

attitude in relation to the maintenance of the sector principle for the Arctic.

The Committee therefore recommends on grounds of policy that any French claim to a sector extending south to the Pole should not be challenged; at the same time an arrangement should if possible be made whereby a free right of passage across the Sector between the Australian territories on either side would be recognised by the French Government.

The Committee notes the views expressed by the Commonwealth Government in their memorandum E(37)22 regarding the limits of longitude which they propose to recognise to the French Sector and has no observations to offer in regard to them.

At the request of the Commonwealth Government the Committee have considered what action could in the future be taken by the interested British Governments to consolidate their title to the territories which they administer in the Antarctic. In this connection the possibilities of co-operation in any scientific or economic activities undertaken by or on behalf of any of His Majesty's Governments responsible for the administration of territories in the Antarctic area were also discussed. Valuable suggestions were made in this direction by Mr. Borley speaking on behalf of the Colonial Office and further investigation of the subjects mentioned by him was thought desirable in two different directions:-

(a) the question of establishing meteorological stations in the Antarctic continent

(b) the desirability of co-ordinating the activities of the R.R.S. Discovery II during any voyages which she might be directed by the Discovery Committee to make in the waters north of the territories administered by the Commonwealth or New Zealand Governments, and generally.

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