

outstanding success that it was. In no way, however, could the efforts of mortals exceed in zeal the almost religious fervor with which the Scots, under the indomitable leadership of Dr. and Mrs. George Waterston and their staff, showered hospitality upon their charges. In case any doubt remains in the minds of these hosts, let them be sure that the frenetic scene at the night train from Edinburgh to Oxford (recalling a similar one in *Doctor Zhivago!*), the only hitch in an intricately complex schedule and not in the least their fault, did nothing to blemish the profound gratitude—amounting to awe—with which their efforts will be remembered. It must be added, finally, that according to the many who were able to attend, the meetings of the International Council for Bird Preservation at Cambridge, also held before the Congress, were worthwhile and eminently successful.

In concluding volume 83, it is the Editor's sincere pleasure to acknowledge the continued, effective, and cheerful service of the entire editorial staff and Editorial Committee (see title page and p. 298 of volume 83 for a list of personnel). Also, during the past calendar year, or earlier but previously unacknowledged, the following friends and members of the A.O.U. have rendered generous and invaluable help of various kinds: Raymond K. Anderson, Jon C. Barlow, George A. Bartholomew, Tom J. Cade, William C. Dilger, Donald S. Farner, Hildegard Howard, Joseph R. Jehl, Jr., Richard C. Lewontin, Robert H. MacArthur, Harold F. Mayfield, Ernst Mayr, Robert J. Newman, Robert A. Norris, Frank A. Pitelka, William B. Robertson, Jr., Robert K. Selander, Charles G. Sibley, Paul Slud, and H. B. Tordoff.

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

Robert Mengel has announced his intention to resign as editor of *The Auk* with the completion of Volume 84 (1967) and his fifth year in this position. In selecting his successor, we are keenly conscious that this is an assignment of the greatest importance to the Union and to science. Therefore, we are deeply concerned that no ornithologists both capable of and interested in rendering this service are overlooked while candidates are being considered.

Your suggestions will be welcome. Please permit me to point out that an editor needs good library facilities and the means of conducting extensive correspondence. Ordinarily this implies the full support of the institution to which he is attached. The editor also should have a broad knowledge of ornithology, a feeling for lucid expression, an ability to get others to help him, and particularly, he should have enthusiasm for the anonymous and often thankless task of refining the work of others for publication.

You may write me confidentially if you choose. To be most helpful, your thoughts should reach me by April 1 (no jokes, please), 1967, at the very latest.—HAROLD F. MAYFIELD.