

THE ANTARCTICAN SOCIETY

Notice to Members

The second regular meeting of the Antarctic Society for the current season will be held at the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave., N. W., on the evening of 23 November 1965 at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Captain Frank H. Radspinner, USA, who will talk on "Army Helicopter Operations in Antarctica." Captain Radspinner was the Officer in Charge of the Army Helicopter Unit which operated in Antarctica during DEEP FREEZE 63.

The turbo-propellered helicopters with which this unit has been equipped have proved to be extremely versatile. They can operate on the high polar plateau and have landed at elevations up to 13,000 feet. Originally introduced into Antarctica to assist in topographic surveys, they have subsequently supported other*scientific field investigations. The best measure of their significance is the remark of a geologist that, with the aid of these helicopters, his party accomplished in three months what would have taken as many years with any other form of support. On 4 February 1963, Captain Radspinner led his group to the South Pole, the first helicopters ever to land there,

After the meeting there will be a social hour in the Great Hall of the National Academy of Sciences. The meeting is open to the public without charge, and members are urged to bring guests, especially prospective members.

It is a pleasure to bring to the attention of members of the Society that an Antarctic Society Scarf will soon be available. The design by the noted Italian fashion designer Emilio Pucci has been seen and approved by a Committee of the Board of Directors, or what is more, significant by their wives. Through the generosity of Mr. Pucci, who has donated his services and also foregone his customary profit, the cost to members will be modest for such a distinguished product of high Italian fashion. It is hoped to have a sample at the meeting and that the Scarf will be ready in time for Christmas.

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