

available to finance the full cruise. Pending the result of that investigation, the Sub-Committee felt that it would be unnecessary to consider whether interested Dominion Governments might be prepared to co-operate in regard to some form of financial assistance.

If it proved possible to undertake the 20 months cruise as originally projected, it was contemplated that the programme of the "Discovery II" should include routine meteorological observations, the confirmation and continuation of work done on previous voyages, a circum-polar cruise in Summer, which, in conjunction with the similar cruise made last Winter, would enable a comparison to be drawn between Winter and Summer conditions, and ^{biological & hydrological} regular hydrographic observations along a series of meridians from the ice edge up to temperate waters with a view to shedding further light on the distribution and movements of the plankton which constitute the food of whales.

With the above information in mind, the Sub-Committee recommends:-

- (1) that the Committee on Polar questions should express the hope that it will be found possible to carry out the extended cruise as originally proposed;
- (2) that after the cruise above mentioned ^{either full or restricted} has been launched, the United Kingdom Government might consider, in conjunction with representatives of the Dominion Governments interested, the programme and policy as to future Antarctic investigation;
- (3- that in the meantime the Dominions concerned should be kept in as close touch as possible with the work of the Discovery Committee and should for that purpose be invited to