

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Dr. Farner :

I wish to announce to the members of the A.O.U. that on June 1, 1961, I shall assume directorship of the Robert Moore Laboratory of Zoology at Occidental College, Los Angeles, California.

In the past, work on the specimens in the Moore Laboratory has been in large part conducted by biologists at Occidental College and by those workers at other institutions in California close enough to allow personal visits to Occidental's campus.

Beginning next June, the Moore Laboratory will undertake a policy designed to encourage ornithologists everywhere to utilize as completely as they might wish the facilities and specimens in the Moore collections. Workers will be welcome to visit the Laboratory as in the past and may borrow specimens contained therein under normal rules of shipment, care, and return similar to rules enforced at other institutions. In addition, an attempt will be made to ascertain facts about specimens in the collection for workers, when only this is necessary.

Finally, I wish to extend two invitations. First, those workers who may need to use the Moore Laboratory before next June may write to me in care of the Department of Zoology, University of California, Los Angeles 24, California. (Time that I may devote until June, 1961, to the Laboratory and to requests is limited, but if needs are urgent I shall make every effort to fulfill them.) Second, I solicit the advice and suggestions from specialists in particular groups of birds who may be aware of specimens in the Moore Laboratory that require careful reexamination and to workers whose familiarity with the Moore collections may be valuable in increasing the usefulness of the Laboratory.

On behalf of the Department of Biology at Occidental College and myself, I urge ornithologists to avail themselves of the Moore Laboratory facilities and specimens so that it may further realize its potential value to biology.

Sincerely,

JOHN WILLIAM HARDY