

## THE PRESIDENT

It is a wrench for any society to part with its President after an innings of 23 years. For the FPS it is a special wrench to say good-bye to Lord Willingdon, who, ever since he succeeded the Duke of Devonshire on February 22, 1951, has been such an active President. Indeed, for the first fifteen years he was not only President but Chairman of Council as well, skilled, friendly, wise and informed. He was in no small part responsible for the success of the two great enterprises that made the Society's name in the late 50s and early 60s: Operation Oryx, which resulted in the successful establishment of the World Herd of Arabian Oryx at Phoenix Zoo, Arizona, and Operation Noah, which rescued thousands of animals from the rising flood waters of Lake Kariba in what were then Northern and Southern Rhodesia. In wishing to honour a President who has served the Society with such distinction for so long and at the same time retain the benefit of his knowledge and advice, Council has proposed that Lord Willingdon be elected President Emeritus. We know a good man when we see him, and we are not going to let him go as easily as that. We hope that he will continue to join in our Council meetings as regularly as he has in the past.

At the same time we are delighted to be able to announce that Lord Zuckerman has agreed to have his name put forward at the annual general meeting as the Society's next President. So eminent a man as Lord Zuckerman, who has been one of our Vice-Presidents for eleven years, needs no introduction to members of the Society. A pioneer primatologist of great distinction, he has been Secretary of the Zoological Society of London for 13 years. The London Zoo has been the FPS's landlord and patron ever since our foundation in 1903, and it gives us the greatest pleasure to strengthen our historic association in this way.



*Lord Willingdon*



*Lord Zuckerman*

**RICHARD FITTER**  
*Hon. Secretary*

