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Editors' Note. This issue is a little smaller than usual; one major item has been held for the next issue to avoid further delay. Please correct the January issue number to 1.

Breeding Project Information Exchange. B.P.I.E. numbers 9 and 10 were issued June 3, 1969. In No. 9 Jimmy White (Cypress, Calif.) reports on 1968 experiences with Harris Hawk. Two eggs were laid April 24 and 28, the eggs hatched May 28 and 31, and the young left the nest July 24. He also mentions the diet of rats, chicks, and chicken necks.

In No. 10 R. J. Hutchings (Hampshire, England) describes his facilities for breeding a pair of British Kestrels. He describes briefly the behavior and feeding of the two birds which should be of reproductive age in 1969.

"Birds of Prey of Northeastern United States." This is the title of a new 16 mm sound color motion picture issued by the Maryland Department of Game and Inland Fish (State Office Building, Annapolis, Md. 21401). Their announcement states that David J. Smith took eight years to produce this film which shows 32 species of raptors, some of which, however, are exotic to the region in the title. There are sound recordings of calls as well as ultra slow motion photography. This 35 minute film can be purchased for \$250.

The Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey. This is the name of a society which has just sent us vol. 4, nos. 1 & 2 of their newsletter. The following information was also sent:

The Society For the Preservation of Birds of Prey is a private and independent national conservation organization. Founded in July 1966 as a non-profit organization, the Society's main objective is to increase knowledge, interest, and understanding of Birds of prey.

Although the Society is not directly affiliated with any other group, we join with other organizations in cooperating for the conservation of all our natural resources. Currently the Society

holds membership in the following organizations: National Audubon Society; Los Angeles Audubon Society; National Wildlife Federation; Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association; Santa Monica Nature Club; Save the Redwoods League; and The Wilderness Society.

The Society publishes a quarterly newsletter, The California Condor, featuring articles of interest about birds of prey; written by people who know and admire them, and people who want to do something to forestall the destruction of these majestic birds. The Society also offers its members the opportunity to visit and learn about birds of prey first hand--a series of field trips are offered quarterly each year, and participants are taken into wilderness areas to study and photograph the species of birds found in that locality. In addition, films will be shown to the interest of members, and at monthly meetings other plans and objectives of the Society will be discussed.

The Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey is supported by membership dues, contributions, and bequests from individual parties. The Society does not accept large donations over which support the amount of mailing and publishing the newsletter, field trips, and filming costs.

Membership Application blanks are available to interested individuals by writing the Society's headquarters in Pacific Palisades, California. The Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey, 1429 North Amalfi Drive, Pacific Palisades, California 90272. The membership fee is \$2.00.

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