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Editors' Notes: Again your editors find themselves behind in their publishing schedule. One of us has been the bottleneck; events at the University of depressing portent have interfered. Material for the April number is at hand so the second issue can also be mailed in June.

Meeting in Washington, D.C. Your officers heard indirectly of plans of the National Audubon Society to hold a session on Peregrine Falcon population problems at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference at the Washington Hilton in March, 1969. Since many of our members were interested, we arranged and announced several special events.

With the kind cooperation of Dr. Richard Zusi the raptor collections at the U. S. National Museum were made available on Sunday afternoon, March 2, for an informal workshop. A number of our members took advantage of this opportunity to become acquainted with this collection.

The Audubon session was held on Tuesday afternoon, March 4, chaired by Mr. Roland Clement. In large part because of our members the room reserved was much too small; the session was moved to a more spacious but acoustically poor area in the hotel. A number of people were asked to speak on certain areas, and there was an opportunity for a number of people to contribute. A full report of this session will be in the April issue of Raptor Research News.

On Thursday, March 6, a small contingent of members visited Patuxent Wildlife Research Center at Laurel, Maryland. Stanley Wiemeyer, with the help of Richard Porter, Earl Baysinger, Larry Hood, and Glenn Smart, arranged a tour of facilities related to work on raptors in the bird-banding laboratory, the rare and endangered species program, and in the pesticide laboratory. We wish to thank all of these gentlemen for their cooperation.

No other formal sessions were held, but there were a number of other opportunities for exchange of ideas between raptor workers.