

FPS Annual General Meeting

The President, the Marquess of Willingdon, took the chair at the Society's annual general meeting in London on June 10th. A large number of members were present to see him make a presentation on behalf of the Council to our Hon. Treasurer, Ian Malcomson, in recognition of his twenty years' service in office. This took the form of a small hippopotamus beautifully modelled in silver, which the President hoped would be pleasant reminder of all he had done and, he was sure, would still do for the world's wildlife through FPS.

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of Sir Terence Morrison-Scott, who had indicated his wish to resign. The President voiced the Society's regret at Sir Terence's decision and thanked him for the services he had performed as Vice-Chairman. Thanks were also offered to the three members rotated off the Council: Dr (now Sir) Frank Fraser Darling, Mr Marcus Kimball MP, and Major W. N. Scott. The Council's nominations for three new members were passed: Mr Christopher Cadbury, Dr Malcom Coe and Mr W. A. R. (now Sir William) Collins. The President thanked the staff for their hard and fruitful work, and also proposed a warm vote of thanks to the Zoological Society of London who generously provide the Society with office accommodation and allow the use of their rooms for the Society's meetings.

Following the business meeting members heard Mr Nigel Sitwell, Editor of *Animals*, describe his visit to South-east Asia to investigate conservation needs, an interesting talk illustrated by his own slides, and Lady Lathbury showed some of her excellent films of East African wildlife. A wine and cheese supper was served during which Suzanne Harris provided a most enjoyable interlude with a performance, to her own guitar accompaniment, of two songs with a conservation theme that she had written herself: Here Come the Beautiful People (wearing leopard skin coats etc.) and We're Using up the World.* She is a most attractive singer, and was much appreciated. FPS members and friends, of course, rank as the converted; we hope her songs will have the effect they deserve on some of the great unconverted.

Finally members were able to walk round the Zoo, which was holding an open evening for Fellows, on one of the pleasantest and hottest evenings of June.

* Obtainable on a 45 EP record, sung by Suzanne Harris, from *Animals*, 21 Great Castle Street, London W.1, at 10s. including postage.

Conservation Corps Goes Independent

The national Conservation Corps, formerly under the aegis of the Council for Nature, has become independent and is now under the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, with a new Field Director, Richard Jennings, formerly of the Nature Conservancy. The Trust is appealing for £125,000 as a capital fund.