

3 Bird Species Believed Extinct Are Discovered

WASHINGTON, March 17 (UPI) — Three exotic species of birds formerly believed to be extinct have been rediscovered in small numbers by bird watchers. They have been placed on the Department of the Interior's list of rare and endangered species, Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel announced yesterday.

He announced also that the grizzly bear was no longer faced with extinction and had been removed from the list.

Hickel said the American peregrine falcon had been placed on the jeopardized list because of declining numbers. Pesticides were suspected as the chief reason for their decline.

The three species rediscovered are the Molokai creeper, found on the Molokai island in Hawaii; the Maui nukupuu found on the Maui island in Hawaii and the Puerto Rican plain pigeon.

A department spokesman said the birds were seen by several bird spotters.

The spokesman said the rare peregrine falcon was commonly found in North and South America. However, concern was raised because nesting pairs have been severely depleted in the eastern part of the country.

Hickel said the grizzly population in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado had remained stable at about 800 animals in recent years. New state laws and federal national parks and wilderness area sanctuaries have protected the bear.

The number of rare and endangered species has increased considerably since the department first published its list in 1966. At that time the list contained 78 species. Now it contains 89 — 14 mammals, 40 birds, eight reptiles and amphibians and 21 fish.

Newspaper Strike Settled in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 17 (UPI) — The Memphis chapter of the American Newspaper Guild voted 175 to 36 yesterday to accept a contract agreement with the Memphis Publishing Co., which publishes the Commercial Appeal and the Memphis Press-Scimitar.

Guild president Cliff Huffman said the two-year contract, coming after a nine-day strike, would provide a \$20 general increase over the two years. The top minimum wage scale for reporters would rise from \$180 to \$205 after five years' experience, effective Dec. 11, 1969.

The publishing company and Guild agreed in addition to drop all legal proceedings before any court or government agency, including a \$264,000 suit filed by the company against the Guild Thursday. Huffman said the Guild had dropped several grievance procedures against the company.

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~~2) *W. L. Brown* *Redstart*~~

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