

## NOTES AND REVIEWS

## NORSK POLARINSTITUTT, OSLO

The following announcement was issued from Norges Svalbard- og Ishavsundersøkelser in February 1948:

As from 1st March 1948 Norges Svalbard- og Ishavsundersøkelser will cease to exist, but its activity will be continued and expanded by the newly established Norsk Polarinstitut under the direction of H. U. Sverdrup, Ph.D., Ll.D., formerly Professor of Oceanography at the University of California and Director, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California.

The publications of Norges Svalbard- og Ishavsundersøkelser will be continued, without break in the numbering, under the following titles:

*Norsk Polarinstitut* (formerly *Norges Svalbard- og Ishavsundersøkelser*)  
*Skrifter*.

*Norsk Polarinstitut* (formerly *Norges Svalbard- og Ishavsundersøkelser*)  
*Meddelelser*.

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Norges Svalbard- og Ishavsundersøkelser was founded in 1928, when it took over the work which since 1909 had been carried out by Government-supported expeditions to Svalbard. The new organisation will broaden the scope of its scientific activity, partly by adding specialists to its own permanent staff, and partly by securing the collaboration of specialists who are connected with university institutions in Oslo and Bergen or in the other scientific organisations. The sphere of interest will be expanded to include the regions in the Antarctic over which Norway claims sovereignty.

The new Norsk Polarinstitut will not absorb organisations which are primarily engaged in scientific work in the Polar regions, such as Nordlysobservatoriet (the Aurora Observatory) at Tromsø or Statens Institutt for Hvalforskning (Government Institute for Whaling Research) at Oslo. Whenever desirable it will collaborate with these organisations. The Polarinstitut comes under Industridepartementet (Ministry of Commerce) of the Norwegian Government.

## "EXPÉDITIONS POLAIRES FRANÇAISES", PARIS

[Based on information supplied by Paul-Emile Victor.]

The organisation known as "Expéditions Polaires Françaises" was recently founded in Paris as a centre for explorers and others interested in the Polar regions. Its address is 22, Avenue de la Grande Armée, Paris, 17e. Two expeditions are at present being planned: one to Greenland and one to Terre Adélie, the French sector of the Antarctic.