

Propose Attempt To Raise Whooping Cranes In Zoo

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OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian wildlife experts are proposing that two male and two female whooping cranes, North America's largest bird and now threatened with extinction, should be held in captivity for breeding purposes.

The suggestion, first made at a federal-provincial wildlife conference in Vancouver last June, will be discussed at a Canada-U.S. conference in Washington, Oct. 29. Breeding in captivity is the major proposal that Canadian and American experts will consider at the meeting to discuss ways of raising the known world whooping crane population, now totalling 20 adults and eight young ones.

Everything else has been tried but their number still is precariously low, an official of the Canadian wildlife service said Tuesday.

The whoopers have not been able to increase their population in the wild. There has been no improvement in the last 20 years. "There is no point in just sitting in the corner and wringing our hands saying 'it's terrible,'" said V. E. F. Solman, assistant chief of the Canadian wildlife service. "Breeding in captivity appears to be worth a try."

The big white birds with the black wing tips have never been held in ideal conditions of captivity for breeding purposes, he said. The New Orleans Zoo has a couple which hatched two young ones last summer. One disappeared, possibly eaten by the parents, the other died of a disease.

The conference will study whether the suggestion is feasible. If the experts decide it is worth a try, they also will select a site, set down the conditions of captivity and determine who will pay

the cost. Whooping cranes bred in captivity likely would be released in the wild.

EASY TO CAPTURE

There would be no trouble in catching the breeding stock as the flock is known to spend the winter in the Aransas national wildlife refuge in Texas.

The flock is believed heading south at the present time from somewhere in northern Canada. Last summer, only a couple, with possibly a young whooper, were sighted at Wood Buffalo National Park, straddling the border of Alberta and Northwest Territories, where the whole flock was reported two years ago.

Where the others spent the summer is not known by wildlife officials, although a few birds were seen on the Prairies. Whether the whoopers increased in numbers during the summer will not be known until all arrive at Aransas, their traditional wintering grounds.

New Chancellor Of Kings College

HALIFAX (CP)—Lionel A. Forst, president of Dominion Steel and Coal Corp., will be installed as chancellor of the University of Kings College here at a special convocation Oct. 31.

Funeral of Former CPR President Saturday

ARNPRIOR, Ont. (CP)—D'Alton Corry Coleman, former president and chairman of Canadian Pacific Railway, was buried here Saturday following funeral services here and in Montreal.

Mr. Coleman, president from 1942 and chairman and president from 1943 until 1947, died at his Montreal home Wednesday at the age of 77 following a long illness.

Rt. Rev. R. H. Waterman, Anglican bishop of Nova Scotia, will conduct the installation ceremony in All Saints Cathedral.

The college also will confer an honorary doctorate of civil laws upon C. S. A. Ritchie, Canadian ambassador to Germany.

RIVER SYSTEM

The Mississippi-Missouri river system stretches for about 4,000 miles.

Fur, Fin and Campfire

By JACK SORBS

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SPORTS TRAIL

Three Yankee Pitchers

By ED SIMON
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NEW YORK (CP)—Once upon a time, in an age that seems far away and long ago to New York Giants fans, three men pitched their team to a first-place tie and a playoff victory over Brooklyn before losing a six-game world series to the Yankees.

One, Larry Jansen, lost his fast ball and drifted to the minors. The second, Sal Maglie, developed miseries in his back and was waived out of the league to Cleveland.

The subsequent fortunes of Jansen and Maglie, especially the latter, are fresh in our memory. Jansen returned from Seattle to hand Milwaukee a couple of stinging defeats that kept Cincinnati Redlegs in contention up to the wire in this year's stirring National League race.

STEADY BRILLIANCE

And Maglie, joining Brooklyn in mid-season, didn't pitch a bad game all year as he sparked the Dodgers to a pennant, won one of two superb world series starts and threw in a no-hitter against Philadelphia Phillies for good measure.

Meanwhile, back at the Polo Grounds, the third member of the

1951 pennant combination, Jim Hearn, continued to toil for the Giants in good times and bad.

After a couple of lacklustre seasons, he appeared to be headed for a big year last spring. But he lost a succession of well-pitched games when his mates wouldn't hit for him. Then he developed back trouble and ended with a miserable 5-11 record.

ON THE BLOCK

So the sixth-place Giants decided the 33-year-old righthander doesn't fit in with their rebuilding plans and sold him to the Phillies.

As he seeks to emulate Jansen and Maglie, Hearn won't have a Cincinnati powerhouse batting attack or Brooklyn fielding finesse behind him. Barring fundamental changes, the Phillies are likely to prove the same second-division club that couldn't even hold up the incomparable Robin Roberts for his customary 20 victories this year.

But Hearn, three years younger than Jansen and six younger than Maglie, should have a few useful pitching years left.

In the time-honored castoff tradition he probably will give the Giants a few uncomfortable afternoons if his back holds up.

Superintendent Of RCMP Retires

OTTAWA (CP)—Superintendent R. A. S. MacNeil, 50, a member of the RCMP for 24 years, has retired from the force on pension to accept a post with the external affairs department. It was announced Tuesday.

Mr. MacNeil, officer commanding "N" (headquarters) division of the RCMP at Rockcliffe Barracks, Ottawa, will be posted to Canada House, London, as an attaché.

Mr. MacNeil joined the force in 1932, serving with the marine division until September, 1939, when he joined the Royal Canadian Navy. He retired from the navy in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant-commander and rejoined the RCMP.

New Icebreaker Montcalm Was Launched Tuesday At Lauzon

LAUZON, Que. (CP)—The 200-foot department of transport icebreaker Montcalm was launched Tuesday at this shipbuilding centre across the St. Lawrence River from Quebec.

Mrs. Hughes Lapointe, wife of Veterans Affairs Minister Lapointe, cut a ribbon to send a bottle of champagne crashing against the bow after the vessel had been blessed by Most Rev. Maurice Roy, archbishop of Quebec and primate of all Canada.

The 1,100-ton Montcalm, powered by two 2,000-horsepower steam engines, also is equipped for lighthouse supply and buoy tender service. The vessel is of the single deck type.

Of all-welded steel construction, she has a moulded breadth of 48 feet, a moulded depth of 21 feet, and has a 16-foot draft.

COPTER DECK

The ship will have a speed of 13 knots.

The crew is accommodated in double cabins in the bridge, while the officers will have single cabins in the deck house. Accommodation is also provided for 12 passengers and officials.

The vessel is fitted with a helicopter flight deck to assist in ship-to-shore communications and on icebreaking duties.

Keel of the Montcalm was laid last March 15 at the Davie Shipbuilding Company yard here and the vessel is expected to be available for duty early next year.

Transport Minister Marler spoke at the launching and praised the efforts which produced a ship built "... of Canadian design, in a Canadian shipyard, of Canadian material and by Canadian workmen ..."

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