African Wildlife Near Extinction

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Tanzania — One country pictures another through a Fun House mirror. From here America bounces back the land of sexy surfers, Apaches and Klansmen, Doris Day wardrobes and cavalry finishes.

And Africa - for Americans is a lion in every village, Tarzan swinging from his Congo rain forest into the country of the Great White Hunter

Nature is no more balanced here than the view in the wavy

Not only have most East Africans never seen a wild animal. but they're not likely to unless they visit a game park. The days when a lion would walk into a large African town out of the bush have gone the way of pith helmets.

British author Alan Moore-head writes that "90 per cent of African animals have been exterminated forever. However, the chances of preserving the remaining 10 per cent seem to be a little better than they were, and it may even be that the human instinct to kill all other itself out at last."

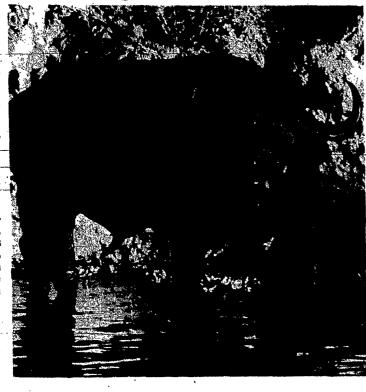
so pessimistic about the endan- ists' shillings. gered animals they predict near-

that poaching and hunting reserved for rich tourists. eventually will mean the remains of Africa's wild life will

But he thinks the game parks not decrease with his years in giving birth, a hippo charging will survive despite poaching the bush. Vignettes, comic to a lioness between itself and the and a population eyeing park carnivorous, fill their diaries. water, another lion chasing a lands for farming and grazing.

eign enthusiasts and the Tan-cinema.

This is Miss Watson's second article on wildlife in who kill for hides, tails, ivory Africa. She is a Peace Corps teacher in east Africa. and rhino horn. Her home is in St. Mary's parish, Bath.



A massive African buffalo-brutal when aggravated.

living things on earth will wear zanian government. Owen's de- A Serengeti warden couldn't, partment has an educational sleep one night because lions campaign to convince Africans were chasing zebra "in and out There are some game wardens of the need to attract the tour-

decimation within ten years.

There are now free hostels at thunder of hooves, and grunt-John Owen, director of Tan when they visit the spectacular parently unable to leave the years. He is delighted that zania National Parks, believes conglomerate of animals once and peace reigned . . ."

Game-watching never bores. exist only in these game parks. A game warden's passon for the autonomy of his animals does lion butchering a zebra while

In a sanctuary like Serengeti, leopard's kill. The parks will probably keep a visitor is certain to see a operating on money from fore choice frame from the same

Sometimes it's a zebrastrangled by a wire snare. Or an elephant with spear wounds in its stomach.

In November alone, wardens found 500 wire snares in the Serengeti. Once snared, antelope, zebra, giraffe and rhino are easy to shoot.

The race is between the wardens protecting the animals, aided by the scientists studying them and opposite: the land seekers and the game destroyers.

Occasionally a naturalist even gives up his life trying to pre-serve these African Edens.

On Oct. 1, 1959, a 25-year-old German, Michael Grzimek, crashed his small plane in Serengeti. He and his father, Dr. Bernard Grzimek of Frankfurt Zoological Gardens, made the first aerial photographs of the thousands of wildebeest and zebra in their annual migrations

Their research continues at a laboratory in the middle of Sergengeti, begun on money raised for the Michael Grzimek Memorial Fund. Michael's grave is on the rim of Ngorngoro Crater, a 200-mile wide repository of ethereal scenery and wildlife just outside the Serengeti border.

The marker reads: "He gave all he had and even his life for of the rocky paths near the the protection of wild animals camp. The honking of zebra, in Africa.

John Owen has enough money tional Parks for children and ing of lions went on until the to keep his Serengeti Research adult community leaders to stay early hours with the zebra ap- Project going for three more hill, being hemmed in by lions. youthful Tanzania has created About 5 a.m. a kill was made four new parks. But he knows that research, maintenance and staff depend largely on outside The wardens chanced on a contributions.

> "I'm not sentimental about the animals," he said. "I know they have to kill each other. But areas like Serengeti are so unique and refreshing to the spirit of man. One is justified Too often they find corpses, in trying to make certain they're



Biggest mouth in the animal kingdom, a dubious distinction that goes to the hippopotamus.

Unity Prelate Dies in Boston

Boston - (RNS) - Metropolitan Antony Bashir of Brookyn, N.Y., head of the Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America and a strong advocate for unity within Orthodoxy and among all Christians, died unexpectedly here, Féb. 15, at the age of 67.

He had come to Boston for treatment of a skin ailment at the New England Baptist Hos-

First to use English in the rifual, music, liturgy and publications of the Orthodox Church in America and to lead the Americanization of his Church.

An ardent believer in Catholic-Orthodox union, Metropolitan Bashir was widely admired and respected by many Cathodignitaries. He counted among his Catholic friends Cardinal Cushing of Boston, Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh, and Coadjutor Archbishop Philip Pocock of Toronto,

last year. He was ousted from those in the South.' his pastorate as a result of his civil rights work.

Father Ouellet, now master of novices for the Society of St Edmund seminary in Mystic, as the janitor downtown.'

next generation of Negroes in uncomfortable . . . feeling untions, even though he was index attests, he is still speak-ding forcefully and publicly on for too long, been comfortable his parishioners were involved the civil rights crisis in Amer-

of Mobile-Birmingham by Arch-

leopard up a tree to grab the

troducing Father Ouellet, emwhat they call 'the ever-grow-

it for granted that all members of the First Friday Club agreed 'segregation is a moral evil and that it grows from prejudice."

ings, we also upon occasion have come a part of parish life in

Some may advocate giving the

added, "which present greater "We have crippled the Negro to proceed in the knowledge and now we ask him to walk that the conversations held thus with everyone else - and we Student Drivers far have deepened mutual un-should do nothing about putting

victims of the elusive poachers, kept. Time 'Running Out' on Racial Issue Worcester — (NC) — Time, He said he decided against Christians who have told our , Owen J. Murphy Jr., editor "is running out" for the white discussing his experiences in selves how Christian we are, of the Catholic Free Press, Worman in this country, Edmundite Selma "because you would all and not how charitable we are cester diocesan newspaper, in-Father Maurice Ouellet said go home, say it was terrible not." down there, and you would feel The Edmundite priest is re the people there." But, he add-have got to get out of our pews some publications Father Ouelmembered as the pastor of a led although it does not take of although it d Alabama, during the massive the South, "people in the North

The 38-year-old priest, who ing number of silenced priests civil rights demonstrations there are every bit as prejudiced as was asked to leave the diocese in the American Church.

The Negro "is just as unhappy bishop Thomas J. Toolen behishop Thomas the civil rights demonstrations. 100k of all new candidates for said he never disobeyed the the Edmundite society as direct He said be focused on the archbishop's directive that no tor of the society's postulancy Conn., told a Worcester First North in his talk because, "I Alabama priests were to take and novitiate program and, as Friday Club meeting here the want you to go away feeling an active part in the demonstra-

> Father Ouellet said he took He said physical segregation

quite different ways of saying the North?' Emple and Bishop Murphy said: especially interesting to discoving their taking a more active or that we have common problems related to the develop "Perhaps no one is preventlems related to the develop part in parish activities," he

certain that the teachings of our respective traditions regarding solution of these problems has Negro opportunity and let him bentism are in substantial agree. been clarified in the process." "mill himself up by his boot-"pull himself up by his boot-"We will be examining sub-straps, but this kind of thinkjects in future meetings," they ing is a farce," he asserted.

Sen. Ned J. Parsekian, a former strengthening the bonds of a splint on his leg," he ob-



Dialogue Termed Fruitful

Chicago — (RNS) — A bet- for Dialogue with Lutherans, sions dealing with several ter understanding of the "total- described the conversations as aspects of the subject brought ity of Christian life" was seen deepening "mutual understand to light the fact that although might not exist in some north-Lutheran scholars.

The view was expressed during a second meeting of theologians and church leaders in which fine points of interpretations of baptism were examined for three days. A main emphasis of the Lutheran-Catholic conversations in the early stages is to probe matters of faith and doctrine which are common to ment, and this opinion has been bo h Churches.

The official consultations are being held by the U.S. Bishops' Commission for Ecumenical Affairs and the National Lutheran Council in its role as the U.S. national committee of the Lutheran World Federation.

here as a result of discussions ing and respect while strength- at times we use the same words em churches, but, he asked, between Roman Catholic and ening the basis of brotherly af- with somewhat different mean- "how much may a Negro be-In their joint statement, Dr. the same things. It has been

versations in which we are engaged continue to be exceeding other theological areas, and a ly fruitful. We were reasonably comparison of approaches to the certain that the teachings of our comparison of approaches to the baptism are in substantial agree-

"At the same time, discus- difficulties, but are encouraged

confirmed at this meeting.

state commissioner of motor brotherly affection." Dr. Paul C. Empie of New vehicles, has introduced a bill York, NLC executive director, in the State Senate to provide and Auxiliary Bishop T. Austin tax-supported driver education Murphy of Baltimore, chairman courses in public and private



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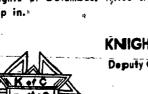
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