The petition urged that iron shot be substituted for lead shot and the official commitment be made by a notice of proposed rule making in the Federal Register. This would place manufacturers and users of lead shot on notice. The petition also provides for public notice of the change and an opportunity for public expression of views and comments.

The joint HSUS-National Parks petition was filed under the authority of the Administrative Procedure Act which, among other things, requires federal agencies to allow interested parties to petition for issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule in the Code of Federal Regulations.

1973 HSUS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

We hope that regional offices will do everything possible to promote attendance at this year's annual Conference. As you know, it will be held on October 19-21 in Atlanta, Georgia and its theme will be "Of Men, Animals, and Morals".

It may help you to know that Ashley Montagu will probably be the keynote speaker. He is an anthropologist and an able, challenging, and dignified speaker. He is also somewhat of a television personality in that he appears fairly frequently on network talk shows.

Also, a tea with Amanda Blake is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on October 18 and a film and lecture by Roger Tory Peterson for 8:00 p.m. that same day. We are hopeful that many people will be interested in this kind of activity and in meeting such well known personalities.

Help promote attendance by talking about the Conference in all of your contacts. Further, make sure that all letters written by your staff to humanitarians contains an invitation for the addressee to attend.

THE ANTI-RODEO CAMPAIGN

Latest development in the anti-rodeo campaign is the introduction of two bills in the Colorado Legislature relating to cattle roping exhibitions and performances involving the roping and busting of animals. HSUS has advertised for the bills and against certain rodeo events in the Denver Post and the ads have begun to draw considerable support for our position. Since we are attacking rodeo in the heart of rodeo country, we are much encouraged by the response.

To help this effort and, in general, our crusade against cruel rodeo events nationwide, we have developed a "Special Report On Rodeo" which will be sent to people making inquiry. This report was taken from the excellent and authoritative study made by Bob Bay and his associates, so you can depend upon its accuracy. A preliminary copy of the report is enclosed and, after you review it, please send us an order for the number of copies you think you can use.

John Hoyt is testifying on the Colorado bills on April 30 before the State Affairs Committee of the Colorado Senate. We are enclosing a copy of John's testimony for regional offices only since we don't have enough copies to go around at this particular time.