

Inquiry into Death of Gough Leader

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PRETORIA. — An inquiry will have to be held into the death of Mr. J. Smalberger, the 24-year-old leader of the relief team at the South African weather station on Gough Island, Mr. D. J. Joubert, Secretary for Transport, said here last night.

But an unusual position has arisen in that, as Gough Island is a British possession, the inquiry will have to be held by the British authorities.

It is reported that it is being considered whether to send the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha, because there is no British official on Gough.

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In the meantime, the RSA, the South African research ship, will be leaving soon for the island. Mr. Piet le Roux, Mr. Smalberger's successor, will sail in her. It is not yet known whether Mr. Smalberger's parents will be allowed to go, too.

Mr. Smalberger's body was buried by colleagues last Friday at the place where he was found. At the same time, a memorial service was held at the home of his parents in Vryburg, more than 2,000 miles away — (Sapa.)