

NOTES AND NEWS

We regret to announce the death of William Rowan, Fellow of the A.O.U., on June 30, 1957.

It is a pleasure to inform our readers that Alden H. Miller has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Raymond A. Paynter, Jr., Associate Curator of Birds at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard, is leading an expedition to study the birds of Nepal, India, and Pakistan. The expedition is scheduled to arrive in India this September and to return in August of 1958. It is being sponsored jointly by the M.C.Z. and the Peabody Museum of Yale University.

To all American ornithologists!

Several AOU members have been corresponding recently with Hungarian ornithologists, some inside Hungary and some who fled. Their situation is critical and with another winter coming on it is becoming desperate in several cases. The Hungarian National Museum containing 80,000 bird skins, has been completely destroyed and the entire staff is destitute. Some of these men are elderly, some of them have dependent children.

The AOU has set up a committee to coordinate the help to fellow ornithologists which you, their colleagues, want to send. We CAN help them although there are many restrictions. Will all of you who can spare anything from a dime for postage to the price of an entire food package, from your old wool shirt to your overcoat please contact Fred Greeley, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Illinois. If you will specify what you can spare, we have a file of names, addresses and needs. We will get you together with someone who really needs you. Many thanks.