

Big kangaroos not in danger

MELBOURNE (By Mail)—The House of Representatives Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation has reported that some of the larger species of kangaroo is in danger of extinction.

The committee chairman, Mr. R.M.C. Fox, said in introducing the report on November 23 that it was the larger species which were commercially exploited for meat and for skins. "The evidence clearly showed that the development of pastoral and grazing activities and the associated land clearing and provision of water points has led to the greater kangaroo species much greater than existed before settlement and has in fact led to an overall increase in their numbers," he said.

"However, this same development had led to the probable or threatened extinction of many smaller species."

"The committee believes that more of the attention of the well-meaning conservationists should be diverted away from the larger species and concentrated on these smaller species about which to date little public concern has been expressed."

Mr. Fox said the committee accepted that at times and in some places kangaroo numbers did reach unacceptably high numbers and represented an unfair burden to graziers. "It is clear that at certain times culling of excess numbers is required," he added. "If the commercial harvesting of kangaroos were to be halted culling would still be necessary but would have to be carried out at public expense and would also represent the wastage of a resource."

Mr. Fox said the committee, having established that kangaroos were not under immediate threat, naturally wished to make recommendations to ensure they never would be.

"The committee is strongly in favour of increased government control over commercial harvesting activities and would certainly not support the concept of the kangaroo industry determining its needs and carrying out the harvest on its own."

"The committee also recognises the symbolic importance of the kangaroo to wildlife conservation in Australia and also believes that publicity regarding the killing of kangaroos affects the tourism industry adversely."

Members of the committee believed that the public would not accept mere assurances that the kangaroo was not under threat and that clear indications should be given of Australia's

interest in the concern with wildlife matters. It had, therefore, made recommendations regarding the establishment of large kangaroo reserves.

Drug traffic

A four-day regional conference on drug trafficking which was attended by delegates from 13 countries, ended in Canberra on November 22. In a statement issued at the end of the conference, the Minister for Customs and Excise, Mr. D. J. Chipp, said he was delighted at the conference's success.

Mr. Chipp said: "At the invitation of the Australian Government, representatives from Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, the Khmer Republic, Laos, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and the Republic of Vietnam attended the conference. Representatives of Interpol, Papua New Guinea, the United Nations and the United States also attended as official observers."

"The purpose of the conference was to identify positive measures to combat drug trafficking in the South-East Asian region."

The conference followed initiatives taken in the past year by the Australian Government to organise and develop co-ordinating action to stem the flow of drugs through and from the region.

Mr. Chipp personally delighted that this timely initiative has borne fruit in the successful outcome reflected in the communiqué issued today. "The combined understanding of delegates to the Conference of the diversity of problems facing us in the region has made this meeting a very worthwhile experience."

The communiqué said the conference recognised the need for the identification of positive steps which could be taken to contain and reduce the illicit flow of drugs of dependence throughout the South-East Asian region.

Top officials

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Quader Khan, Secretary, S & A, Mr. Tasir Imam, Secretary, Calcutta Division, Dr. Tajul Husain, Director General of Health and Secretary, Health, Mr. Nurul Islam, Secretary, Agricultural Department. Mr. Ahmad Fadzil Rahman and Mr. R.M. Shamsur Rahman were also appointed to two different important posts.



Members of the Mujib Front Karamullah Chowdhury, Nazim Husein and Md. Zakir Shahidullah Chowdhury paying their last homage to their deceased Comrade A. S. Papp. (Observer)

Where are they?

By A Staff Correspondent

The Al-Badar, the collaborator student political wing of the occupation forces in Bangladesh, took into their custody a number of persons mostly young and university lecturers last week by raiding their houses. The Al-Badar students, mostly allied with the extreme rightist political party, Jamaat-e-Islam, a bootlicking political force of the occupation army.

The arrested persons are: Mr. Shohidullah Kaiser, Joint Editor of the Daily Bangladesh, Mr. Karamullah Chowdhury, Bureau Chief of PFI and a correspondent of BBC, Mr. Saeed, Editor of the former Pakistan Observer, Mr. Serehuddin Hossain News Editor of the Ittefaq, Mr. Chohan Mustafa, a Senior Sub editor of Purvadesh, Prof. Moinul Hossain, Head of the Department of Bengali, Dacca University and Prof. Santosh Banerjee of the Dept. of History, Dacca University, Dr. Rabbe, Professor of the Dacca Medical College.

14 freedom fighters drowned

By A Staff Correspondent

Fourteen freedom fighters including a Captain drowned in a boat sinking at a river near Khaganora Ghat in Dacca on Friday morning. They were comrades of Dacca to join their fellow comrades in the city.

Sawkat Ali Chowdhury, the group captain, was a Second Year honours student of the Dacca University and son of Mr. Nurul Absar Chowdhury of Ousepara, Raizua of Chittagong.

DC, SP for all districts appointed

The Radio Bangladesh, Dacca, announced on Friday appointments of Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police in all 12 districts of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh

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Awami League chief Sheikh Mujibur Rahman engaged in a prolonged talk for a solution of what he called constitutional issue and to that time reinforced the Pakistan Force in the Bangladesh.

The Ministry took a new turn from that date. The brutal force of the Pakistan Government came with a heavy hand and killed hundreds of people in Dacca when they brought out processions protesting curfew on the following day. The Dacca City was in fury. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman calmed down the people and addressed the people twice in a week. In his last historic speech at the Race Course Maidan on March 7, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman gave a war for liberation of their motherland from the yoke of West Pakistan.

Shamsul Alam of Dhaka, who was in the FAF and went away to fight for liberation is back home with a Bangladesh Helicopter on Friday. He took part in the air raid on the enemy garrison in Dacca.

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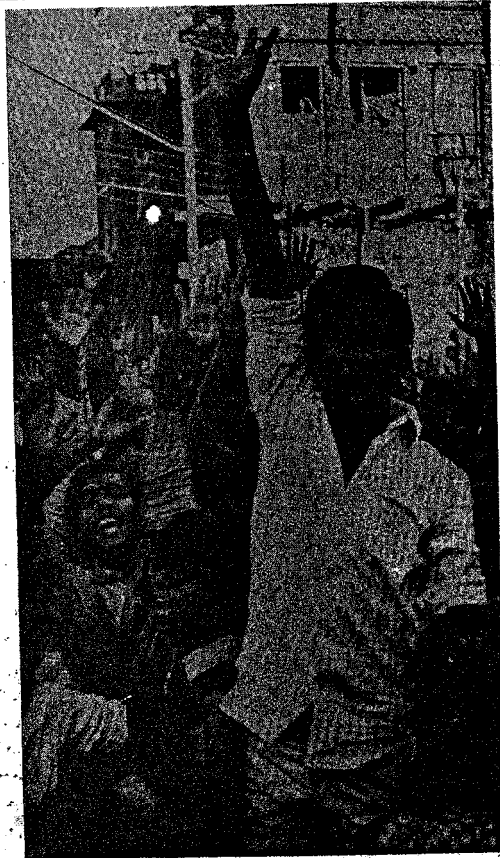


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