

# News in Brief

## **In Memory of Maxwell Knight**

Subscriptions are invited to a Maxwell Knight Memorial Fund sponsored by Wildlife, the British National Appeal of the WWF, for an educational conservation project in his memory that would bear his name. The address is 7 Plumtree Court, London EC4.

## **Serengeti Extended and a New Park**

The Serengeti National Park in Tanzania has been extended to take in another 300 square miles considered essential to cover the game migrations. The Gombe National Park, an area of forty square miles which contains the chimpanzees studied by Jane Goodall, has also been gazetted.

## **Zambia and France Join Responsibility Scheme.**

Two more governments have adhered to the IUCN Survival Service Commission's Ultimate Responsibility scheme, by which they are asked to accept responsibility for the conservation of rare and endangered animals: they are Zambia, for the black lechwe, and France, for the Corsican red deer.

## **Now in the Red Data Book**

The status of the black lechwe antelope is now so serious, as reported in *ORYX*, December 1967, that it has been included in IUCN's Red Data Book of endangered species. Only about 4000 survive in the Lake Bangweulu swamps, a fraction of their former numbers.

## **Help for Alaskan Predators**

Alaska has made it illegal to use poison for predator control, and has also stopped the payment of bounties for predators to anyone not residing in the game management area in which the predator was killed; this effectively stops the hunting of wolves, wolverines and coyotes by professionals doing it for the money – usually by aeroplane.

## **Reindeer Increase in Russia**

Wild reindeer in the Kola Peninsula, in northern Russia, have increased from about 100 in the 1930s to over 20,000 today, as a result of careful conservation measures, which included supplying watering places, growing fodder plants and building shelters. There are now enough to support an export trade in reindeer meat.

## **Two Endangered Marsupials Found**

In the course of a survey of the rarer marsupials, C. M. Philpott and D. R. Smyth found two small populations of Red Data Book species; the rabbit bandicoot *Macrotis lagotis*, in two localities in Western Australia, and the yellow-footed rock wallaby *Petrogale xanthorpus* in three places in the Northern Flinders Ranges.

## **The Indian Lion**

Paul Joslin, author of the article on the opposite page, is a Canadian PhD student, engaged with a British PhD student, K. Hodd, in a three-year study of the Indian lion, supported by grants from the Royal Society and the World Wildlife Fund.