



DR. HALL SEELY is pictured here with "The Commissioner's Tiger," a 10-foot, two-inch male he bagged during a hunting safari in India this spring. Shown with the Roseburg sportsman hunter are the headman of the village which supplied the beaters for the hunt, on Dr. Seely's left; the head huntsman, on the doctor's right; and the head mahout, or elephant trainer, on the far right.

Roseburg Physician Bags Big Tiger On India Safari

Bagging "The Commissioner's Tiger," a 10-foot, two-inch male, was the high point of a two-continent hunting safari this spring for Roseburg physician Dr. Hall Seely.

In addition to bagging the Commissioner's Tiger, a prize specimen, Dr. Seely added a tigress and a leopard to his impressive two-week hunt in India.

Although not as prized a trophy as the huge male tiger which provided the high point of the two-continent safari, the leopard, too, is a highly-impressive jungle beast. Famed sportsman hunter Jim Corbett, author of several books on hunting tigers and leopards in India, says of the leopard: "Our leopards are the most beautiful and the most graceful of all the animals in our (India's) jungles, and when cornered or wounded, are second to none in courage."

Considered Prize
The Commissioner's Tiger was regarded as a prize not only by the Roseburg hunter, but by his Indian guides as well. The animal, although not a man-eater, had gained such prominence in the domain he traveled that the commissioner (high governmental official for the region) had taken particular note of him, hence the name, Commissioner's Tiger.

And the twist of fate which brought this trophy into the sights of Dr. Seely's 375 Winchester Magnum came in the form of jungle romance. The Commissioner's Tiger, a large male, spent most of his time in the hunting block adjacent to the one being hunted by Dr. Seely. In India, the hunting areas are divided into blocks, 50 miles square, and hunters must remain within the blocks in which they are licensed.

The Commissioner's Tiger crossed over into Dr. Seely's block one afternoon in answer to the mating calls of a female in that area. After he was spotted, the strip of jungle which concealed both the male and his mate was circled and the hunt was begun.

Hunt Party Arranged
The hunting party, arranged by Indian Shikar Tours, included five hunting elephants. Dr. Seely and his guide, Prince Giri Raj Singh, were stationed on a machan (shooting platform) built in a tree at the open end of the circle.

The elephants and beaters (natives armed with sticks, pans and other devices to make noise) began to close the circle to drive the tigers into the lone opening. As the tigers made attempts to head for other exits from the jungle, they were driven back by native "stops" (men who climb trees at

the jungle's edge and shout at the tigers to keep them in the circle). The stops shout out "below, below" when they see the tiger coming toward them. This does not mean the tiger is below them. "Below" is the native word for shoot.

When the peacock rose from its nesting place, Giri Raj Singh knew the tigers were near, because the peacock is the last jungle animal to flee from the path of an oncoming tiger.

Tigress Shows Defiance
The Commissioner's Tiger's mate showed her defiance after her mate had been killed by ripping and snarling at the tree beneath the machan. She was, however, hidden from view by the dense undergrowth. She also made snarling passes at one of the elephants before being driven off by the beaters.

The success of Dr. Seely's hunt in India can best be understood by examining the terms of the contract offered by the Indian Shikar Tours. For the fee set prior to the hunt, they guarantee to show the hunter at least one tiger within shooting range. The degree of success enjoyed beyond that point is up to the hunter.

Dr. Seely bagged his first tiger, a nine-foot female, on the fourth day of his hunt. This one presented an easier shot, as she came walking through the clearing rather than bursting through in a rush for freedom as the Commissioner's Tiger did on the eighth day of the hunt.



GREATER KUDU, sporting a 54-inch horn, was bagged by Dr. Seely during the African portion of his two-continent safari. This was one of several prize specimens the Roseburg hunter bagged on the safari which started in the foothills of the Himalayas in India and ended up on the plains of Africa.

DRIVES TOO SLOW

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Veteran actor Richard Arlen, 62, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of drunken driving for traveling 25 to 30 miles an hour on the 65 m.p.h. Hollywood Freeway.

FIERY SUNSET

LATHAM, N.Y. (UPI) — Firefighters late Tuesday responded to what early reports indicated was a big fire in this Albany suburb.

The blaze, however, turned out to be a couple of burning boxes at the rear of a building plus what one official called "a beautiful sunset."

KEEPS ROLLING ALONG

KEOKUK, Iowa (UPI) — Ever wonder how much water went over the dam?

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Russians Reveal Plans For More Space Probes

WARSAW (UPI) — Soviet plans to launch an unspecified number of space probes this year—after a 10-month break in manned space flights—were announced Tuesday to an East-West space meeting here.

Prof. Anatoly Blagonravov, head

of the department of technical sciences at the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences and a space rocket expert, made the announcement but gave no exact dates or details.

He was reporting to the International Committee for Outer

Space Research (COSPAR). Dr. Richard Porter, chief of the U.S. delegation, also reported on American space plans.

Western observers said Blagonravov's report, although vaguely worded, was the most specific disclosure made by the Soviets

thus far on their space plans for 1963.

They have announced no manned flights since the double flight last August of Andrian Nikolayev and Pavel Popovich, who completed 64 and 48 orbits respectively.

Blagonravov told the COSPAR delegates that the manned space shots during 1963 would be supplemented by two unmanned shots toward Venus and Mars and more launchings of small space satellites.

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