

NOTES AND NEWS

It was decided at the close of the XIII International Ornithological Congress at Ithaca, N.Y., that the next Congress would be held in Great Britain in 1966, with Dr. David Lack as President. At a meeting of the British members of the International Ornithological Committee Dr. N. Tinbergen was elected as Secretary-General and, after full consideration of various possibilities, it was decided to hold the Congress in Oxford. A British Executive Committee was formed.

In view of the decision of the full International Ornithological Committee that there was no need to hold the Congress in the breeding season, the British Committee decided that the meeting should take place in late July. It is not possible to meet in Oxford during August.

In view of the further decision of the full International Committee that the 1966 Congress need not be preceded nor followed by excursions, the British Executive Committee decided that, if it proved practicable, only one excursion would be organized—a week's cruise of Scottish sea-bird islands in a ship of sufficient size to accommodate most members of the Congress. The provisional dates are: July 16–23, 1966, for the cruise, and July 24–30 for the meeting in Oxford.

The British Executive Committee gratefully

acknowledges receipt of \$200 from the American Ornithologists' Union toward the cost of the next Congress. If other countries wish to contribute, checks should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. A. G. S. Bryson, 7 Forres Street, Edinburgh 3.

The extensive paper by Victor Lewin was published with the aid of a subsidy from the Martens fund.

The next closing date for applications for research grants from the National Science Foundation will be September 15, 1963.

Programs of divisional meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Society in the past few months have included: "The Starling Problem," by Adolph Zajanc in Berkeley on February 7; "The Breeding Biology of the Clark Nutcracker," by L. Richard Mewaldt at Berkeley on March 7; "The Geologic History of Birds," by Bryan Patterson in Los Angeles on February 28; "Physiological Ecology of Coastal White-crowned Sparrows," by L. Richard Mewaldt in Los Angeles on March 27; and "The Birds of Baja California," by Richard C. Banks in Los Angeles on May 29.