

DANISH EXPEDITION TO PHOTO-MAP UNKNOWN NORTHEAST GREENLAND*

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One of the largest "unknowns" left on the earth's surface, Northeastern Greenland, will be photomapped from the air by a large Danish expedition this summer.

This so-called Knuth-Munch expedition will follow almost the same technique of photographing large areas by the tri-metragon process and then reducing the photographs to maps as was followed by the United States Antarctic expedition last winter. This enabled technicians to place accurately on maps for the first time nearly 1,000,000 square miles of the Antarctic continent.

Northeastern Greenland is almost as much of a mystery. Explorers in the past scarcely have penetrated beyond the edge of the great ice cap. What may be found in the interior is entirely unknown. Most prominent of previous explorers in part of the region to be covered by the air mappers was Admiral Robert E. Peary. He described extreme Northern Greenland as an island, cut off from the main land body by a wide channel. It was named Peary Land.

It is now recognized, according to the Danes, that the discoverer of the North Pole was in error. The passage which he reported as a channel is an inlet of the Arctic from the west. Its actual extent, however, still is not known and is among the matters to be cleared up this summer.

At the time the Danish expedition is working in the northeast, an American and Canadian naval expedition will be operating along the west coast, primarily to relieve the American weather station at Thule, the most northerly inhabited spot in the world. This area, however, is relatively well known and has a considerably more temperate climate.

Northeastern Greenland is entirely uninhabited. It might be an area of considerable importance in Arctic air operations.

A second Danish expedition will work in the much better known and relatively temperate Southwestern Greenland, the oldest inhabited section of North America, with a similar technique of air photography.

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Elsewhere in this issue you have read the announcement regarding the Talbert Abrams Award. During the January annual meeting this award will be presented to the author of the article published in *PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING* which is judged the most interesting during the award year. All articles published in the December 1946 and the three issues for 1947 (this issue included) are eligible for consideration. There have been many outstanding articles, in fact so many really fine articles will make the work of the Award Selection Committee a difficult task. The Committee is most desirous that they receive a generous amount of expressions from the membership at large so that their job will be as thorough as possible. You must have one or two articles which you consider particularly deserving of the Award. The Committee will be pleased to hear from you.