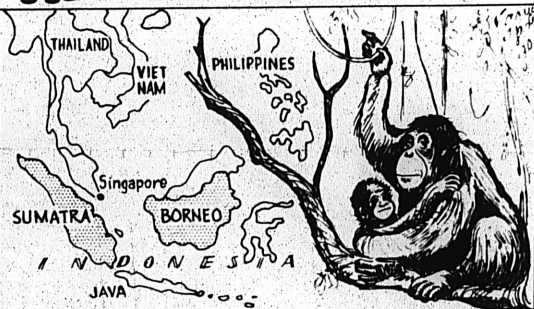


Hard to Believe...



THE ORANGUTAN MAY BE THE MOST NEAR-HUMAN MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. ONCE NUMBERING OVER $\frac{1}{2}$ MILLION, NOW THIS LEGENDARY "WILD MAN OF BORNEO" IS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION. PERHAPS NO MORE THAN 5,000 EXIST TODAY, THEIR HOME BEING THE RAIN FORESTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THESE FASCINATING ANIMALS LIVE IN TREES AND ARE NOT AT HOME ON THE GROUND. MAKING A TREE SWAY TO REACH THE NEXT ONE IS STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR THESE PRIMATES. THEY HAVE EXTRAORDINARILY LONG ARMS -- A $4\frac{1}{2}$ FOOT TALL MALE WILL HAVE AN ARMSPREAD OF $7\frac{1}{2}$ FEET!



TO HELP SAVE THE SPECIES, REHABILITATION CENTERS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN SUMATRA FOR TAMED ORANGS WHO CAN'T SURVIVE IN THE WILD. THE YOUNG APES UNDERGO "SURVIVAL" TRAINING, INCLUDING HOW TO CLIMB AND LIVE IN TREES, FIND FOOD, ETC., BEFORE BEING RETURNED TO THE WILD.

CAN THE ORANGUTAN SURVIVE? THIS QUESTION WILL BE CLOSELY EXAMINED ON A TELEVISION SPECIAL, "ORANGUTANS: ORPHANS OF THE WILD," TO BE AIRED NATIONWIDE ON APRIL 28.

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