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RFF EXTENDS PROJECT SUPPORT

The one year investigation of park systems planning as an international service ended on 31 January 1964. Although the study phases of the work went smoothly the interest in active park planning projects exceeded expectations and caused a more extensive schedule of country visits, and pilot project initiation prevented the completion of a thorough-going report on the project before the budget expired.

The situation was put to the officers of Resources for the Future, Inc., the institution which funded the park systems planning investigation. A supplemental grant of \$2,650 was made to the International Commission on National Parks so that the text of a publication concerning park systems planning in an international context could be completed and arrangements made for financing the park systems planning program for the three year period authorized by IUCN at the Eighth General Assembly.

LATIN AMERICAN PARK COMMITTEE LAUNCHED AT QUITO

The First World Conference on National Parks recommended (#26) "the formation of a Latin American Committee" to work with IUCN and other international bodies in seeking more active implementation of the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere (Washington, D.C., 1940). A symposium on Latin American Conservation with Special Reference to the Galapagos Islands, which concluded a California Academy of Science scientific expedition to the Islands, was seized upon as an opportune time to formally set the Committee in motion.

Park administrators, scientists, and friends of parks and wildlife from Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, and Venezuela met on 3 and 4 March in Guayaquil, Ecuador and then journeyed to Quito on 5th March to ratify a constitution and by-laws and initiate action on a limited number of highly important issues.

Dr. F. Carlos Lehmann, ICNP member (Colombia) acted as temporary chairman and Dr. Maria Buchinger (Argentina) acted as temporary secretary. Harold J. Coolidge (USA) was elected honorary president in recognition of his untiring efforts for conservation in Latin America.

Gordon Fredline, chief of the International Division of the U.S. National Park Service carried the warm best wishes of U.S. Secretary of the Interior Stuart L. Udall.

IBP SPONSORS PACIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Convenor for Conservation of the International Biological Program, E. M. Nicholson (UK) toured Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica and Mexico to gain first hand knowledge about current conservation problems along the Pacific coast of the western hemisphere. Dr. Gerardo Budowski, a member of the Park Systems Planning Advisory Committee (Costa Rica) arranged for a series of papers touching on a variety of national and topical problems representative of the region. The papers were presented at a symposium graciously hosted by the Government of Mexico at Mexico City and Acapulco, 20 - 25 February. Papers and statements concerning need, methodology of selection, and administration of natural reserves in Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, and Mexico were presented and discussed.

LLOYD BROOKS IN TURKEY

Park Planner Lloyd Brooks (Canada) arrived in Turkey to begin work on Uludag National Park. He reports: "The upper country is fabulous, compares with anything in the Rockies and has immense potential . . ." The first preliminary plan is due for review by April 20 and the final plan for review by May 1 and a May 12 final deadline.

The Turkish Forest Service has provided him with office space, a forester-administrator-interpretor (Mr. A. Naçat Gulgun), a draftsman, and a clerk plus providing for his living expenses while in Turkey.

Mr. Brooks was greeted with a luncheon, governor's conference, and tour of Belgrade Forest. He had a chance to show slides of Canadian National Parks to the Forestry Faculty of Istanbul University and plug for inclusion of park planning in the curriculum.