

## NOTES, NEWS, AND QUERIES

**News of Peregrines in England.**—My main interest is the Peregrine—population study, behavior, selective effects of hunting, and general breeding biology. (1) I am most interested in the question of how Peregrines find eyrie sites which may not have been used for 20 years then pick the exact ledge used by their ancestors, when to the human eye there appear to be many equally suitable or desirable ledges. (2) Why do Peregrines reoccupy grade III cliffs with low situated eyries and leave some of their old haunts on really first-class cliffs vacant; is it a question of food supply being better or is there in some way an ancestral tie up?

The figure you quote for 50% return of breeding population in England. In SW England Cornwall and Devon it's 10% Cornwall, 15-20% in Devon. However they are coming back to areas which were vacant since 1960. This is the most important point! Also brood size has been exceptionally high in our part of the county. Fourteen young from 4 eyries on the wing. Believe it or not 1 eyrie had 3 tiercels 2 falcons all of which flew! This year they have only produced two about 10 days old at time of writing. General outlook is much as last year. (From a letter, May 19, 1971, by R. B. Treleaven, *Rockmount, Launceston, Cornwall, England.*)

**Raptor Work in the Peace Corps.**—Among a variety of environmental assignments presently available are two relating to raptors. In the Philippines an ornithologist is needed “to undertake extensive field study of the Monkey-eating Eagle and assist in the development of protective measures to save it from extinction.” In Colombia an ornithologist is also needed who “will work at the Parque Purace and the National Condor Refuge to carry out an inventory of the birds in the park and work with a program underway to protect the last of the Colombia [Andean] Condors.” Additional information is available from Dr. Richard L. Jachowski, Smithsonian Peace Corps Environmental Program, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560, or Robert K. Poole, Director, Environmental Programs, Peace Corps, Washington, DC 20525. (Information from Peace Corps announcement, May 1971.)