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NEW WATERFOWL VOLUME LAUNCHED IN THREE-NATION CEREMONY

Representatives of three nations met in Washington, D. C., yesterday to launch a book entitled Waterfowl Tomorrow, considered to be one of the most comprehensive popular works ever written on the migratory waterfowl resources of North America.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall was joined by Ambassador Antonio Carrillo Flores of Mexico and Ambassador Charles S. A. Ritchie of Canada in a ceremony at the Department of the Interior Building to announce publication of the book.

Secretary Udall hailed Waterfowl Tomorrow as a "milestone in international cooperation for the management and preservation of a great heritage--a heritage which nature destined the nations of our Continent to share."

The book is sponsored by the Department of the Interior and was written by 103 wildlife experts from the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"The survival of our migratory waterfowl depends on the people of our three countries," Secretary Udall said. "This book will give us all a better insight into the problems that beset this important resource, and it will tell us better how we can solve these problems."

Udall praised the cooperation of 42 public and private conservation agencies in the three countries for their combined efforts in making the book possible.

"Many people in our three countries are actively concerned with the welfare of migratory waterfowl," Secretary Udall said. "These include not only those who enjoy waterfowl hunting, but also the many millions who find enjoyment and inspiration in watching an overflight of ducks and geese.

"Now, the best of our knowledge about migratory waterfowl, from all three of our nations, has been combined in a truly significant conservation work," the Secretary added. "I hope that everyone who is concerned with this resource will familiarize himself with the contents of this book."

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Waterfowl Tomorrow traces the effects of man on migratory waterfowl since days of earliest European exploration on the North American Continent to the present time, and it suggests programs to assure survival of the resource.

The 785-page hard cover book acquaints the reader with the many species of waterfowl and their variation of habitat needs. It describes management procedures and the basis for these conservation measures. The final three chapters are an appraisal of the future of waterfowl by top administrators representing Canada, the United States and Mexico.

In his foreword, Secretary Udall describes Waterfowl Tomorrow as "a manifest of the ceaseless work for the perpetuation and wise use of North America's magnificent migratory bird resources--resources that Canada, the United States and Mexico must share and manage for the benefit of mankind. It is both encouraging and gratifying that officials and citizens of the three countries have combined efforts to make possible the writing of this volume."

Waterfowl Tomorrow is illustrated with 194 photographs and more than 80 drawings by the noted wildlife artist, Bob Hines. The book is available for sale through the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., and from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, for \$4.00 per copy.

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