

NOTES AND NEWS

Required six months' notice is given on the possible use of plenary powers by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in connection with the following names, listed by Case Number (see *Bull. Zool. Nomencl.*, 24, pt. 1, 6 March 1967):

1692. Suppression of *Strix capensis* Daudin, 1800 (Aves).

1784. Validation of *Sterna tschegrava* Lepechin and *Motacilla pleschenka* Lepechin, "1770" (Aves).

Comments should be sent in duplicate, citing Case Number, to the Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7, England. Those received early enough will be published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*.

The newly formed Raptor Research Foundation, Inc., is attempting to reach as many people as possible who might be interested in research on and conservation of raptorial birds. In January, 1967, the Foundation published its first issue of *Raptor Research News* (mimeo), distributed to members of the Foundation or, for \$1.00 per annum, to subscribers. Contributions, subscriptions, or requests for further information should be addressed to Dr. Byron E. Harrell, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069, or to the Raptor Research Foundation, Centerville, South Dakota.

Joanna Burger and Richard Brownstein of Buffalo, New York, have begun work on the distribution and migratory behavior of the Bonaparte's Gull and are banding and color marking these birds at Buffalo (color of dye denotes date of marking session). Any data on the distribution and movement of these gulls would be appreciated by the researchers, who request the following information: Date, Locality, Color, Number of marked individuals, and the Number of unmarked Bonaparte's Gulls with any color-marked birds seen. Information should be sent to Joanna Burger, Department of Biology, State University College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14222.

OBITUARIES

I regret to inform our membership of the death of WILLIAM H. PARTRIDGE, a Life Elective Member, on July 14, 1966, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He had been seriously ill for some time with an unknown tropical virus.

He was born in Leones, Province of Córdoba on September 15, 1924, and received his first schooling there. He finished his primary schooling in Caseros and then attended the Colegio Nacional Sarmiento in Buenos Aires. By the time he entered the University of Buenos Aires, College (Facultad) of Natural Sciences, his boyhood interest in birds developed into a passion for ornithology. He turned to field work just short of completing his studies.

In 1942 he joined the staff of the Buenos Aires Museum of Natural Science and at the time of his death headed its Ornithology Section. During these years he was in the field much of the time, particularly in the Province of Misiones where, over a decade, he collected exhaustively. Those fortunate enough to have been in the field