were rather pessimistic about our chances of welcoming one million paying visitors to the Zoo in 1963. However, the sunshine during September has brightened the position a little. Up to the evening of Wednesday, 25th September, 957,534 visitors had paid for admission to the Gardens.

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COVER: Our Cover Picture this month shows the young Tuatara which arrived at Chester Zoo on 7th August.

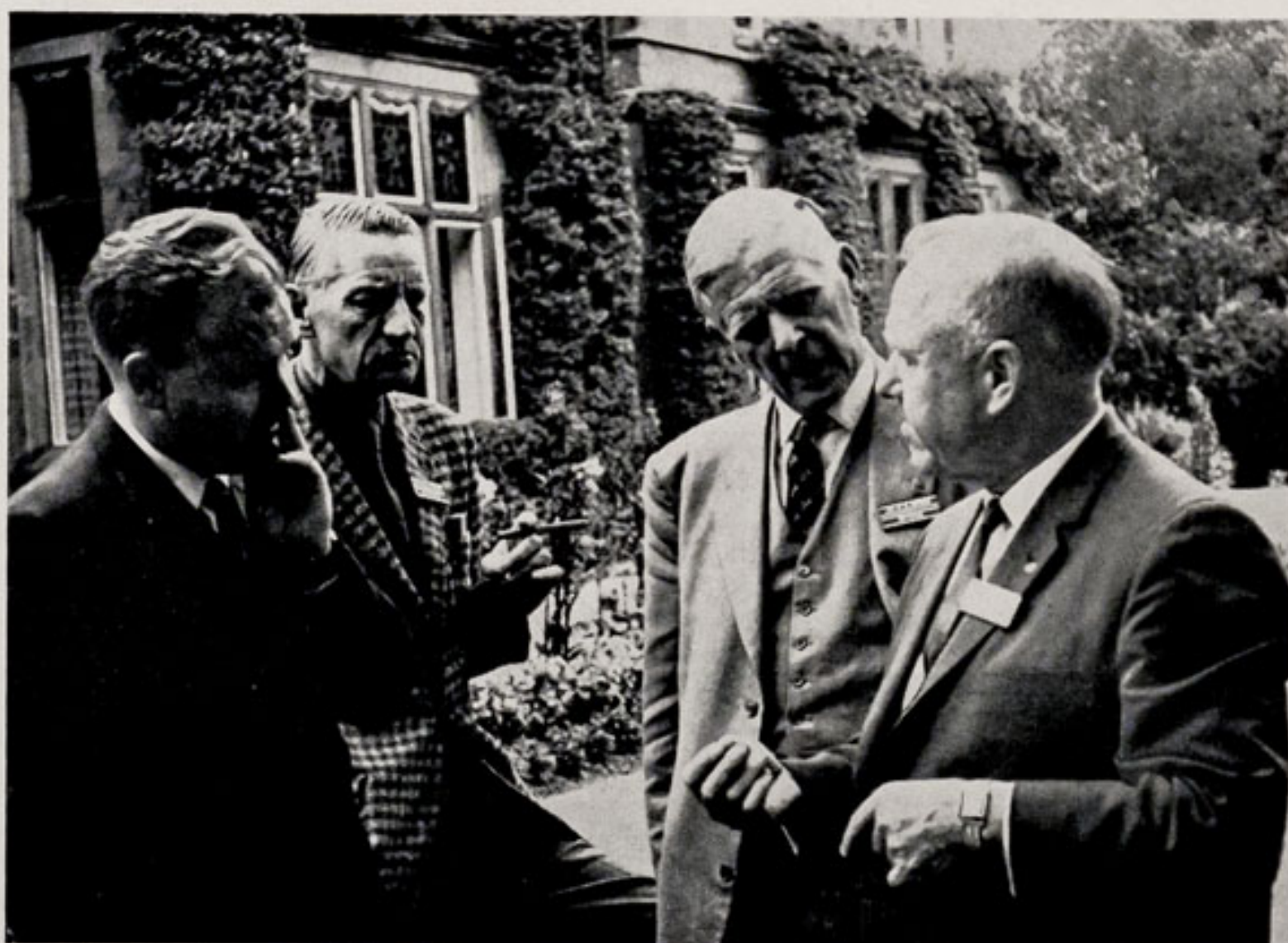
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A NUMBER OF THE DELEGATES AND THEIR WIVES

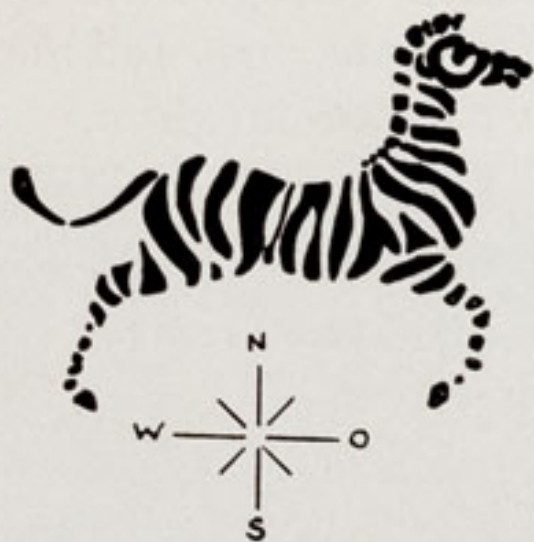
Left to right (*standing*) — Mr. F. Stark (San Antonio); Dr. D. J. Brand (Pretoria); Mr. R. E. Greed (Bristol); Mr. G. D. Fisher (Edinburgh); Dr. W. Windecker (Cologne); Mr. P. A. Fontaine (Dallas); Dr. E. F. Jacobi (Amsterdam); M. J. Delacour (Cleres); Mrs. Mottershead; Mr. C. af Enehjelm (Helsinki); Dr. S. Andersen (Copenhagen); Dr. C. R. Schroeder (San Diego); Professor Dr. E. Bronzini (Rome); Mr. A. P. G. Michelmore (Paignton); Mr. F. G. McInnis (Detroit); Mrs. Lang; Dr. F. Cuneo (Naples); Dr. A. C. V. van Bommel (Rotterdam); Mr. W. G. Conway (New York); Dr. W. Schroder (Berlin); Dr. T. H. Reed (Washington); Mr. E. H. Tong (Whipsnade). Left to right (*sitting*)—Mgr. J. Landowski (Warsaw); Frau Dr. K. Heinroth (Berlin); Mrs. Jacobi; Mrs. Enehjelm; Mme. Bronzini; Miss Wenner; Professor Dr. J. Nouvel (Paris); Dr. E. Lang (Basle); Mr. G. S. Mottershead (Chester).



"SERIOUS DISCUSSION"—Dr. Brand, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Greed and Dr. Schroeder

Photos by G. F. Williams

CONFERENCE REPORT



Although the Conference proper did not begin until Monday, an informal pre-Conference Get-together was held at the Oakfield Restaurant, on Sunday, 8th September. Many delegates and their wives took the opportunity of coming to the Zoo and meeting their friends and colleagues, before getting down to the business of the Union on the following day.

On Monday morning, Miss G. M. Russell-Allen, O.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the North of England Zoological Society, welcomed the delegates and their wives to Chester Zoo and officially opened the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the Union.

An Administrative Session for delegates only was followed by lunch and a tour of the Zoo.



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INFORMAL GROUP SNAPPED OUTSIDE THE OAKFIELD RESTAURANT

In the evening the Vice-Chairman (on behalf of the Chairman) of Cheshire County Council and the Mayor of Chester entertained Conference delegates and their wives at a Civic Reception in the County Hall, Chester. This function brought the first full day of the Eighteenth Annual Conference to a very pleasant close.

The first Scientific Session of the Conference was held at 9-40 a.m. on Tuesday and began with a paper on the birth and rearing of the Clouded Leopard in Dallas Zoo, presented by the Director, Mr. P. A. Fontaine. Next to speak was Professor Dr. Dr. B. Grzimek, Director of Frankfurt Zoo, on the subject of Scientific Research in Nature Protection. Lengthy discussions followed both these papers.



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MGR. & MME. LANDOWSKI

An illustrated talk on the breeding of Humboldt's Penguins in Warsaw Zoo by Monseigneur J. Landowski and a discussion on the keeping of African Bull Elephants in captivity, led by Dr. H. G. Klös of Berlin Zoo, ended the business of the day

After lunch the whole party paid a very interesting visit to Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope. From there the party proceeded to Tatton Park for afternoon tea and a tour of the Hall and Park, by kind invitation of the Chairman of Cheshire County Council. Our guests had only one complaint — they would have liked to have spent much more time at both Jodrell Bank and Tatton Park.

An informal Dinner at the historic Royal George Hotel, Knutsford, ended the second day of the Conference.

The management of Messrs. John Summers and Sons Limited, Steelworks, Shotton, were hosts to the delegates during Wednesday morning and the greater part of the afternoon. On arrival at the Steelworks, the party was welcomed by Sir Geoffrey Summers, BT., C.B.E.



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MME. E. BRONZINI, ROME; MRS. T. MURPHY, DUBLIN; MRS. E. LANG, BASLE
AND PROFESSOR DR. BRONZINI PICTURED BY THE ELEPHANT ENCLOSURE

Meanwhile the ladies were being entertained by Her Grace the Duchess of Westminster and Miss Russell-Allen. Points of interest in Chester were visited, followed by luncheon and a short sail on the River Dee to the Iron Bridge, where a coach was waiting to convey the party to Saughton Grange.

In the evening the two parties met at Peckforton Castle for sherry, by kind invitation of the Right Honourable Lord Tollemache, M.C., D.L. and Lady Tollemache. From Peckforton the delegates and their wives returned to the Zoo for Dinner.



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MR. MOTTERSHEAD AND MME. BRONZINI

At the end of a lengthy Administrative Session on Thursday morning, Mr. Mottershead, Director-Secretary of Chester Zoo, presented a paper on the method of heating and ventilating the new houses at Chester Zoo. As the delegates were leaving the Zoo immediately after lunch, to visit the I.C.I. Veterinary Research Station at Alderley Park, several other papers had to be held over until the following day. From comments made after the visit, the delegates appear to have been greatly impressed by everything they saw at the Research Station.

The final day of the 1963 Conference began with a short Administrative Session and continued with the reading of Scientific papers and Discussions until 5-0 p.m.

Before lunch, Mr. G. D. Fisher, Director-Secretary of Edinburgh Zoo, gave an illustrated talk on labelling in Zoological Parks, followed by Dr. C. R. Schroeder's illustrated talk on the new moat construction at San Diego Zoological Garden.



MR. JORDAN, MR. MOTTERSHEAD AND MR. McINNIS IN CONVERSATION



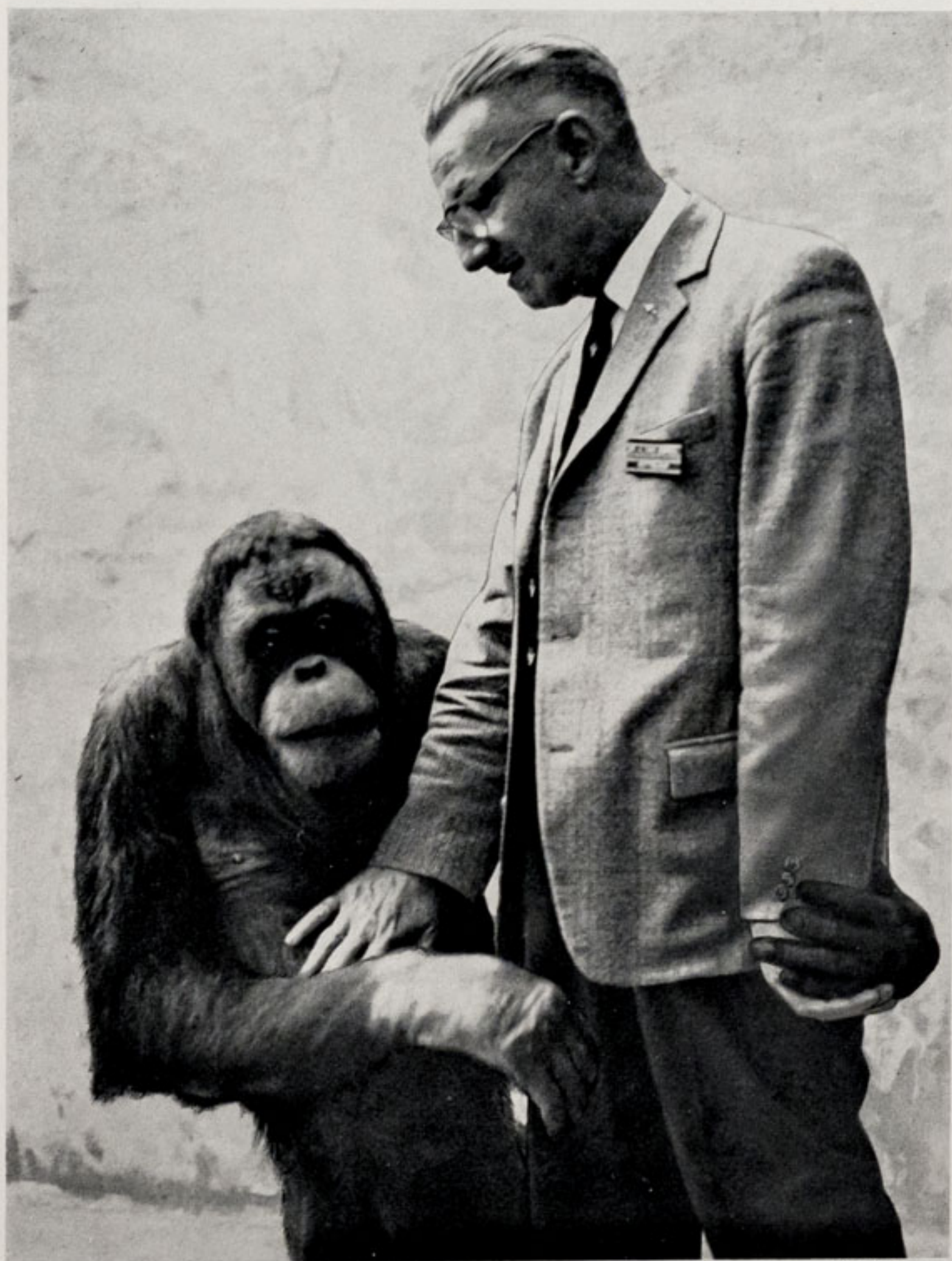
DR. REED AND MR. CONWAY "CAUGHT" IN SERIOUS MOOD

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DR. BRAND — PRETORIA

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DR. VAN BEMMEL OF ROTTERDAM MEETING "JIMMY"



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MRS. JUNE WILLIAMS (CURATOR OF CHESTER ZOO'S AQUARIUM) AND
DR. SCHROEDER SHARING A JOKE

Mr. P. A. Fontaine spoke on the capture and breeding of Pronghorn Antelopes and the final paper before lunch was "Veterinary Matters — Fact or Fancy" by Mr. W. J. Jordan, Chester Zoo's Veterinary Surgeon.

Dr. Schroeder opened the afternoon's Scientific Session with an illustrated talk on the Research Programme at the San Diego Zoological Garden. Unfortunately Dr. L. J. Goss, Director of Cleveland Zoo was unable to attend the Conference, but he did send a film of Cleveland Zoo's pair of Bongos — the only pair in captivity in the world. Following the film, discussions on the Conservation of the Orang-Utang and Conservation in General, were opened by Dr. A. C. V. van Bemmelen of Rotterdam Zoo and Dr. Schroeder, respectively. Mr. Jordan brought the afternoon's proceedings to a close with an illustrated talk on Breeding.

The final function of the Eighteenth Annual Conference was a Dinner given by the Council of the North of England Zoological Society at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester. The Right Honourable the Viscount Leverhulme, T.D., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cheshire, proposed the principal toast of the evening — "The Delegates." Lord Leverhulme stressed the happiness which Zoos brought into the lives of hundreds of millions of people and spoke of his family's connection with Chester Zoo since its inception.



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THE CATERING STAFF OF THE OAKFIELD RESTAURANT WHO SERVED
THE CONFERENCE DELEGATES AND THEIR WIVES

Mr. Mottershead replied on behalf of the delegates and Dr. Schroeder of San Diego had some amusing comments to make on the subject of growing Fuchsias in a "Rhinoceros atmosphere".

With the ending of the Conference the general feeling in the Zoo was one of regret that, after so many months of planning and anticipation, the week should have passed so quickly. We hope that our guests will come again many times in the future. It was a great pleasure to meet them and endeavour to make their stay an enjoyable one.

It would be impossible to mention all those friends of Chester Zoo who helped in the organisation and activities of the Conference week, but we are indeed grateful.

ZOO BABIES

GRISON: We reported the birth of an unknown number of baby Grison last month. In actual fact there are three, now almost as big as their parents.

GENET: Twin Black Genet kittens have been born in the Nocturnal House.

WAPITI: The Wapiti paddock also had two new additions, a male and a female calf, both born in the last week of August.

ZEBRA: Another Common Zebra, a female, was born on the 11th of September.

LECHWE: The 27th of September was the birthday of a male Red Lechwe calf.

PENGUINS AT LARGE

An interesting example of instinctive behaviour in birds bred in captivity was provided by two young Humboldt's Penguins, hatched and reared in Chester Zoo this year.

In the wild, Humboldt's Penguins nest some little distance from the sea, only returning there to feed. When the chicks are hatched they are fed by the parents on regurgitated fish and this continues until the young birds are about four months old. By this time the chicks are as big as and considerably fatter than their parents, which then cease to feed the youngsters and retire to the sea for a well-earned rest. In a very short time the pangs of hunger encourage the young Penguins to leave the nest site and trek down to the sea, where they quickly learn to fend for themselves.

Our two young birds reacted exactly as wild hatched birds would have done. The parents ceased to feed them and both young birds promptly set off for the sea. They escaped from their apparently escape-proof enclosure and were found swimming happily around Gibbon Island. They avoided all attempts to net them from a motor boat, and, at nightfall, were last seen swimming in the canal behind the Giraffe House.

There was no sign or news of the youngsters until two days later when we had a telephone message to say that one was in a canal at Ellesmere Port, a town some miles away. To reach the nearest point of this canal, the bird would have had to travel more than half a mile over fields and through hedges.

Although we followed up the telephone message immediately, we were again unable to recapture the truant, which appeared to be enjoying itself immensely.

Meanwhile, the second youngster, which had remained hidden in the Zoo area, returned to the Penguin enclosure and was found there looking uncommonly complacent, as well it might.



E. Kirkland, F.R.P.S.

HUMBOLDT'S AND BLACKFOOTED PENGUINS

We were not finished with the other Penguin, however, for the next day a message came from Chester to say that it was in the canal by Tower Wharf, approximately nine miles from Ellesmere Port. It was unwise enough to venture into a lock, where it was recaptured by our friends the R.S.P.C.A. and returned to the Zoo, apparently none the worse for its adventures.

NEW MONKEY HOUSE



VISITORS INSPECTING EXHIBITS

Mr. & Mrs. E. Sorby

Already the new Monkey House is proving to be very popular with our visitors and no problems were encountered in introducing the Monkeys to their new quarters. Above and opposite are two photographs taken inside the House in recent weeks.

PRESENTATIONS

Twelve Prairie Marmots arrived at the Zoo on the 6th of September. These were presented by Mr. Fred Stark, Director of the San Antonio Zoo, Texas. The Marmots have been released on the Patas Monkey Island, opposite the Waterbus Booking Office.

On the 7th of September, new arrivals were six American Skunks — the gift of Mr. Tom Baines, Curator of Calgary Zoological Garden. Unfortunately the Skunks are rather argumentative and we have been forced to exhibit them in pairs in the Small Mammal House.



Mr. & Mrs. E. Sorby

EXHIBIT INSPECTING VISITORS ("HENRY" — PIG-TAILED MACAQUE)

Another interesting consignment of animals arrived from Major Rubenstein of Paramaribo, South America, in September. In the consignment were two young Spider Monkeys, a Capuchin Monkey, a Coral Snake, a Teguxin and a Tarantula Spider.



PRAIRIE MARMOT ON SENTRY DUTY

D. J. Tolley

