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PHOTOS of the Release of West Coast Ducks Available
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BIOLOGICAL SURVEY JOINS NATION IN CELEBRATING WILDLIFE WEEK

About 2,300 regular and part-time workers of the Bureau of Biological Survey will actively participate in the observance of National Wildlife Restoration Week, March 17 to 23, the Bureau reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today. During the week open house will be held on many of the 266 national wildlife refuges administered by the Biological Survey, and many Bureau workers throughout the country already have been scheduled to speak on local radio programs and at city, county, and State celebrations.

The approach of National Wildlife Restoration Week was heralded recently when the Biological Survey sent 11 wild mallard ducks by commercial airliner from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., and released the ducks at Roaches Run, near the Nation's capital. This was the first time that wildfowl had ever been flown across the continent in an airplane and released some 3,000 miles from their regular flight lanes.

The event was a specially timed experiment to find out if possible whether ducks from one of the four major flyways of the continent would adopt another

flyway or return to that of their ancestors. The ducks carried numbered bands with the words "Notify Biological Survey."

Secretary Ickes will begin Wildlife Week activities in Washington on Monday, March 18, when he will deliver the address of welcome to some 1,100 wildlife conservationists from all parts of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, who will convene for the 3-day session of the Fifth North American Wildlife Conference. Other speakers on the opening program will be Hoyes Lloyd, superintendent of wildlife protection of the National Parks of Canada, and Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, chief of the Biological Survey. Dr. Gabrielson will also speak at noon on Monday to the nation-wide audience of the National Farm and Home Hour.

Survey workers will appear on both the general and technical sessions of the wildlife conference. Chairman of the technical sessions is Dr. J. E. Shillinger, of the Biological Survey's Division of Wildlife Research.

More than 25 nationally known wildlife conservationists are scheduled to speak before the general session. Among the speakers at the opening session will be Congressman Karl E. Mundt, of South Dakota; Carl D. Shoemaker, secretary of the National Wildlife Federation; and Albert M. Day, of the Biological Survey.

Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada, will preside at the general session on Tuesday, March 19. Speakers will be Charles H. Taylor, assistant director of the C.C.C., and Charles E. Jackson, acting commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries. A panel discussion will be held on the question "Is the Farmer-Sportsmen Council the Answer?"

Members of this panel will be John Chalk, president of the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners; Dr. D. Irvin Rasmussen, leader of the Utah Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit; Frank C. Edminster, of the Soil Conservation Service; L. J. Taber, master of the National Grange; Colin Reed, of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's clubs; Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Association; Arnold Nicholson, associate editor of Country Gentleman; and Paul Miller, of the Biological Survey.

On Wednesday, March 20, Congressman A. Willis Robertson, of Virginia, will preside at a panel discussion on "How Can We Better Sell Wildlife to the People?"

Serving on the panel will be Dr. Frank Thone, science editor of Science Service; Mrs. Fay Huttenlocher, of the National Council of State Garden Clubs; C. A. Paquin, of the Michigan Conservation Department; John Mock, president of the Outdoor Writers' Association; Bob Edge, outdoor commentator of the Columbia Broadcasting Company; H. W. Hochbaum, of the Department of Agriculture Extension Service; John Baker, executive director of the National Association of Audubon Societies; and a representative from the U. S. Office of Education.