

## News in Brief

### From Ngorongoro to Zambia

Mr. H. A. Fosbrooke has retired from the post of Conservator of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, in Tanzania, which he has held since its creation in 1959, having seen through to success this unique experiment in conservation management. His successor is Mr. Ole Saibull. Mr. Fosbrooke has been appointed Co-manager of the Kafue Basin Survey in Zambia.

### Presentation to Miss Clarke

The fund set up to enable members of the Society and friends to make a presentation to Miss Kathleen Clarke on the occasion of her retirement, as a token of gratitude for her long service, realised exactly £100.

### Another Noah Operation

Over 8000 animals have been rescued in 14 months from the islands created by the closing of the Affobakka Dam in Surinam. This second Operation Noah—it is called Operation Gwamba—is organised by the International Society for the Protection of Animals. Sloths, armadillos, porcupines, anteaters and deer are the most numerous species rescued.

### Bison Experiment in Canada

A small herd of 20 plains bison has been released in Manitoba as an experiment. If they manage to establish themselves more will be released. They were brought from the Elk Island herd in Alberta, further west, and released in an area considered suitable after careful aerial surveys.

### Rare Lemur and Two Birds Re-discovered

In the course of searching for aye-ayes in Madagascar, M. A. Peyrueras, who has been engaged with the help of the World Wildlife Fund to start a reserve for these rare lemurs, has discovered another small very rare lemur, *Cheirogaleus trichotis*, known for a long time only from a single specimen in the British Museum.

Two species of bird that had been regarded as extinct have been found again, according to ICBP. They are the blue pigeon, a Puerto Rico race, *Columba inornata wetmorei*, last recorded in 1926, and one of the so-called Darwin's finches in the Galapagos Islands, *Geospiza magnirostris*, re-discovered on Charles Island.

### Reserves for Marsupials

Two new fauna reserves have been gazetted in western Australia in the heart of the wheatbelt. They are Mt. Caroline and Mt. Stirling, about 100 miles east of Perth, and covering about 1440 acres. Rarities there include two of the last existing colonies of rock wallabies in south-west Australia and another marsupial, the tamar.