

NOTES AND NEWS

The American Ornithologists' Union will meet 30 August–3 September 1971 in Seattle, Washington, as guests of the University of Washington and the Seattle Audubon Society. The headquarters and the public sessions will be in the Student Union Building (HUB) on the university campus. Cochairmen of the Local Committee on Arrangements are Dr. Frank Richardson and Dr. Dennis Paulson, Department of Zoology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98105. Chairman of the Committee on Scientific Program is Dr. James R. King, Department of Zoology, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington 99163.

Eastern ornithologists who might be interested in chartering a railroad car from Chicago to the A.O.U. meeting in Seattle are asked to contact FRANK HEPPNER, *Department of Zoology, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881*. If there is sufficient interest, information will be secured on rates.

First International Congress of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology.—The Society of Systematic Zoology and the International Association for Plant Taxonomy have joined forces to develop this first opportunity for botanical/zoological interaction at the international level. The University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, has extended a gracious invitation to meet on that campus 4–11 August 1973. The diversity of ecological situations in the surrounding countryside makes this one of the most attractive sites in North America, both aesthetically and scientifically. The presence of experienced, enthusiastic biologists on that campus also provides an indispensable ingredient for the success of this congress.

To begin the planning phase, two committees have been appointed by the sponsoring organizations, a Steering Committee and an International Advisory Committee. The Steering Committee will be the principal organizing group. The International Committee will provide valuable advice and guidance in the development of the congress.

Program plans at this point encompass interdisciplinary symposia and contributed paper sessions. The botanists will not convene a nomenclatural section, but a zoological one on this subject is anticipated. In the next few months the outline of the program and other activities will begin to take form. All suggestions will be gratefully received, carefully considered, and as many adopted as practical or feasible. Correspondence may be addressed to the Secretary: **Dr. James L. Reveal**, *Department of Botany, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20740*.

I am trying to locate the field notebooks and journals of Albert J. B. Kirn, Texas field naturalist, who lived in Somerset, Texas from 1922 until his death in 1950. I am gathering information for a biographical article and other projects concerning his work. Mr. Kirn collected all sorts of natural history specimens, including bird eggs and skins, in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, and perhaps in Louisiana and California. I would like to correspond with anyone who knew Mr. Kirn and/or knew of his work. —EMMA H. MESSERLY, 344 S.E. Elmhurst, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003.

The University of Cincinnati bird skin collection, including the Herbert W. Brandt Memorial collection and the material assembled by the late Emerson Kemsies, has been relocated at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History. The collection is to be transferred to new professional type storage cases and will be made available to workers in the field together with the museum's original material and the outstanding Kellogg collection of New Mexican birds. Inquiries should be addressed to RALPH DRURY, *Director, Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, 1720 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.*

1971 Waterfowl Disease Symposium.—The Wildlife Disease Association in cooperation with the Department of Avian Diseases, New York State Veterinary College, Cornell University is sponsoring a waterfowl disease symposium to be held in Schurman Hall at the Veterinary College, Ithaca, New York, 5–6 October 1971. The symposium will be a basic presentation of the more important viral, bacterial, parasitic, toxicologic, and retrograde diseases of waterfowl. A summary of known etiology, pathogenesis, immunity, prevention, and control for these diseases will be presented by specialists in these subject areas. Informal discussion will follow each presentation. Those planning to attend should notify **Dr. Louis Leibovitz**, *Duck Research Laboratory, Cornell University, Eastport, New York 11941.*

A summary and partial interpretation of federal regulations on importation and shipment of scientific and zoological specimens of fish and wildlife has been published in the *Journal of Mammalogy*, 52: 491–493, May, 1971. These regulations, implementing the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969, affect all who import such specimens or send them in interstate commerce. Copies of the regulations, including the Secretary of the Interior's list of foreign species threatened with extinction, may be obtained from the **DIRECTOR, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240.**