

reserves, the proposals and legislation for which he had prepared himself, became law under his signature as Acting Governor. He also established and chaired the Suriname section of the International Committee for Bird Preservation.

Haverschmidt was of a retiring disposition. He preferred to spend his spare time in the field. He became a Corresponding Member of the American Ornithologists' Union (1950; he had been Member since 1929), of the Deutsche Ornithologen-Gesellschaft (1964), and of the British Ornithologists' Union (1967). He was

appointed an honorary staff member of the Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie (1973), was awarded the Gouden Lepelaar of the Nederlandse Vereniging tot Bescherming van Vogels (1982), and was made an honorary member of the Nederlandse Ornithologische Unie (1986).

For his professional work the honors of Officier in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau and Ridder in de Orde van de Nederlandse Leeuw were conferred on him.

A full biography, with a complete list of his publications, will appear in *Ardea*.

## IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT S. ARBIB JR., 1915-1987

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Robert S. Arbib Jr., a Member of the A.O.U. since 1947 and an Elective Member since 1955, died on 20 July 1987 at age 72. Bob was born at Gloversville, New York, on 17 March 1915, and obtained his B.S. in Biology from Yale University in 1937. Ornithology became his avocation. Apart from 5 years of wartime service in the U.S. Army, he worked in the creative aspect of commercial advertising from 1939 through 1968.

Bob founded and was first editor (for 9 years) of the *Linnaean News-letter*. He served as president of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs and of the Linnaean Society of New York. He helped organize and was first secretary of the Hawk Migration Association of North America. He contributed the article on Double-crested Cormorant for Palmer's "Handbook of North American Birds." "The Lord's Woods,"

which told of his childhood interest in birds, won the Burroughs Medal in 1972. He co-authored "Enjoying Birds around New York City" with Sewall Pettingill and Sally Spofford and "The Hungry Bird Book" with Tony Soper. At his death he was chair of the steering committee for the "Breeding Bird Atlas of New York State."

Bob retired early from advertising and soon accepted a full-time position as editor of *American Birds* (1970-1983). He expanded the coverage, introduced new features, raised the standards, and greatly increased the circulation. Another Arbib innovation was the "Blue List" of declining species, published regularly since 1972.

For Susan Roney Drennan's longer memorial, see *American Birds* 41: 357, Fall 1987.