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the Nguru area, where the species is known to occur in some numbers. The specimen has since thrived well in captivity at Zaria.

C.H.Fry

### R. E Q U E S T

Swift Specimens Wanted As part of a comprehensive study of the Apodidae, skeletal material of most African swifts, particularly Chaetura species, is badly needed. Specimens need only be eviscerated and dried in the sun or under a lamp; removal of the breast muscles speeds the drying process. Birds found dead under nesting colonies can be used. Will provide exchange material if desired. Contact : Dr Charles T. Collins, Dept. of Ornithology, American Museum of Natural History, New York, N.Y. U.S.A.

### N O T I C E S

Proposed Expedition to the Cameroons. Regrettably, this expedition (Bull. Niger. Orn. Soc. 3 (10) : 49) had to be postponed indefinitely owing to the political climate at the time. It is possible that an attempt will be made to mount the expedition over the Christmas 1967 period.

Lake Chad Ornithological Expedition, 1967. Preliminary notice of this important expedition was given on p. 76. An advanced stage of planning has now been reached; the Council of the British Ornithologists' Union has voted £650 to the expedition, and J.H. Elgood and P. Ward are likely to participate, the former for the period in which the expedition will be in the field, i.e. about 20th March for four weeks, and the latter for a period of preliminary work in early March. In addition J.C. Deeming of the Inst. of Agricultural Research, Samaru, and G. Jackson of Ahmadu Bello University, will be in the field at Mallam'fatori for short periods in April to advise on entomological and botanical aspects respectively. A repeat of the closing paragraph of the first Chad notice.....the more experienced field ornithologists resident in Nigeria who could participate for a longer or shorter period at Mallam'fatori, the better. Would anyone interested please contact C.H.Fry.

\*(p.100) Mirafra buckleyi is the only West African lark with a (presumably) mechanical song; which may be rendered "prrrp-prrrp-prrrrrrr". It is given in Ebbutt et al. (1964, Bull. Niger. Orn. Soc. 1 (3) : 13) as frequent on the Jos Plateau. -Ed.