

'The Bellingshausen-Amundsen Sea Venture' Expedition Receives Gear at New Zealand

Islanders Provide Friendly Welcome For Polar Party

(Editor's note: Following is the second installment of Herb Grey's impressions of an Antarctica expedition on which he was an observer. Today's article relates some of his experiences in New Zealand, where the icebreaker, USS Glacier, on which he was a passenger, was in dry dock.)

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Our next six-hour hop took us to the shores of New Zealand, the sweeping Canterbury plain surrounded by the Hills of Cashmere, and down to a smooth landing at Christchurch's fine international airport. Here is the headquarters of the U. S. Naval Support Force, Antarctica.

Here we were met by Captain McDonald, his staff, customs officials and an official with an ominous looking flit-gun with which he vigorously sprayed the interior of our plane before we disembarked.

After a warm welcome, Colonel Nichols and I were whisked away by Captain McDonald to quaint and hospitable Warner hotel on Cathedral square where we quickly learned that New Zealanders are friendly people and their scotch whiskey is only 67 proof.

Largest City

Christchurch, the largest city on the South Island, has much of the charm of Victoria, Montreal and Quebec, with winding Avon river flowing gently through the lush Oxford Terrace and Cambridge Terrace lawns past the old Provincial Council chambers and Canterbury University college.

I was awakened at 7 a.m. in my hotel room by an attractive young lady bearing a pot of tea and thin slices of bread. This hospitable gesture seems to be common practice throughout New Zealand. I can highly recommend it to the U.S. Navy, especially for the "plan of the day" on an icebreaker.

At Christchurch, we were outfitted at Navy headquarters for landing on Antarctica ice, an indication to us that Captain McDonald and his staff would reach either the coast of the Bellingshausen sea or the Amundsen sea.

In the January 29 issue of "The Press," one of Christ-

church's leading newspapers, appeared these headlines:

"DRAKE'S LOST ISLAND 1960 SEARCH BY SCIENTISTS"

The story which sent many of us scurrying to our history reference books followed: "Oceanographers aboard the United States Navy icebreakers Glacier and Burton Island will, during the



OFFICIAL GREETERS—The official "greeters committee" of Antarctica prepares to meet participants of Operation Deep Freeze 1960 when they enter the Bellingshausen sea aboard the icebreakers, USS Glacier and USS Burton Island. These birds of distinction, penguins, are the aristocrats of the bird world, and stand in a class by themselves as one of the four great super-orders of birds. There are numerous varieties of penguins throughout Antarctic and the South Pacific area.

(Official Navy Photo)

ships attempt to breach the ice-locked Bellingshausen sea and reach the coast, make a careful search for the Pictolus bank.

"The submerged bank was first reported in 1885 by Captain W. D. Burnham, of the Pictolus; it has been reported several times since in its charted position; but its existence has also been denied. "Some writers have

claimed that the bank to the south-west and off the west coast of Chile not only exists as charted, but is all that remains of an island at which Sir Francis Drake watered his ship and gathered berries during his circumnavigation of the world in the late 1570's. "Drake's chaplain, Fletcher, described the island as being 'wonderful plenty of the small berry with us named currants,' and it had a fresh water pond with plenty of wood and verdure.

"Some scientists claim that the remains of the island may well be a submerged bank in the temperate sea, worn down by wave action and ground at by stranded icebergs which are gradually wearing away even that residue. Drake's lost island could be rediscovered in 1960."

Our own ship was later to become involved with two rescues and no report of finding Sir Francis Drake's lost island came from the other U.S. icebreaker, Burton Island, which cruised northward along the coast of Chile after we had completed our Bellingshausen sea mission. Apparently Sir Francis Drake's island is still lost.

Arriving at Airport Loading our gear in a big R5D3 Skymaster, with the RTV riding our port wing, our party with Captain McDonald left for Wellington where the USS Glacier, America's largest and most powerful icebreaker, was in dry dock while new propellers were installed.

Arriving at the new Wellington airport, one of the first men I met was Comdr. Arthur Beaumont, a charming

that's around the world with fleets and from Pole to Pole. Beaumont paints the ships and the men who make history in peace and war. Many historic events have been portrayed through the years by the facile brush and pencil of this famous artist. This time he would capture with water colors and sketch pad the mysterious Bellingshausen sea and the area near the Thurston peninsula.

It was fortunate for me that we became cabin mates on the Glacier and soon later close friends. His education in art stemmed from famous teachers in America, England, France and Belgium. Of all places for a studio on the Glacier it would be the ship's brig!

Life Most Enjoyable

Once I got the swing of New Zealand currency, her left-handed traffic, and erratic taxi drivers, Wellington life was most enjoyable. There was the beautiful botanical gardens, with spreading Pungo tree ferns and colorful begonia house. Trophies of Capt. Robert Scott's Antarctic expeditions were found in Wellington's fine museum, along with Sir Ernest Shackleton's mechanical sled used in his 1914 explorations. Maori lore and artistry were a central feature of this museum's exhibits.

Throughout the areas of beautiful New Zealand, I had an opportunity to see the handsome, big-boned Maoris. These proud people, romantically called "the vikings of the sunrise" were interesting, especially in light of their amazing background. No brief description of what I found was more complete than this

published in Life Magazine while I was away:

"Far back in prehistory probably moved eastward out of India. Eventually they reached the Pacific coast of Asia. Nobody knows how these landmen learned the ways of the sea, but they went steadily eastward to become some of the world's greatest primitive navigators. Some of them pushed on to settle in the Hawaiian, Samoan and Society Islands. They were the Polynesians.

"In the 10th century, legend says, some restlessness of spirit drove a man named Kupe to make a new long voyage. He embarked to the southwestward from the Societies and sailed his canoe 2,500 miles to make New Zealand a Polynesian discovery. Four hundred and twenty-five years later the legend of Kupe's adventurous voyage inspired a larger expedition of seven canoes filled with Polynesians' most adventurous spirits and bent upon colonization.

"These were the first Maoris. They still trace tribal descent to one or another of the seven canoes. They are big-boned, handsome people, happy, ebullient and proud. Their reputation for warrior prowess is matched by one of great chivalry. When the whites came - Abel Jazsoon Tasman on a voyage of discovery in 1642, then Captain James Cook to map the coast in 1769, then settlers in the 1830's - the Maoris resisted fiercely. New Zealanders still tell the story of a Maori attack on a white settlement in

which, learning that the British had run out of ammunition, the Maoris gave half their own bullets to the enemy so the fight could continue. Later the Maoris fought on the side of white men in both world wars. The volunteer Maori battalion which fought in Crete and against Rommel in the Libyan desert was one of the most decorated units in the New Zealand army. Today the Maoris live with their white neighbors in peace, amity and equality. There is no color line in New Zealand. To have Maori blood is a reason for boasting."

State Surplus of \$13 Million Seen

Salem - (UPI) - An economist for the Oregon Tax Commission has predicted that the state will wind up the current biennium with a surplus of \$13 million.

George Pederson made the estimate at an Interim Tax Commission meeting here.

Last January Gov. Mark Hatfield predicted that the state would wind up with a surplus of between \$16 and \$28 million. This was based on a continued upswing in the economy.

Pederson said his lower figure is "not in conflict" with the governor's estimate because Pederson made his estimate on the basis of tax collections and used no figures from various state agencies on how much individual surplus they expected.

The Department of Finance and Administration, which made the larger estimate, used figures from various other departments, Pederson explained.

Topics Suggested For Crime Committee

Salem - (UPI) - A questionnaire sent by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to the advisory committee on crime prevention has brought nearly 100 suggestions for topics to be discussed.

The committee, appointed by Thornton, has its first meeting here today.

Picket Line Closes Piers at New York

New York - (UPI) - Office workers picketed 82 New York City piers Thursday virtually shutting down the port in a struggle for union recognition. Longshoremen observed the picket lines.

The picketing also halted longshore work in Jersey City, Newark, and Weehawken, N.J. Several ships were tied up by the work stoppage.

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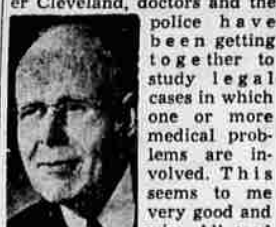
The Medical Roundup

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Doctors, Police Can Help With Certain Problems

I am glad to see that during the last seven years, in Greater Cleveland, doctors and the



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police have been getting together to study legal cases in which one or more medical problems are involved. This seems to me very good and wise. All good policemen and judges want to do what is best for the people who come before them. Many of the accused are really mentally ill or inadequate; others are poorly adjusted, and some are so weak willed that they cannot keep from taking large amounts of alcohol or drugs. These are medical problems even more than they are legal problems; although I must admit that in most cases neither the physician nor the psychiatrist nor the police can do anything to make the prisoner over into a useful member of society.

Often, as I read the newspaper account of a crime, it seems to me obvious that the

perpetrator must be psychotic; and then I marvel to see that, at the trial, it does not seem to occur to anyone that the fellow was not sane.

Usually, the more atrocious the crime—and hence the more likely the criminal is to be insane—the more likely he is to get the death penalty.

Especially when a teenager comes up before a judge I get to wondering how much of the youth's problem is a purely medical one. In such cases, the problem ought to be studied by one or more intelligent physicians. Often, it seems to be obvious that the man before the bar is a born criminal who never did an honest day's work. It would be a miracle if he did work. What I marvel at, then, is that judges and others around a Court and, worse yet, some parole members, seem never to have learned to recognize these usually incurable men, with their strange faces. Commonly, after some months in jail, they are paroled, and a few days later they are back in crime—the only business they know, or ever will know. Many are so psychotic that they are medical as well as legal problems.

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