

## ARMED GUARD PROTECTS MUSEUM COLLECTOR

Zoological collecting while accompanied by a military escort of two to four armed guards is the unusual experience reported by Dr. Fritz Haas, Curator of Lower Invertebrates, who returned to the Museum last month after a three-month expedition to Israel. When recent friction with the Arabs developed, the Israeli government insisted that Dr. Haas not only be armed at all times but that he also accept the protection of the escort during his trips into the field.

Dr. Haas collected mollusks and other invertebrates, both land-inhabiting and



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Because of unsettled conditions in the Near East, the Israeli government insisted that Dr. Fritz Haas, while collecting for the Museum, be personally armed and be accompanied by armed military escort. This desert scene is in Wadi El Abyad in Negev.

aquatic, throughout a variety of terrain ranging from the forests of northern Israel to the desert areas in the south and at altitudes from a region of 3,000-foot hills down to the level of the Dead Sea, which is about 1,200 feet below standard sea-level. His collecting was conducted in close co-operation with the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which expedited his work by providing facilities for travel, preparation, and study. In addition to invertebrates, in which Israel's fauna is unusually rich, Dr. Haas collected some reptiles and other animals for the Museum.

Among objectives of the expedition were observation of the adaptation of invertebrate animals to life under desert conditions and study of the fresh-water life of isolated rivers in the Near East. Dr. Haas delivered two lectures before the biology group of the Hebrew University—one on "Origin and Composition of Pearls" and the other on

"Importance of Mollusks for the Reconstruction of Life Conditions in the Past."

From Israel, Dr. Haas traveled through Italy, France, Switzerland, and Germany, collecting en route and consulting with colleagues in various museums. In Frankfurt-on-Main, Dr. Haas was welcomed by the Senckenberg Natural History Society, and a medal of Jacob Cretzschmar, founder of the society, was presented to him in recognition of his scientific achievements. He is the first scientist to receive this medal.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following persons became Museum members from April 16 to May 14:

### Associate Members

Julian H. Levi, Frank Billings Nichols

### Annual Members

George Albiez, Dr. Clifford L. Alsin, William D. Bavelaar, David B. Baxt, James P. Baxter, Ray C. Bennigsen, Woodward Burgert, Eugene L. Cohn, Dr. Pauline M. Cooke, William H. Cooke, G. D. Crain, Jr., Mrs. A. W. Cushman, Dr. William L. DeLarye, Peter T. Demos, Robert A. Dwyer, Dr. James B. Flanagan, Nelson Forrest, Charles G. Frank, John M. Frank, Victor E. Gidwitz, Gerson I. Gluck, William Haddow, J. E. Harrington, Rodney D. Harrison, Gerald E. Hendricks, Carl Hirschfeld, Alfred Hochschulz, Arthur M. Holland, William E. Judd, Miss Minnie B. Kaiser, Michael F. Laterza, Paul L. Latham, Dr. Clarence A. Lathrop, Mrs. Nathan Leavitt, M. R. Mackaye, Joseph H. Makler, Frank O. Marks, Sydney R. Marovitz, Samuel A. Marx, Robert B. Mayer, Richard W. McLaren, Dr. Freda Morgan, Robert L. Muckley, John J. O'Toole, S. William Pattis, Harold L. Perlman, Raymond L. Perlman, Robert A. Podesta, James N. Rawleigh, George C. Reeves, W. W. Rice, Kenneth C. Ring, Donald M. Roche, Frank Ryser, Robert L. Sampson, Michael Sappanos, Calvin P. Sawyier, T. H. Schaffer, Mrs. William Sevic, Henry Shapiro, E. John Sierocinski, Dr. Nicholas M. Simmon, George H. Simmons, E. V. Stanley, Miss Sidney A. Steck, A. L. Steele, Marshall E. Strauss, Walter N. Stuckslager, John Temple, William E. Uhlmann, Miss Elizabeth Vanhagen, J. L. Vette, T. A. E. Vyse, D. P. Wells, George H. Willis, John S. Woolman, George W. Yeoman

## Technical Publications

The following technical publications were issued recently by Chicago Natural History Museum:

Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 34, No. 18. *A Colombian Race of Tinamus osgoodi*. By Emmet R. Blake. 4 pages. \$1.15

Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 34, No. 19. *A New Fruit Pigeon from Nepal*. By Austin L. Rand and Robert L. Fleming. 4 pages. \$1.15

Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 34, No. 20. *Mol-*

## VERNAY ANGOLA SAFARI TO BENEFIT MUSEUM

Through the courtesy of Arthur S. Vernay, of New York, for many years a friend and supporter of Chicago Natural History Museum, the institution will share in the collections of the Vernay-Transvaal Museum Expedition to Angola (Portuguese West Africa). This expedition left Pretoria, where the Transvaal Museum is located, in May and is now well under way. Other institutions participating are the British Museum (Natural History) and the Peabody Museum of Harvard University.

The expedition sponsored by Mr. Vernay, while primarily concentrating on the collection of insects, has a wide range of other objectives including reptiles, birds, small mammals, plants, anthropological data on the native tribes, and investigations of past climates in the Huila, Benguela, Malange, and Bie provinces. Personnel of the expedition includes J. Balfour-Browne, entomologist of the British Museum, and the following members of the Transvaal Museum staff: Dr. G. Van Son and C. Koch, entomologists; J. T. Robinson, anthropologist, and his assistant, K. C. Brain, and A. G. White, taxidermist. The expedition will have a full complement of native helpers and will travel in a fleet of motor vehicles.

Mr. Vernay has presented funds and collections of specimens to Chicago Natural History Museum in the past. In 1930 he financed and led the Vernay-Lang Kalahari Expedition. The Trustees of the Museum have honored him by electing him an Honorary Member, a Patron, and a Contributor.

*lusks from Ilha Grande, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*. By Fritz Haas. 8 pages. \$.25

Fieldiana: Botany, Vol. 26, No. 2. *Orchids of Guatemala*. By Oakes Ames and Donovan Stewart Correll. 328 pages. \$4.

Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 34, No. 21. *A New Barbet from French Indo-China*. By Austin L. Rand. 2 pages. \$1.10

Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 35, No. 2. *Placentation of a Primitive Insectivore, Echinosorex Gymnura*. By Waldemar Meister and D. Dwight Davis. 16 pages. \$.75

Fieldiana: Geology, Vol. 11, No. 7. *Early Devonian Fishes from Utah, Part II, Heterostraci*. By Robert H. Denison. 64 pages. \$1.25

Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 34, No. 22. *Marine and Fresh-water Mollusks of the Solomon Islands*. By Alan Solem. 16 pages. \$.25

Fieldiana: Botany, Vol. 28, No. 3. *Contributions to the Flora of Venezuela*. By Julian A. Steyermark and Collaborators. 229 pages. \$4.25

Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 34, No. 24. *Amphibians and Reptiles of Yemen*. By Karl P. Schmidt. 9 pages. \$.15





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