



Vice-Admiral H. H. Biermann (left), head of the South African Navy and chairman of the board of trustees of the Springbok Ocean Racing Trust, and Mr. Victor Norton, chairman of the committee that organized the Voortrekker venture, greeting Springbok yachtsman Bruce Dalling at D. F. Malan Airport last night.

Dalling sails Voortrekker home to-day

BRUCE DALLING will receive a hero's welcome when he sails the ketch Voortrekker into Granger Bay, Cape Town, this afternoon to complete the task he set out five months ago to fulfil—to represent South Africa for the first time in the solo transatlantic race.

Dalling arrived in Cape Town by air last night and the Safmarine freighter SA Weltevreden is heading at full speed for Table Bay with Voortrekker on board, having been delayed more than two days by engine trouble. She is expected in the bay about noon.

Captain Philip Nankin, captain-superintendent of the SA Nautical College, General Botha, and the two yachtsmen who accompanied Dalling from Cape Town to Plymouth, Gordon Webb and Bobby Bongers, will board the freighter from the pilot boat in the bay, to prepare Voortrekker for the welcome-home reception.

The Railways and Harbours Administration has agreed to waive the *ad valorem* wharfage charges on Voortrekker and to do everything possible to ensure that the yacht is back in the water in time.

- 5.35: Address of welcome by Admiral Biermann.
- 5.45: Reply by Bruce Dalling, who will formally return Voortrekker to the chairman of the organizing committee, Mr. Victor Norton.
- 5.55: Mr. Justice van Winsen.
- 6.00: Dr. Anton Rupert discloses Voortrekker's future.
- 6.10: Evening colours, with flag-lowering party and SA Navy band.
- 6.15: Refreshments.

SAIL TO BAY

Depending on how soon the working party can return the yacht to the water, step her masts and rig her, Dalling will sail Voortrekker from an undisclosed point to Granger Bay where he is scheduled to arrive at 5.30 p.m.

He will be escorted to the General Botha harbour by craft from the Royal Cape Yacht Club and by several boats from the Oceana Power Boat Club.

Ashore to meet him as he enters the harbour to music by the band of the South African Navy will be 600 guests, most of them specially invited because of their association with the Voortrekker venture.

After being greeted by Vice-Admiral H. H. Bierman, Chief of the South African Navy and chairman of the Voortrekker trustees, the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr. G. E. Ferry and other celebrities, Dalling will formally return the racing ketch to the chairman of the Organizing Committee, Mr. Victor Norton, editor of the *Cape Times*.

FUTURE PLANS

Mr. Justice Louis van Winsen, one of the trustees, will then explain who the legal owner of Voortrekker is, and Dr. Anton Rupert, head of the Rembrandt Group and the man who made the venture possible by underwriting it in its earlier stages, will reveal the future plans for the yacht.

This is the full programme:
5.30: Symbolic arrival of Voortrekker.