

IGY. They were uncertain about this at the time we went through New Zealand, but they have definitely made up their mind to stay in with the possible assistance of a few United States scientists to help them out in areas where they are short of trained personnel, which means therefore that it is not necessary to set up another station just a few miles away. The recommendation that the Committee on Polar Research of the Academy is making, therefore, is to move the Little America equipment to a new camp at the foot of the Beardmore Glacier where you know there has been an emergency airfield and weather station for flights to and from the pole and for smaller planes to gas up as they return from the pole.

The CHAIRMAN. It is at the foot of Beardmore Glacier?

Dr. WEXLER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Really?

Dr. WEXLER. You flew right over that.

The CHAIRMAN. It is about 200 miles in.

Dr. WEXLER. About 400 miles from McMurdo.

Our recommendation would be to build that up to be a second Little America, that is, a full scientific program with the exception of a weather central. This would offer great advantages in investigating glaciology and geology of the very interesting area that Dr. Gould looked at many years ago when he followed his dogs into that area.

The CHAIRMAN. You recommend a Pole Station, the one in Marie Byrd Land?

Dr. WEXLER. Yes, sir, continuation of those.

The CHAIRMAN. And moving Little America in at the foot of Beardmore Glacier?

Dr. WEXLER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. That is three.

Dr. WEXLER. Then Hallett Station would continue as it has during the IGY in collaboration with New Zealand. They have definitely made up their mind they would like to continue that program.

We need Hallett Station anyway as an emergency landing strip and weather station for flights to and from New Zealand to McMurdo. So that station would continue.

The CHAIRMAN. How far would the Little America Station, should it be moved to this place, be from what we saw as the outpost of Liv. Would it be in that area?

Dr. GOULD. Yes; the confusion arose when they first established the station. They mistook Liv Glacier for Beardmore. They established the station at the foot of Liv Glacier and called it the Beardmore Station.

Dr. WEXLER. They decided to move it at the foot of Beardmore and call it the Liv.

From now on we propose to call it the Beardmore, and it is at the foot of Beardmore. Cray blazed the trail from Little America to Beardmore over which Little America scientific equipment would be transplanted to the foot of Beardmore, passing very close to McMurdo Sound as you go along the edge of the ice shelf west almost to McMurdo and then south to the Beardmore.

Mr. HALE. Will that Beardmore station be on land or be on shelf ice?

Dr. WEXLER. On shelf ice, at the foot of the glacier.