

**This folder deals specifically with all correspondence relating to the Trans-Antarctic Expedition.**

Proposals of Dr. Fuchs re. plans for a Trans-Antarctic Journey to be made wholly within territory claimed by the British Commonwealth and the exploratory and scientific programme of this expedition.

Records of a meeting of the Polar Committee held on 15 Sep. 1953.

General Map of the Antarctic showing Territorial Claims, 1953.

Article from "The R.D.M.", 20 Jan, 1954, 'International Plan to Explore "Secret Lands" of Antarctic'.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Polar Committee held on 2 Dec. 1953, re. proposals by Dr. Fuchs and Mr. Duncan Carse for a Trans-Antarctic Journey.

Copy of the Governor of the Falkland Islands views on the proposed plans by Dr. Fuchs and Mr. Carse for a Trans-Antarctic Journey, 26 Nov. 1953.

Paper by Dr. Fuchs setting out his plans in further detail for a proposed Trans-Antarctic Expedition, 11 May 1954.

Record of a Meeting of the Polar Committee, 13 May 1954.

Letter from the Office of the High Commissioner for the U.K. in Pretoria to the Department of External Affairs, 18 Aug. 1954, re. U.K. policy in the Antarctic.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey Scientific Commission re. the Proposed Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Journey.

Letter from the Office of the High Commissioner for the U.K. to the Department of External Affairs, 8 Nov. 1954, thanking the Dept. for informing them that the Union Govt. was unable to participate in the proposed trans-Polar expedition in Antarctica.

Report (in Afrikaans) titled 'Gemenebes-Transsuidpoolekspedisie'.

Copy of Meeting of the Commonwealth Relations Office, 5 Feb. 1955, re. the Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

Text of a Parliamentary question addressed to Sir Winston Churchill on 17 Feb. 1955 re. the proposed Antarctic expedition and his reply.

Plans for the British Trans-Antarctic Expedition with lists of the estimated costs of the expedition.

Letter from Mr. Davie, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, 9 Mar. 1955, requesting that E.S.W. Simpson be allowed to join the Trans-Antarctic expedition, and asking whether S.A. should seek the right to regard a sector of the circular mass surrounding the South Pole as its rightful field of operation.

Memorandum from Mr. Becker (in Afrikaans) titled 'Die Voorgestelde Ekspedisie na die Suidpool'.

Article from the "Transvaaler", 11 May 1955, 'Kennis oor die Suidpool'.

Letter from the Office of the High Commissioner for the U.K at Cape Town to Minister E.H. Louw, 12 May 1955, expressing the U.K. Govt's gratification at the decision in principle of the Union Govt. decision to participate in the proposed trans-Antarctic Expedition in 1957.

Article from the "Cape Times", 13 May 1955, 'S.A. 'Vitaly' Interested in Antarctic'.

Article from the "Times", 16 May 1955, 'Antarctic Expedition: Contribution by N.Z. Government'.

Article from "The Star", date unknown, 'Cabinet approves idea of Union taking part in Antarctic Expedition'.

Letter (in Afrikaans) from Die Sekretaris van Buitelandse Sake to Die Sekretaris van Vervoer, 28 Jun. 1955, 'Die Unie se beleid ten opsigte van die Suidpoolstreek'.

Copy of an Article from "The Sydney morning Herald", 20 Jun. 1955, 'Minerals Search to be made by Polar Explorers'.

Article from "Die Transvaaler", 29 Jul 1955, 'Ekspedisie na Suidpool: Nieu-Seeland Wil Aanspraak Bevestig'.

Memorandum summarising recent developments in connection with the Antarctic and forecasting future activities, 4 Aug. 1955.