

Cape, 1932: 260-67), Gremnia kept the children busy in summer searching for eggs from ducks, geese and gulls. These were boiled hard and, when cool, were shelled and preserved in pokes of boiling seal blubber. After the egg-laying season '... the children gathered cranberries, salmon berries and blue berries. Having no sugar we managed to dry them as the Indians used to in British Columbia, but we

did not spread them in flat cakes.' Gremnia also made a sort of haggis from moss and tender willow shoots taken from the stomachs of caribou, which were thoroughly washed and boiled in seal blubber for preservation.

I hope this proves informative to J. S. Phillpotts and perhaps to others with an interest in the diets of the indigenous people of the circumpolar world.

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## In Brief

**ASSOCIATION OF SOVIET POLAR PERSONNEL.** The inaugural session of the *Assotsiatsiya Sovetskikh Polyarnikov* was held in Moscow in April 1990. This brings together central ministries and other government bodies, and local organisations across the Soviet north: its brief includes the Antarctic but much of its attention will focus on the Arctic. As the only westerner present, Dr Piers Vitebsky (Scott Polar Research Institute) conveyed fraternal greetings from the British polar community. Concerned with good environmental and financial management of polar regions, one of the association's main activities will be to press for better working and living conditions for polar workers, including setting up housing and credit schemes for its members. It can be contacted at Pereulok Pavlinka Morozova 12, Moscow 123376, telex 412147, Fax 298 5886. (Source: Piers Vitebsky.)

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ANTARCTIC TOUR OPERATORS.** Commercial tour operators responsible for bringing most tourists to Antarctica have formed the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO). Charter members include Society Expeditions (Seattle Wash.), Ocean Cruise Lines (Fort Lauderdale Fla.), Salen Lindblad Cruises (Stamford Conn.), Travel Dynamics (New York NY), Adventure Network International (Vancouver BC), Mountain Travel/Sobek (El Cerrito Calif.) and Zegrahm Expeditions (Seattle Wash.) Members pledge to abide by the US Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, to employ staff among whom at least 75% have previous Antarctic experience, to hire Zodiac drivers with polar experience, and abide by and enforce the industry-generated Antarctic Visitor and Tour Operator

Guidelines. They have also endorsed a set of guidelines for aircraft and land-based private sector travel to and within the Antarctic interior. (Source: IAATO press release 28 August 1991: Debra Enzenbacher.)

**DRIFTNET FISHING THREATENS SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN FAUNA.** The impact of recently-developed driftnet fisheries on non-target species in the South Atlantic Ocean is summarized in a recent note by two South African biologists. Several lines of evidence suggest that boats from Japan, South Korea and Taiwan are now fishing these waters, and that this method of fishing in the Tristan da Cunha area has resulted in considerable mortality of rockhopper penguins *Eudyptes chrysocome* and other marine organisms. Britain is urged to curb use of this technique in Tristan waters. (Source: Ryan, P. G. and Cooper, J., *Oryx* 25(2): 76-79 1991.)

**US-SOVIET JOINT ANTARCTIC DRIFT STATION.** US and Soviet scientists plan to drift on an ice floe in the Weddell Sea between February and June 1992. Dr Arnold Gordon, oceanographer of Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, Columbia University, leads the US contingent of ten scientists and is the designated coordinator for the entire programme. The station, to be established by a Soviet icebreaker in about 71°S, is expected to drift northward along the western side of the Weddell Sea, and will be relieved off the tip of Antarctic Peninsula. The main purposes are to obtain oceanographic information and data on ocean, sea-ice and atmospheric interactions. (Source: Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory information sheet: *New Scientist* 131 (1779): 13, June 1991.)

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## Obituary

**Roger Randall Douglas Revelle**, distinguished US oceanographer and educator, died on 15 July aged 82. Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, from 1951 to 1964, he planned the oceanographic programme of the International Geophysical Year (1957-58), and in 1964 initiated and master-minded the International Deep Sea Drilling Project (1964) which led to many discoveries concerning the structure and dynam-

ics of the ocean floor. During the 1960s and '70s he led research into the fate of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, helping to marshal scientific and public awareness of global warming. From Scripps he moved to Harvard to lead research into human population and development problems, and in 1975 joined the newly-formed San Diego campus of the University of California to develop studies in science and public policy.