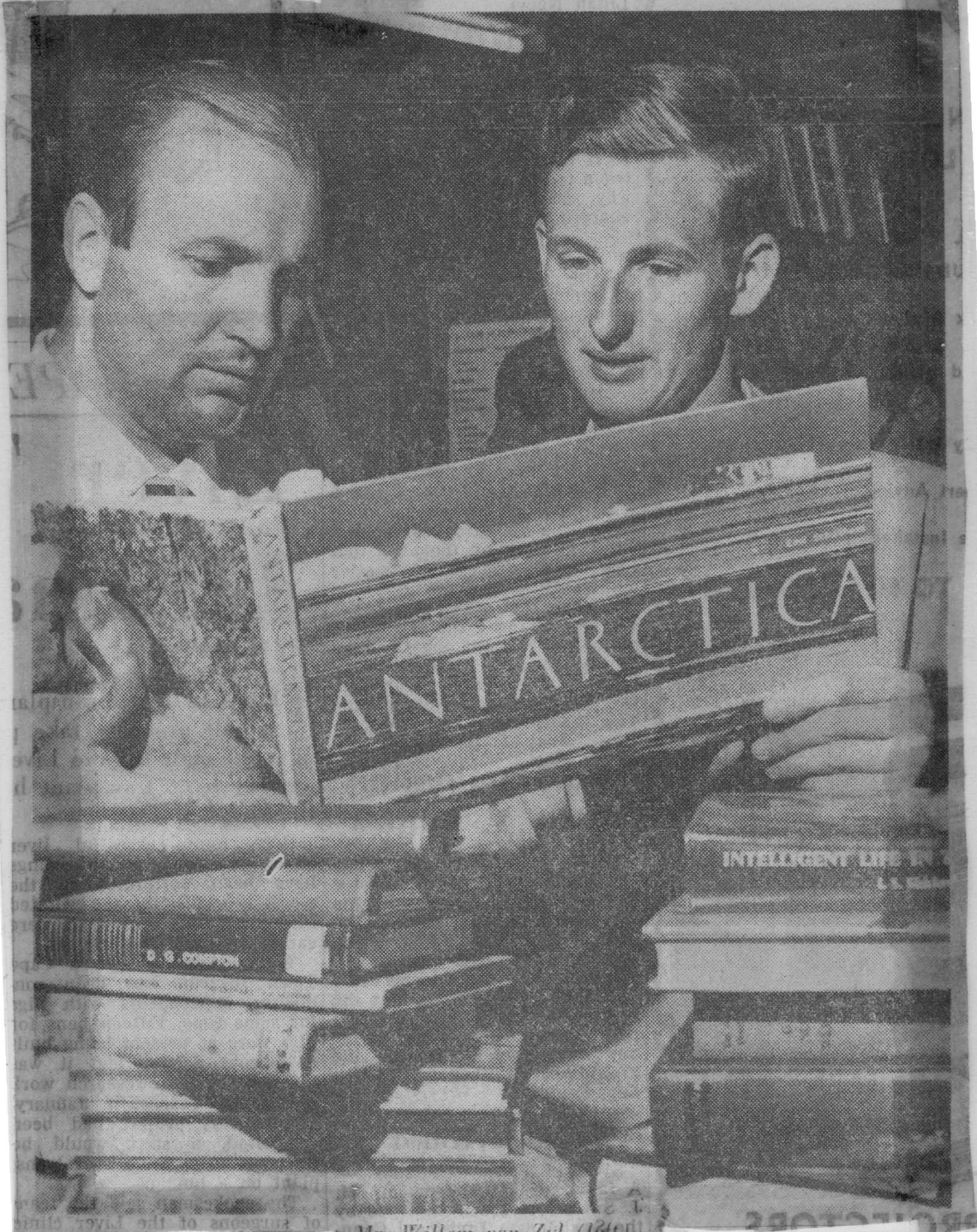


Making Choice



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The selection naturally included plenty of books on Antarctica, on geography and on climatology; others on mountaineering, sea birds, art, electronics, fossils, space exploration, science, history, classics, cooking, cars, sport, atomic energy; there was one on chess, and even one on gliding.

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The expedition members are not restricted to the books on display, but may take anything from the shelves. When they arrived at the library to make their choice, they jostled at each other as they pored over the books like women at a bargain counter.

They are at present undergoing a training course in Pretoria before taking up residence at Queen Maud Island, Antarc-