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GOLD MEDALS AWARDED

TWO GOLD MEDALS were presented at the annual dinner of the South African Antarctic Association on 5 October 1974. Among the distinguished guests present at the dinner were two patrons of the Association, Dr S Meiring Naudé and Prof S P Jackson, diplomatic representatives of six of the twelve countries of the Antarctic Treaty (including a representative of the South African Department of Foreign Affairs), and several representatives of B P Southern Africa and the Department of Transport. Trevor Schaefer of IRS is Chairman of the Association and the Secretary is Joan Marx of IRS.

The BP Antarctic Gold Medal for 1973 was awarded to Captain K T McNish "in recognition of the contribution of the crews of the RSA to the South African National Expeditions to Antarctica and to the weather stations on Marion and Gough Islands, under his distinguished leadership."

For twelve years, from 1962, he bore the full responsibility of bringing expeditions safely through the loneliest and most perilous seas in the world, in the knowledge that an error of judge-

ment could bring untold hardship or the loss of many lives. He told the story of that first voyage in his book *The eternal ice*.

BP se Antarktiese Goue Medalje vir 1974 is toegeken aan dr G J Kühn van die Potchefstroomse Universiteit vir CHO „vir sy wetenskaplike prestasies op die gebiede van geomagnetisme en bolugfiska." Sy werk in Antartika in die vroeë sestigerjare, en sy volgehoue en dinamiese belangstelling in hier-



Vlnr is dr G J Kühn, wenner van BP se Antarktiese Goue Medalje vir 1974, Mnr J B D Schoeman, resident-direkteur van BP Suid-Afrika (Edms) Bpk en Kaptein K T McNish, wenner van die medalje vir 1973.

die werk, het gelei tot die geslaagde instelling van die Geomagnetiese Navorsingsprogramme te Sanae en op Marioneiland. Dr Kühn is tans gesekondeer na die Magnetiese Observatorium van die WNNR te Hermanus.

The guest speaker at the dinner was Prof S P Jackson, who spoke about various aspects of the scien-

tific work being done by South African National Antarctic Expeditions. He hoped that a palaeontological programme would be added to the other national programmes which are being carried out successfully in Antarctica and on the sub-Antarctic islands. Prof Jackson also emphasized the importance of recording the activities and scien-

tific achievements of the South African expeditions. He added that the *Antarctic Bulletin* of the Association and, more recently, the *South African Journal of Antarctic Research* have served this purpose very well.

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