



Members' Page

THE THREATENED ORANG-UTAN

An important, and also most readable paper on the highly endangered orang-utan is the reason for this enlarged issue of *Oryx*. This is the first study of orang-utan ecology and behaviour based on extensive field work to be published. John MacKinnon, a young Oxford zoologist, has spent more man-hours watching wild orang-utans in the jungle than any previous worker. But the population he studied in Sabah is gravely threatened by timber felling. His original observations are undoubtedly the most important contribution to the conservation of the orang-utan since Barbara Harrisson's in her book *Orang-utan*.

FPS MEETINGS

Thursday, October 21 6.0 pm: 'Elephants in Zambia'. John Hanks, Biologist with the Zambian government for six years, will talk on the elephant problem and show colour slides and a film. A wine and cheese supper will be served; please fill in the enclosed form for tickets.

Tuesday, November 23 4.30 pm: Reunion Meeting for all who have taken part in FPS tours and their friends, at which photographs taken on the 1971 Indian tour will be shown. All members welcome. Refreshments at 5.15 pm, followed by a talk at 6.0 pm on 'Some Indian Wildlife Sanctuaries' by Dr David Jenkins, leader of the Indian tour, illustrated by slides. Both meetings at the Zoo, Regent's Park.

ORYX 100% FUND

The Society is launching a new appeal for a fund for urgent conservation projects. The title means that *all* money subscribed will be spent on conservation and none on expenses. *See page 101.*

Our appeal to members to help buy 100,000 acres – at £1 an acre – to extend the Nairobi National Park (see the May *Oryx*, page 9) has already brought in £102 from members. We shall be happy to forward any more gifts that come in.

WILDLIFE FILM SHOWS

The FPS is putting on a series of six monthly programmes of wildlife colour films, starting in October, in central London, at the New Gallery cinema in Regent Street. The aim is to spread an appreciation of wildlife, and the need for its conservation, among the general public, as well as provide an evening's entertainment. A leaflet giving the full programme is enclosed. We hope members will spread the news of these film shows, come themselves and bring their friends.