

CITY PLANS BIG SYMBOLIC LANDING FOR DALLING

BRUCE DALLING, who was second overall and who has been declared winner on handicap of the solo transatlantic yacht race, arrives at Jan Smuts Airport, Johannesburg, on Monday. He is expected in Cape Town on Tuesday night, and will symbolically sail the ketch Voortrekker into Granger Bay on Wednesday afternoon.

The original welcome-home plans have been put back a week, to coincide with the return to Cape Town of Voortrekker which is scheduled to arrive in Table Bay on board the Safmarine freighter SA Weltevreden on Sunday night.

The Knysna-built ketch will be lowered back into the water in the docks on Monday, by a team under Captain Philip Nankin, captain-superintendent of the SA Nautical College, General Botha.

Captain Nankin's team will step the masts of Voortrekker and prepare her for her triumphal return to the General Botha harbour at Granger Bay—the point from which she sailed for Plymouth in March to take part in the gruelling race in which she and skipper Dalling acquitted themselves so magnificently.

ON WEDNESDAY

When she arrives at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Voortrekker will be tied up alongside the quay and Dalling will step ashore to be greeted by members of the organizing committee and of the Springbok Ocean Racing Trust, including the chairman of the SORT, Vice-Admiral H. H. Biermann. Dr. Anton Rupert, the South African industrialist and financier who made the Voortrekker venture financially possible in its earliest stages, will also be there to welcome Dalling.

After the skipper has formally reported to the trustees that he has discharged the task that he was chosen to perform; and has handed over Voortrekker to the custody of the SORT the ketch will be pulled away from the quay and moored in the centre of the small-boat basin, so that members of the public can have an unimpeded view of her.

After the welcoming speeches have been made, the 600 specially-invited guests will attend a cocktail party in the grounds of the General Botha. The hosts will be the Rembrandt Group, which has played an important part in the Voortrekker project.

Among the first to welcome and congratulate Dalling when he steps ashore will be the Editor of the Cape Times, Mr. Victor Norton, who is chairman of the Springbok Transatlantic Race Committee. Also there will be Bruce Dalling's father, Major Bill Dalling of Witbank, who as a bomber pilot in World War II won the DFC and Bar.

RAND WELCOME

On his arrival in Johannesburg on Monday, Dalling will be met by Transvaal members of the race committee including Col. Don Ord, president of the Federation of Aquatic Sports and president of the Transvaal Sailing Association, and Mr. Derek Scorer, a prominent industrialist.

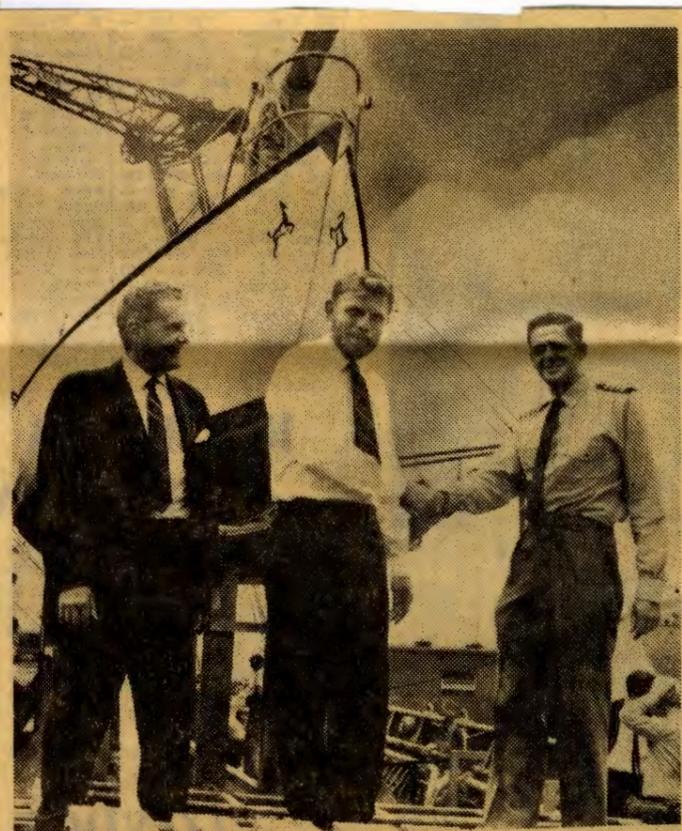
He will be staying in Johannesburg's new President Hotel till he leaves for Cape Town on Tuesday. After his arrival here he will join the trustees and members of the organizing committee at an informal dinner at a leading club in Cape Town.

IF IT RAINS

Mr. Brian Lello, technical adviser to the Race Committee, told the Cape Times yesterday that the only weather conditions that could possibly rule out the plans for Dalling to sail Voortrekker into Granger Bay would be a south-westerly gale, which would make the entrance to the small boat harbour impassable. This was unlikely, however.

Should it rain there was enough covered accommodation at the General Botha to enable the welcoming ceremony to be held indoors.

Dalling will spend next Wednesday night, after the welcoming ceremony, at the home of Captain Nankin. He will leave soon afterwards for Maritburg to continue his work as an agriculturist lecturer at the University of Natal, where he is also studying for another bachelor's degree.



Bruce Dalling bids farewell to Captain B. Lawrence, master of the Safmarine freighter SA Weltevreden, which is bringing the ketch Voortrekker (in background) back to Cape Town from New York. Looking on is Mr. F. A. Demarco, Safmarine's representative in New York. The SA Weltevreden is expected in Table Bay on Sunday night.