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Thanks to Edwyn E. Mason of Hobart, New York, 13788, Assemblyman of the 113th District, encompassing Delaware, Schoharie and Sullivan counties, New York now has an effective law protecting rare and endangered wildlife species. Specifically such rarities as the leopard, vicuna, alligator, condors, and others are strongly protected by confiscation and fines for possession and sale in any form as coats, handbags, pelts, etc. A citizen must prove possession prior to certain dates to avoid fine and confiscation. The importance of New York's action is apparent when one realizes that the State contains the leading importers and processors of such animal products so much as to close a large percentage of the heretofore legal trade. Governor Rockefeller is to be commended for signing the bill into law and Arthur Godfrey for using his not inconsiderable influence to persuade the Governor of its importance.

Regretfully we must accept the resignation of Edward Somers as Treasurer of the Federation since he has assumed a new position with the State Legislature which prevents his performing the duties efficiently or quickly. James Karp, 460 South Main Street, North Syracuse, New York, 13212, has graciously accepted appointment to the office of Treasurer to fill out the remainder of Mr. Somer's term. Robert Arbib has agreed to be chairman of the Research and Publication Committee.

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