

chairman of the board be a figure of the highest national repute, and second, that no member of the board receive any form of remuneration.

A great deal is demanded of the secretary of the fund, who is mainly responsible for initiating each transaction. This involves not only canvassing for a gift of goods, but also approaching the requisite government department for remission of customs duty and finding a suitable wholesaler willing to distribute the goods free of charge.

In all these transactions the aim has been to interest the prospective buyer by offering for sale at a reasonable price some desirable article, of which there is a general scarcity. In other words, a little is collected from many, rather than much from few. No saleable object, not even a packet of chewing gum, is considered too humble for the benefit of this most worthy fund.

The income of the fund up to June 1951 amounted to about Kr. 3,000,000 and sums have been distributed as follows:

Danish Pearyland Expedition, 1948-51	Kr. 1,200,000
Third Danish Expedition to Central Asia, 1948-50	Kr. 300,000
Oceanographical expedition in the <i>Galatea</i>	Kr. 1,000,000

Funds have also been supplied to Helge Larsen for archaeological investigations in Alaska, and to a Danish ethnographical expedition to central India.

This fine result is due to the goodwill shown by the Finansministeriet and other government offices, the press, business concerns and individuals, both at home and abroad.

ICELANDIC GLACIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

[Information supplied by Jon Eypórsson.]

Jökklarannsóknafélag Íslands (the Icelandic Glaciological Society) was founded at Reykjavík on 22 November 1950 with the object of furthering glaciological investigations in Iceland. By May 1951 there were about 100 members, and a committee has been formed consisting of J. Eypórsson (President), G. Kjartansson (Secretary), S. Rist (Treasurer), T. Einarsson and A. Stefannson. The subscription rate for members is Kr. 100.00 in the first year and Kr. 25 in each succeeding year.

Investigations began in the summer of 1951 at Esjufjöll on Vatnajökull, where a hut was established.

THE ARCTIC AEROMEDICAL LABORATORY AT FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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The Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory was formed on 1 March 1947 at the United States Air Force School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and transferred in September that year to Ladd Air Force Base,