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Sounding a note of almost religious fervor, Under Secretary of State James Buckley welcomed the delegates to the US Strategy Conference on Biological Diversity, November 16 through 18, 1981, in Washington, DC. Extinction is "an act of awesome finality," Buckley said. "Man cannot restore a species. He can only exterminate."

The message that came through in almost every session of the three-day conference was the need in the United States for a national conservation strategy. Over and over, the delegates heard a call for all resource management agencies to examine their policies for attention to biological diversity—to assure that the living resources of the nation are preserved for research and for use in industrial and agricultural processes. Whether the subject was the filling-out of gaps and the maintenance of genetic banks; whether it was the establishment of a global communications system that would link researchers, breeders and users; whether it was the weather connection between Brazil's forests and the production of Kansas wheat—the recommendation that came through again and again was the need for a US policy that would promote maintenance of genetic resources domestically and in all international dealings.

Buckley decried the "accelerating impoverishment of global genetic diversity" and the resulting damage to the safety net these resources represent for all life on Earth. These are resources that "we are still too ignorant to understand" and they represent "books yet to be deciphered and read," Buckley told the delegates.

Final recommendations emerged on the 3d day from five working groups: terrestrial plant species, terrestrial animal species, aquatic species, microbial resources, and ecosystems maintenance. Conference Proceedings will be available free of charge after mid-February by writing Bill Long, Director, Office of Food and Natural Resources, Bureau of Oceans, International Environment and Science, Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20520.

In the interest of follow-up, The George Wright Society will sponsor a strategy conference on natural and cultural resource preservation in November 1982 in Washington, DC. The conference will be a working one with invited papers and discussions centering on how to build broad effective programs through policy and procedural structures that invite and use the widest possible government and private participation.

In conjunction with the strategy conference in November 1982 there will be a meeting of the membership of The George Wright Society for the purpose of holding the triennial election of officers and conducting other Society business. More news here in the Winter 1982 FORUM.

IRS and Us: Advance ruling has been issued (19 November 1981) by the IRS Detroit District Office granting the Society a tax exempt, tax deductible status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Reprints of the Report to Secretary of the Interior James G. Watt, as noted on page 9, are being made available at cost to members and nonmembers as a part of the Society's resource research and education

rôle. 500 copies are available and a reprinting can be made if demand exists.

A meeting of the DC Chapter of the Society was hosted by the National Parks & Conservation Assoc. at their HQ on 8 December, where the film "Land of Lost Borders: The Chihuahuan Desert, Park I" was viewed and election of Chapter officers was held. Elected were: Ro Wauer, President; Destry Jarvis, Vice President; Clay Peters, Secretary; Diane Gelburd, Treasurer. Chapter by-laws and programs will be developed soon, and Program and Membership committees will be formed.

Fred Mallery Packard, 1914-1981, retired International Specialist with the US NPS, died 5 December of a heart attack at home in Fairfax, VA. Fred was born in Rutherford, NJ, re-

ceived a BS in ornithology from Harvard, conducted research on bighorn in Rocky Mountain NP, served in the Navy in WW-2. He became Executive Secretary of the National Parks Association after WW-2, joined BLM as a wildlife management specialist in 1962, and transferred to the NPS in 1964 where he became internationally known for his exemplary work in international park affairs. He compiled the first UN List of National Parks and Equivalent Reserves (within the UN member states), was very active in the work of IUCN and negotiated a cooperative agreement between Japan and the US on park matters. He advised the governments of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda on parks and exhibits. Fred retired in 1978, but remained active until his death. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and a daughter Jean. □

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