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Editor's Notes. We hope to be back on schedule with the News in January. A South Dakota blizzard provided a final delay to this issue. An index and title page for Volume 2 is in preparation and will be sent out with the January issue of Raptor Research News. We are also preparing similar material for Volume 1 which we will announce later.

We want to thank our contributors for sending in material which has made this year's issues interesting. A special thanks goes to Fran Hamerstrom for editorial aid with Bob Berry's paper, to Joyce Harrell for hours of assembling, stapling, and stuffing each issue, and to Tony Luscombe for frequent and varied assistance.

We were happy to talk to a number of our members at the NAFA meet; unfortunately there was not enough bad weather for people to get together without some other scheduled event conflicting.

Registry Project Grant. As mentioned earlier the Foundation received a grant this year from the United States Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation to develop a registry of birds in captivity related to the breeding projects. We hope our members who have not responded to our request for suggestions will refer back to the News (Vol. 2, No. 2, p. 27 and p. 28, April, 1968) so that we can develop the best possible system. We are sure the members will join the officers in their appreciation of the U. S. Section of the I. C. B. P. for their support.

Notes from the Kingfisher. This little English magazine continues to report items of interest to raptor students. The Nov.-Dec. issue (Vol. 4, No. 2) contains the following notes.

"Ospreys & Snowy Owls, 1968. Two of the three pairs of ospreys that nested in Scotland this year successfully fledged their young, two being reared at the well known Loch Garten eyrie, guarded by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and three at a site in another part of the Highlands, where they

also nested in 1967. The pair which nested at the second Spey-side eyrie failed to hatch their eggs. It is thought that one or two more pairs of ospreys may be nesting undetected elsewhere in northern Scotland. In the Shetlands three of the six young owls hatched by the pair of snowy owls, nesting for the second year in succession, were safely fledged. The old cock was found injured, but was cared for by the RSPB wardens and released again, apparently quite fit." [4(2):6]

"Rogue Falconers. Falconers not connected with the International Association of Falconry and Conservation have been making serious depredations on eyries in various parts of Europe, the European Section of ICBP was told at its meeting in Hungary in May. German dealers and falconers have been robbing peregrine eyries in France, Spain, Sicily and mainland Italy. In Italy alone 60 young falcons were robbed in 1968, and sold in Germany for £100 each. In some cases adults as well as young birds were taken. Another serious problem is the mushrooming of small zoos all over Europe, all demanding birds of prey, but knowing little or nothing about how to keep them. There are indications that the laws protecting birds of prey are being widely broken in France and other countries. (ICBP President's Letter, July)." [4(2):8]

"Monkey-eating Eagles. A Bill is to be presented to the Congress of the Philippine Republic declaring the monkey-eating eagle, now very rare indeed, to be the national bird of the Philippines, setting up reserves for it and proposing other protective measures. In addition, Professor Rabor is to carry out further studies of the bird's life history with a view to its better conservation. (ICBP President's Letter, July)." [4(2):17]

Forest Service Produces Raptor Program. John E. Mathisen has informed us of a Forest Service slide-tape production entitled "Winged Protectors of Forest and Range." This 160 slide and tape program by Milt Griffith and Hadley Roberts is described as, "A close look at the benefits that birds of prey provide to the managers of forests & ranges. A reasoned appeal to help forest managers halt the senseless destruction of some of their most valuable allies." The slides and tape are available for loan from the Forest Service Regional Offices as well as from Mathisen's office, Chippawa National Forest, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Advertisement. Wanted--one copy of "Ecology of Peregrine and Gyrfalcon Populations in Alaska" by T. Cade. State price and condition. Lt. M. Alan Jenkins, 1014 No. West, Cordell, Oklahoma, 73632.