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ROCK APES:

There are many stories connected with the history of the Rock Apes of Gibraltar, which have caused quite a popular superstition that when the apes leave the Rock the British rule will end. Be that as it may, they are now officially cared for by an R.A. Captain Pratley who has taken the job on, in addition to his normal duties. He is officially known as "O.I.C. Rock Apes", and compiles regular reports on their progress. Two additions have been born recently, and due mainly to Capt. Pratley's care are both doing well. The names of the apes, most of which by a fortunate circumstance appear in the picture, are as follows :-

(Ladies first in seniority) VENUS, PHYLLIS, HAPPY, ROSALIE, MARIANNE and BESS. Gents :- ADONIS, PETE, ANTONIO (ex CLEO), PAT, ADOLF and SAM. (Sam is the small one always squealing). Antonio was formerly known as Cleopatra, but certain things have happened since which now definitely establish his sex as male.

H.E. the Governor, Lord Gort, with his usual thoroughness, also takes a keen interest in their welfare and paid them a special visit when we had managed to get them together for this picture, the first ever taken. Lord Gort was accompanied by the new War Minister for the M.E. who was passing through Gibraltar at the time and appears in the picture at the end. The mothers with their new babies are HAPPY and ROSALIE, the babies being born on 24/5/41 and 24/6/41 respectively. It would appear that as the apes are multiplying it augers well for the future of British rule.

Suggest open commentary with "These are not Italian prisoners, but probably the oldest inhabitants of the Rock - any likeness to Italians should therefore be ignored."
