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Johnny Come Latelies

A variety of animals has come upon the St. Louis Zoo scene in recent months, and we feel they should be on your agenda for a spring day's visit. Some are first-timers at the Zoo; all are important additions to the Zoo's collection.

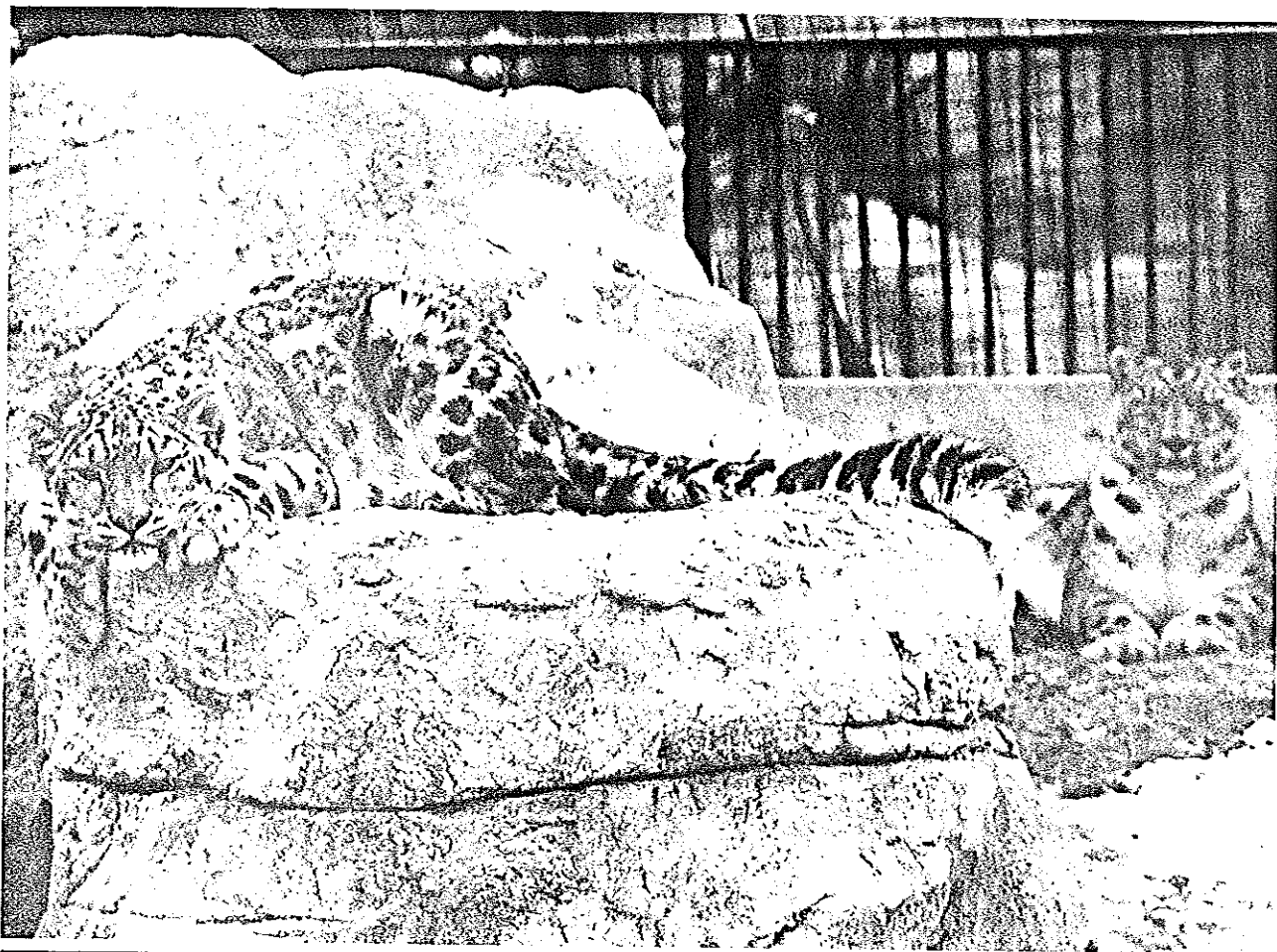


Photo by Al Hillman

Oki-Dok With Linka

Oki-Dok with Linka, not necessarily a statement about a snow leopard's frame of mind, though hopefully that is the case. Rather it marks the introduction of the St. Louis Zoo's male snow leopard, "Oki-Dok," to a beautiful young female named "Linka," on breeding loan from the San Antonio Zoo.

Oki-Dok, born at the Oklahoma City Zoo in 1967, arrived at the St. Louis Zoo in 1968. When the old Lion House was to be torn down in 1974 and big cat housing

at the Zoo was limited, Oki-Dok was sent to the Lincoln Park Zoo on breeding loan. Now he has returned to a tented yard at Big Cat Country and a mate.

Because Big Cat Country is his first outdoor facility, he was almost as intrigued with grass underfoot as he was with meeting Linka.

The Zoo hopes for offspring in the future, since this very endangered cat has never been plentiful in the harsh living conditions of central Asia.