

BOOK REVIEW

NEW ZEALAND AND THE ANTARCTIC

by L. B. Quartermain

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L. B. Quartermain's interest in the Antarctic began as a boy when he witnessed the return of Shackleton's Nimrod to Lyttelton in 1908 and the departure of Scott's last expedition in 1910. He has since visited the Antarctic on three occasions, is a foundation member of the New Zealand Antarctic Society and was instrumental in founding the excellent journal, *Antarctic*, of which he was editor from 1956 to 1968. *New Zealand and the Antarctic* is his sixth book dealing with the White Continent, the others being *Into the Antarctic* (1956), *Two Huts in the Antarctic* (1963), *South from New Zealand* (1964), *Down to the Ice* (1966) and *South to the Pole* (1967).

This book is a detailed and most readable account of New

Zealand's associations with Antarctica and the expeditions that have made a New Zealand harbour their last port of call. Quartermain deals firstly with the early European explorers of the 18th and 19th centuries before going on to what he calls the "heroic age", in which he describes New Zealand participation in the great expeditions of Scott and Shackleton and visits to New Zealand by men such as Amundsen and Mawson. New Zealand entered actively into Antarctica with the International Geophysical Year and the Trans-Antarctic Expedition and since then has continued her scientific programmes. Other aspects of New Zealand activity in Antarctica are described in the book, such as an expedition by the New Zealand Alpine Club and the restoration of the historic huts of Scott and Shackleton in McMurdo Sound.

The book contains 62 black-and-white photographs and 11 maps, including a large folded map in a pocket inside the back cover. In all it is a most welcome addition to Antarctic literature.

— M. R. Torr

TYDSKRIF VIR ANTARKTIESE NAVORSING

Op 21 Junie 1971 het die eerste uitgawe van die *Suid-Afrikaanse Tydskrif vir Antarktiese Navorsing* die lig gesien.

Hierdie tydskrif, wat voortaan jaarliks in Junie sal verskyn, beoog die publikasie van resultate van oorspronklike navorsing op hierdie breë gebied, sowel as inligting en nuus oor verwante bedrywighede. Deur artikels op die verskillende toepaslike vakgebiede aldus in een tussen-dissiplinêre tydskrif saam te vat, word getrag om 'n geheel-beeld van Suid-Afrika se Antarktiese navorsingspoging te gee. Bydraes word in Afrikaans of Engels geplaas.

Voorsiening word ook gemaak vir die tussentydse publikasie

van sekere bydraes om belangwekkende resultate vinnig bekend te stel.

Die nuwe tydskrif word uitgegee onder beskerming van die Suid-Afrikaanse Wetenskaplike Komitee vir Antarktiese Navorsing (SAWKA), met mnr. R. W. Vice, Direkteur van die W.N.N.R. se Nasionale Instituut vir Telekommunikasienavorsing, as Wetenskaplike Redakteur en 'n redaksiekomitee bestaande uit dr. S. Meiring Naude, F. J. Hewitt en S. P. Jackson.

Die W.N.N.R. se Publikasie afdeling is verantwoordelik vir versorging en verspreiding van die tydskrif waarvan die intekengeld R2,00 per jaar behoort.

A view from the south end of the base. Part of the dog tunnel and bags of whale meat for the dogs are visible on the right.

