

# ISLAND LEADER DIED WARNING FRIENDS AT SEA

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PORT ELIZABETH. — Mr. J. W. Smalberger, who died of exposure on Gough Island, is believed to have sacrificed his life in an attempt to warn colleagues at sea in a small boat of approaching bad weather.

Mr. Smalberger was leader of the meteorological party on the island.

Mr. J. T. McNish, a Port Elizabeth man who knew Mr. Smalberger, received a letter from Mr. Smalberger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ebdon, telling the story of their son's death.

They said that Mr. Smalberger set out alone for the Glen, a treacherous part of the island,

to signal the boat which was off Glen Beach. Apparently, he failed to attract the attention of the men in the boat and climbed to a higher point.

Then having achieved his object, he began the downward climb.

## LAST RESORT

Weather conditions were worsening and later it snowed.

It seems that Mr. Smalberger lost his way and as a last resort, he climbed South Peak to get his bearings. There, his frozen body was found a week later.

Mr. Smalberger had told his staff earlier that he was to go to the Glen alone.

Mr. McNish said that Mr. Smalberger had several times undertaken dangerous work on the island without thought of his own safety.

## R.S.A. TO EAST

The RSA will set sail for Gough Island next Tuesday with a replacement for Mr. Smalberger.

It is expected that Mr. Smalberger's body will be exhumed and brought back to South Africa in the RSA. The body was buried in such a way that recovery will not be difficult.

## TO OPEN CONGRESS

PRETORIA. — Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd, will open the 58th Congress of the South African Veterinary Medical Association to-day. — (Sapa)

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