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## Movements on the Federal Front

by Jerry Jennings

Tremors are being felt from Washington as the sluggish machinery of the USDI begins to grind out the final version of the "Injurious Wildlife Proposal". An unofficial, tentative list of "low risk" birds has been obtained by the pet industry as a result of the Ad Hoc Committee negotiations between the USDI and PIJAC\*. Though the list is a step forward from the original proposal's list of four birds, it is still more noteworthy for what it restricts than what it allows.

The following species will be allowed importation into the U.S. without permit:

### Family PHASIANIDAE

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <i>Colinus virginianus</i>                        | Bobwhite Quail             |
| <i>Alectoris graeca</i> (incl. <i>A. chukar</i> ) | Chukar Partridge           |
| <i>Perdix perdix</i>                              | Hungarian (Gray) Partridge |
| <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>                        | Ring-necked Pheasant       |

### Family COLUMBIDAE

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| <i>Columba livia</i> | Rock Dove |
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### Family TIMALIIDAE

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| <i>Leiothrix argentauris</i> | Silver-eared Mesia           |
| <i>Leiothrix lutea</i>       | Pekin Robin                  |
| <i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>  | White-headed Laughing Thrush |

### Family ESTRILDIDAE

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| <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>    | Fire Finch                   |
| <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>   | Blue-billed Fire Finch       |
| <i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i> | Jameson's Fire Finch         |
| <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>   | Blue-breasted Cordon Bleu    |
| <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>     | Cordon Bleu                  |
| <i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>    | Lavender Finch               |
| <i>Estrilda melopoda</i>        | Orange-cheeked Waxbill       |
| <i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>     | Red-eared Waxbill            |
| <i>Amandava amandava</i>        | Strawberry Finch             |
| <i>Amandava formosa</i>         | Green Avadavat               |
| <i>Amandava subflava</i>        | Golden-breasted Waxbill      |
| <i>Aegintha temporalis</i>      | Sydney Waxbill               |
| <i>Emblema picta</i>            | Painted Finch                |
| <i>Emblema bella</i>            | Fire-tailed Finch            |
| <i>Emblema oculata</i>          | Red-eared Fire-tailed Finch  |
| <i>Emblema guttata</i>          | Diamond Sparrow              |
| <i>Oreostruthus fuliginosus</i> | Crimson-sided Mountain Finch |
| <i>Neochmia phaethon</i>        | Blood Finch                  |
| <i>Neochmia ruficauda</i>       | Star Finch                   |
| <i>Poephila guttata</i>         | Zebra Finch                  |
| <i>Poephila bichenovii</i>      | Owl Finch                    |
| <i>Poephila personata</i>       | Masked Grassfinch            |
| <i>Poephila acuticauda</i>      | Long-tailed Grassfinch       |
| <i>Poephila cincta</i>          | Parson Finch                 |
| <i>Erythrura hyperythra</i>     | Green-tailed Parrot Finch    |
| <i>Erythrura tricolor</i>       | Tri-colored Parrot Finch     |

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| <i>Erythrura trichroa</i>     | Tri-colored Parrot Finch     |
| <i>Erythrura psittacea</i>    | Red-headed Parrot Finch      |
| <i>Erythrura cyaneovirens</i> | Fiji Red-headed Parrot Finch |
| <i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>      | Gouldian Finch               |
| <i>Aidemosyne modesta</i>     | Cherry (Plum-headed) Finch   |
| <i>Lonchura striata</i>       | Society Finch                |
| <i>Amandina fasciata</i>      | Cut-throat Finch             |

### Family PLOCEIDAE

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| <i>Vidua chalybeata</i>  | Combassou           |
| <i>Vidua funerea</i>     | Black Indigo Bird   |
| <i>Vidua wilsoni</i>     |                     |
| <i>Vidua hypocherina</i> | Resplendent Whydah  |
| <i>Vidua fischeri</i>    | Fischer's Whydah    |
| <i>Vidua macroura</i>    | Pintail Whydah      |
| <i>Vidua regia</i>       | Shaft-tail Whydah   |
| <i>Vidua paradisaea</i>  | Paradise Whydah     |
| <i>Vidua orientalis</i>  | Broad-tailed Whydah |

### Family FRINGILLIDAE

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| <i>Serinus leucopygius</i>   | Grey Singing Finch  |
| <i>Serinus mozambicus</i>    | Green Singing Finch |
| <i>Carduelis magellanica</i> | Hooded Siskin       |
| <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>   | European Goldfinch  |

### Family THRAUPIDAE

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| <i>Buthraupis montana</i> | Hooded Mountain Tanager |
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### Family EMBERIZIDAE

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| <i>Lophospingus pusillus</i>     | Black-crested Finch |
| <i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i> | Pileated Finch      |

Regretably absent from the list are virtually all "soft-billed" birds, i.e., Tanagers, Honeycreepers, Mynahs, etc., and game birds. Despite the number of species of finches included, some of the most colorful as well as common varieties have been excluded. With the exception of the Society Finch the entire genus, *Lonchura*, i.e., Nuns, Mannikins, etc., will be banned. The Twinspots, Weavers, Cuban Finches, and the majority of Waxbills have not been included such that many of the now rare birds will become non-existent in American aviculture.

The new proposal, with possibly some minor changes, will be published in the Federal Register in January. Unlike the initial proposal published over a year ago, it will not undergo a lengthy comment period. Barring court or congressional action, the

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\*NOTE: PIJAC-Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council.

members and aviculturists throughout the country, were promulgated.

Were it not for game bird breeders throughout the world, many of the pheasants on the endangered list surely would by now have reached the point of extinction.

My members have watched, in disbelief, the blunders the government has made the past few years under the guise of conservation. Being mostly quiet, law-abiding citizens who believe that all wrongs automatically will be righted, they have been sorely disappointed.

It is now time for my members and everyone else to stand up and be counted. It is time for us to join together to let the politicians and public be aware of what we have and can accomplish. Our record of propagating endangered species is beyond reproach, and by far excels any program the Department of the Interior has undertaken.

We are not asking to have somebody give us the privilege to keep and breed endangered species — that is a right we have earned, and we want to keep that right.

In joining, I hope my members will help make the A.F.A. stronger, and that its voice in the future will become loud and weighty enough to be heard.

Sincerely, *Kai Juhl*

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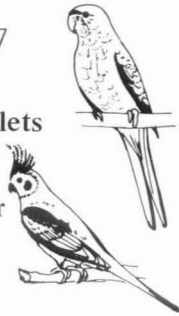
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### DATA BANK FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES NEEDED

Increasing concern for endangered species has led the USDI and several states to regulate the importation and breeding of endangered species of birds. The federal government currently prohibits the interstate shipment and sale of any endangered specie without a federal permit granted to those breeding the animals.

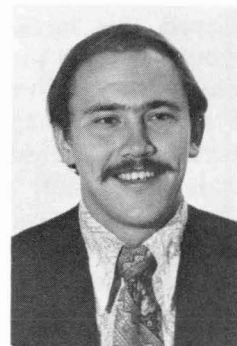
Government officials are unaware of the extent to which aviculturists are breeding the various species of endangered pheasants and Psittacine birds. The State of Illinois has indicated its reluctance to allow private aviculturists to own an endangered species. In order to justify the continued possession of these birds, the A.F.A. is compiling a list of the endangered species kept by breeders, the numbers in captivity, and the number being bred each year. We must demonstrate that there are large numbers in breeders' hands and that these breeders are making a worthwhile contribution to their preservation.

If you have any of the endangered pheasants, quail, or Psittacine birds, please send this information to Mr. Kai Juhl, 1704 Pickwick Lane, Glenview, Illinois 60025. Names and addresses of respondents will be kept confidential. ■

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Injurious Wildlife Regulations will become law, bringing an end to the availability of most non-Psittacine birds in the United States.

Psittacine birds are not covered by the Lacey Act under which the Injurious Wildlife Regulations were drafted. They fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Please send your comments on expanding the tentative list in writing, to PIJAC, which will take legal action supported by A.F.A.

As soon as the list is officially published by the USDI the A.F.A. will notify you requesting your letter be sent to your Congressmen. ■