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Stefansson of the Arctic

DISCOVERY, The Autobiography of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, 411 pp., Toronto, McGraw-Hill, \$8.55

By Alex Spalding

LTHOUGH Vilhjalmur A Stefansson became many things - scholar, Arctic advisor, writer, ad infinitumin his long life, 1879-1962, it is for one quality alone that he shall be remembered: his ardent and inextinguishable desire for the truth.

Speaking in retrospect at the end of his career, Stefansson, in the first chapter of his autobiography, states that "discovery has been my life." He did not mean, however, mere geographical discovery, although he fully accomplished this as well.

He spends only a few short chapters on his early life. He Gimli, Manitoba - twenty skeletons of medieval Icejokingly translates the Ice-chance to join the Leffingwellthat this a pagan heaven. south to the Dakotas.

His boyhood was that of the regular homestead life of the era: hard work, much walking to the only intermittentlyavailable school in any kind of weather, and nights when the one who was best able read either the Bible or the Icelandic Sagas by tallow candle where all could pursue their work and fill their need for learning and inspiration at the same time. Even at this stage, he had made certain mature observations about the attitudes of Europeans towards Indians and had determined to be flexible and meet life whole with both an open and enthusiastic spirit.

Getting further away from "heaven"-first expelled from the University of North Dakota, then gettings his B.A. from Iowa by writing all his examinations in one year-he found Harvard an ideal place to pursue anthropological studies, because there were both connections and money for field trips and the chance to get into the world of scientific discovery.

a career, he was then set to ture. follow his bent for discovery,



Vilhjalmur Stefansson

and so, after a field trip to was born 20 miles north of Iceland doing studies on the miles north of "heaven", as he landers, he jumped at the landic name - but adds, with Mikkelsen expedition of 1906 his usual care for exactness, to go to the Arctic. His observations on squeamish However, he was not long in young missionaries, the patthe vicinity of heaven, for, in ronizing attitudes of traders 1880 floods swept over the and others towards the Stefansson's lands, and they Indians and Eskimos, and the and their kinsmen moved rough life of the whalers, are both sharp and alive and belie his belief that he has given up poetry. A winter of fishing with Eskimos from Tuktuyaktuk instilled a great admiration in him for these people and their ways, as it would with most imaginative people. He met explorers like Amundsen, northern buccaneers like Charlie Klinkenberg, and a departing RCMP officer whose "staff did not discourage his going, for he was a rather severe commander." He heard about a tribe of European-looking Eskimos and decided to come back.

His second expedition to the Arctic, 1908-11, is filled with many fascinating as well as tragic incidents and discoveries. After spending a winter among some Coppermine Eskimos who had not seen white men before, his convictions about the stupidity of civilization in the north and its effect on the northern peoples were deepened. On his second return, because his views are misinterpreted and distorted, he finds himself catapulted into controversies which were to gain him much opposition Having eschewed poetry as and many enemies for the fu-

The Canadian Arctic Ex-

pedition of 1913-18, climaxed by Stefansson's thrilling discoveries of new islands on Canada's Arctic fringe, needs to be read at first hand to be appreciated. It is a wonderful story of adventure, near mutiny, hardship, comedy, frustration and tragedy. No one could tell it better or more economically than Stefansson himself.

The balance of Stefansson's life is an attempt to maintain his position on three Arctic themes: the feasibility of Arctic travel on land or sea if one follows the Eskimo pattern, the possibilities of developing northern resources, and the advantage to health of a heavy fat and protein diet. His attempt to colonize Wrangel Island and to stock Baffin Island with reindeer are two of his energetic schemes which were more a result of his enthusiasm than his expert knowledge.

Having won much fame by now, he devoted a large amount of his time to lectures and writings in which the tenacity of his views on northern matters gained him further friends and enemies. He had always depended on his writings, both popular and scientific, for part of his living, and his knowledge stood him in good stead in connection with the Arctic Institute, northern aviation, and the U.S. military during World War II-although much of his later effort was wasted (the Army didn't take his advice on the northern army diet or northern air and the Navy, due to McCarthyist pressure, dropped the scheme of the Arctic Encyclopedia).

and he agreed with the analogy himself when he said he was "the poet of action." He had the true poet's awareness of himself and of human nature, and explained his unacceptability in many quarters by saving that all men have a "touch of the fish" in them and compared himself to Jonah who "turned out to be indigestible." The truth is frequently unpalatable but, in the end, cannot be denied. Vilhjalmur Stefansson's fame is also undeniable because it is based upon the hard indigestible truth.

Winnipeg Free Press, July 25, 1964

Maids of Honour at the Islendingadagur



Miss Sigrid Ann Asgeirson



Miss Ardath Finnbogason

Pétur Rögnvaldsson Ronson

glæsilegur maður lífsgleði, fjör og gáfur.



Ég hafði hugsað mér að skrifa um hann í 2-3 blöð, kynna hann sem menntamann, íþróttamann, rithöfund og leikara. Ég sagði: "Það verður gaman að heyra um það sem á daga þína hefir He has been compared to drifið svo víða." Hann svarstårlegt."

Pétur er fæddur á Siglufirði 4. apríl 1936 sonur Rögnvaldar Bjarnasonar og Elísabetar Theódorsdóttir sem að eru nú búsett í Reykjavík og bar var hann alin upp. Afi hans Theodór Friðriksson skáld og fræðibulur var ættaður frá Flatey á Skjálfanda.

sagði Pétur, "að fá námsstyrk hár, mjög bjartur yfirlitum frá háskóla U.S.C. í Los og hinn drengmannlegasti á Angeles, 1959. Síðar fékk ég sviði. Mér fanst er hann hvarf annan námsstyrk frá háskól- inn í hvíta bílin sinn að góðar anum í Miami, Florida, en vættir Íslands hlytu að halda þaðan útskrifaðist ég sem A verndarhendi yfir honum á óstudent. Á meðan að ég var í liðnum dögum eins og fram á Californíu bauðst mér hlut- hina líðandi stund. verk í kvikmyndinni, Journey

A einum af bessum dásam- to the Center of the Earth. legu dögum í Los Angeles Sagan er skrifuð af Jules stoppaði fyrir framan heimili Verne. Í mynd þessari léku mitt snjó hvítur og gljáandi t.d. James Mason, Pat Boone bíll. Út úr honum kom mjög og hin fríða norsk-Ameríska ungur, leikkona Arleene Dahl og Sólin skein á mikið og gló- hafði fjórða hlutverkið í bjart hár hans sem að gjörði myndinni. Ég átti kost á að það ennþá gullnara. Úr mjög gjöra 7 ára samning við 20 bláum augum hans leiftraði Century Fox Studiós í Los Angeles sem að ég hafnaði þó.

> Á meðan að ég dvaldi í Florida sá ég um myndatökur fyrir stjórnina í Washington, D.C., líka vann ég við myndatökur í Kingston, Jamaica og Vestur Indversku eyjunum.

Íþróttir hafa heillað mig frá blautu barnsbeini og tekið þátt í þeim þegar að ég gat komið því við og skrifað um íþróttir utanlands og innan í blöð og tímarit á Íslandi 1960 fór ég á Olympsku leikana í Rómaborg og sama ár varð ég Scandinavian Champion in Track and Field events."

Pétur hefur aldrei tekið þátt í grindarhlaupi í U.S. þar sem að hann ekki bar sigur úr bítum 110 metra.

Pétur er félagslyndur og mannblendin t.d. er hann the poet, Robert Frost, both in aði með hæversku: "Já, sumt vara forseti Íslendingafélagsappearance and personality, af því var spennandi og ný- ins hér og með í Leifs Eiriks félaginu og nú hefur Pétur á döfinni handrit um Leif heppna og fund Vinlands hins góða. Í öllum hinum mörgu áhugamálum sínum er Ísland ofarlega í huga hans eða bak við eyrað!

Pétur er kvæntur Alice glæsilegri Íslenzkri Berg konu og eiga þau 3 börn. "Ég átti því láni að fagna," Pétur er töluvert yfir 6 feta

Skúli G. Bjarnason.

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G. B. Gunlogson

"There is nothing I would like better if I had the time and the opportunity than to write about the heroic achievements of the pioneers in North Dakota," writes G. B. Gunlogson, who himself has combined scientific farming and the career of a successful business executive. He knows first hand what North Dakota pioneering entailed, for he was born there in 1887 and brought up in the Icelandic pioneer community at Akra on the Tongue River in Pembina County, North Dakota. His parents, Eggert and Rannveg Gunlogson, helped in the pioneer struggles of two Icelandic settlements in America: along with other of their compatriots, they waged State Park a war against want and the ravages of epidemics, first on the shores of Lake Winnipeg in Canada and later in Pembina County, Dakota Territory, after they had followed the immigrants' trail across the priarie, south across the boundary line. Gunlogson's father was a highly skilled craftsman in metals and wood, possessing a rare gift of making the most of whatever material there was at hand. He emphasized utility and attractiveness at all times. In all his work, he was ably assisted by his talented wife. Theirs was one of the first two-storey frame houses in the settlement, and was attractively constructed by the homesteader out of limited material.

As a small boy, Gunlogson showed early signs of mechanical ability as well as fondness for nature and was never happier than when he was either working on some machinery or roaming in the woods along the Tongue River. He began his education at the little one-room school house at Akra and read many books loaned him by his older brother Carl.

After some early experience as school teacher, surveyor and farmer, Gunlogson started work with J. I. Case Company. Here he won many promotions including positions of research engineer, sales and advertising manager. Later he went into engineering work and among other things became head of the Western Advertising Agency. This State of North Dakota added business has gained prominence in promoting new practices and new products in agriculture including farm equipment, chemicals, building materials and many other things that are now found on the modern farm. Gunlogson still devotes some of his time to consulting and advisory service for a few large corporations. He has never allowed his interest in the farmers and the improvement of their standards of operation to wane. For many years, he has owned and operated a highly scientific farm in Wisconsin. Gunlogson has become nationally known for his practical stand on the training of farmers. To quote the Wisconsin Agriculturist and Farmer, November 5th, 1949:

"Gunlogson has visited with and written to hundreds of farmers in many states. He says that while all types of fuel for long cold winters, agricultural education are helpful, a well-rounded, downto-earth winter "farm course" seems to be most practical for men who want to be farmers. He writes: "We should aim to raise the level of the required standard of agricultural training, not by legislation, but by popularizing an attractive package of education to the extent that it will be accepted as necessary equipment for a young man who wants to make a career as a farm operator."

Gunlogson has carved out for himself a notable career in American agriculture. As an outstanding engineer, he has specialized in making farm machinery simpler and more hills that was wooded, and efficient. As life member of such scientific and technical many of the people worked organizations as The American Society for the Advance- long and hard to clear the ment of Science, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, land to make it ready to grow and the American Forestry Association and others, he grain and crops. wields a powerful pen, writing numerous articles to publicize his theories.

In regard to conservation of natural resources he writes: | Governor Guy, the North Da-"Trees are an integral part of our natural resources, of the kota State Park Board, U. S. soil water-plant-animal complex and should be preserved Soil Conservation Officials whenever possible. Good conservation depends on esthetic will be here. Also the Mounconsciousness as well as economic considerations. We cannot tain-Gardar choir; Lauga have conservation unless there is a moral regard for the wood Geir, an author; John Sandpatch as well as the potato patch and for the whole of our gren of Bathgate; and the environment, including the hermit thrush as well as the Cavalier City Band will be leghorn hen."

Having a virile style and the ability to get right to the Langdon, North Dakota will heart of every subject, in a few well-chosen words, Gun- act as master of ceremonies. logson has won many adherents to his theories in the Many people are coming United States and elsewhere. Among his foreign contacts dressed in Icelandic costumes. is work with the Royal Agricultural Society of England A formal dedication will be and the Department of Ariculture in Mexico. However, in made as a memorial to pionspite of the multiplicity of his interests, his thoughts and eers who settled the area and plans for the progress of Pembina County, North Dakota, G. E. Gunlogson who donated are ever close to his heart. The wooded banks of the Tongue 200 acres to the park which River where he grew up, and the wild life that finds a part will be used principally haven there is something that he likes to save and shelter. as arboretum, hiking, and He visualizes a nature sanctuary on his parents' homestead also as a recreation and sight and on nearby land along the banks of the Tongue River which will serve as a laboratory for nature study groups, and in time be turned over to some local organization or the state. -MODERN SAGAS-1953.

Author: Thorstina Walters

Dedication of the Icelandic



G. B. Gunlogson

Mr. G. B. Gunlogson and his sister, Miss Loa Gunlogson gave their parents' homestead on the Tongue River, six miles west of Cavalier, to the State of North Dakota to be used as a site for a National Park. The an adjacent tract of land of similar size to this area so the park covers over 600 acres.

This park will be called The Icelandic State Park to honor the Icelanders who first braved the rigors of pioneering the country. The terrain of the park is typical of the type of land the Icelandic people first settled. The land gave them food and berries to eat, shelter for their homes, good water for themselves and their livestock, and a gay social life. It appears that when the Icelanders first came to America, they bypassed the rich land in the Red River Valley which others came to settle later. They pioneered and settled the land near the Pembina

The Icelandic people were thrifty, willing to do hard work, and very conscientious that their children should receive a good education in this new land. Thereby many of the people have now left the land and are scattered throughout the world, many what it might be.

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To the Subscribers of Lögberg-Heimskringla

We regret that due to circumstances beyond our control we had to resort to a four page paper this week and not all of it in Icelandic. On account of the annual vacations there will be no paper on August 6th and 13th.

The sports program on Islendingadagurinn will as usual be run in Gimli Park starting with senior competitions at 11:00 a.m. and junior at 12 noon.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF ICELAND MANITOBA

Saturday, August 1, 1964

8:50 p.m.-Arrival at Airport. Escorted to Government House Guests of Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Errick Willis.

Sunday, August 2

2:00 p.m.-Drive through Greater Winnipeg.

3:00 p.m.-Visit at the Consulate of Iceland.

7:00 p.m.-Service in First Lutheran Church.

Monday, August 3

8:00 a.m.-Leave Winnipeg.

10:30 a.m.—Arrival at Gimli Pier by boat flotilla - guests of Manitoba Yacht Club.

11:00 a.m.-Parade from Johnson Memorial Hospital through Town of Gimli.

11:40 a.m.-Fjallkona and Prime Minister lay wreath at Pioneer's Monument.

12:00-Luncheon and visit at Saturday, August 8

2:00 p.m.-Program in Gimli Park.

5:00 p.m.-Reception - Mr. and Mrs. Eric Stefanson, M.P.

6:00 p.m.-Dinner at St. Mich-|Sunday, August 9 ael's Parish hall.

Tuesday, August 4, 1964

9:30 a.m.-Visit to Glenboro.

12.00-Luncheon. Drive through settlement.

Prime Minister addresses local residents in Grund Church. Dinner at Baldur or Bru.

Wednesday, August 5

10:00 a.m.-Visit with Mayor Juba.

10:45 a.m.—Press Conference.

12:30 p.m.-Luncheon, University of Manitoba.

6.10 p.m.-Reception and dinner Visit to Icelandic Department. 6.10 p.m.-Reception and dinner of the Icelandic Celebration Committee at International Inn.

Thursday, August 6

12:30 p.m. - Luncheon Government of Manitoba, Fort Garry Hotel.

4:00 p.m.-Public Reception Province of Manitoba, Room 200, Legislative Buildings (Hon. George Johnson acting as host in the absence from the city of Premier Duff Roblin).

6:00 p.m.-Prime Minister lays wreath at the statue of Jón Sigurdsson.

8:00 p.m. - Theatre Party at Mr. Karl Ransson, Rainbow Stage.

ALBERTA

Friday, August 7, 1964

1:40 p.m.—Arrival at Edmonton

Escorted to MacDonald Hotel. 3:00 p.m.-Afternoon Tea with Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Page. 6:30 p.m. - Dinner - Icelandic Society of Edmonton, in Scandinavian Co-operative Centre.

9.00 a.m.-Departure by motorcade for Red Deer; thence to the farm of St. G. Stephansson in Markerville and to a gathering of Icelanders in Fenela Hall.

9:00 a.m.-Departure for Banff. where the visitors will spend the rest of the day and Monday. BRITISH COLUMBIA

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 a.m.-Departure by motorcade, to Kelowna, Premier Bennett's home town.

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 a.m.-Departure by motorcade for Vancouver.

3:00 p.m.-Arrival at Vancouver. Bayshore Inn.

Thursday, August 13

Sightseeing Vancouver.

7:00 p.m.-Reception and Dinner at Bayshore Inn, under auspices of Strondin.

Friday, August 14 Leave Vancouver.

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should be preserved Soil Conservation Officials n depends on esthetic will be here. Also the Mounsiderations. We cannot tain-Gardar choir; Lauga ral regard for the wood Geir, an author; John Sandd for the whole of our gren of Bathgate; and the thrush as well as the Cavalier City Band will be present. Victor Sturlaugson of lity to get right to the Langdon, North Dakota will rell-chosen words, Gun- act as master of ceremonies. to his theories in the Many people are coming ng his foreign contacts dressed in Icelandic costumes. ral Society of England A formal dedication will be in Mexico. However, in made as a memorial to pionerests, his thoughts and eers who settled the area and County, North Dakota, G. E. Gunlogson who donated

> mánuði, og í þeim hafi farizt samtals um 700 manns.

Poturnar annast nú kringum tvo briðju hluta allra 25.00 reglulegra farþegaflutninga í 103 aðildarríkjum ICAO (Sovétríkin og kínverska alþýðulýðveldið eru ekki meðtalin), en aðeins þriðjungur 5.00 beirra farbega, sem fórust, flaug með botum. ICAO dregur af því þá ályktun, að hinar stóru farþegaþotur hafi átt stóran þátt í að draga úr flug-

nks of the Tongue River seeing area. Gjafir til mi Vilhjálms snisvarða Mr. and Molofánssonar 11.00 f. h.

Sigurd as, Kristjon Arbor on and Sons, Mr. Paul Bjarnason, Mr. G Jacobson, Valcouver, B.C. 10.00 Mrs. V. Valgardson, Moose Jaw, Sask. Mr. Jón R Laxdal, Winnipe Winnipeg 10.00 Þjóðræknisteildin

Vancouver Mr. Sigurbjörn Sigurdson, Vancouver 10.00 Mr. Olafur Hallsson, Eriksdale, Sask. Mr. Bogi Johnson, Wynyard, Sask. Dr. and Mrs. B. Peturson, 25.00 Ft. Garry

Islendingadagurinn

Sjötugasta og fimmta þjóðhátið Íslendinga í Vesturheimi

GIMLI, MANITOBA

Mánudaginn 3. ágúst 1964 Skrúðför hefst frá Johnson Memorial Hospital kl. 11.00 f.h. Blómsveigar lagðir á minnisvarða landnemanna kl. 11.30 f.h.

FJALLKONAN **FORSÆTISRÁÐHERRA** ISLANDS

MRS. ASGERÐUR BESSASON

DR. BJARNI BENEDIKTSSON SKEMMTISKRÁ

1. O Canada

O, Guð vors lands. 3. Forseti dagsins setur hátíðina, Mr. S Aleck Thorarinson.

4. Avarp Fjallkonunnar, Mrs. Asgerður Barnakór Gimli, Stjórnendur. Mrs.

Shirley Johnson, Mrs. Anna Stevens og Mrs. Guðrún Stevens.

Avorp tiginna gesta: Rikisstjórn Canada, Hon. Wm. M. Benedickson, Fylkisstjórn Manitoba, Hon. George Bæjarstjórn Gimli, Mayor Violet

Einarson, Borgarstjórn Winnipeg, Mayor Stephen Juba,

Ræðismaður Íslands, Mr. Grettir Leo Johannson,

Þjóðræknisfélag Íslendinga í Vesturheimi, Rev. P. M. Pétursson.

 Barnakór Gimli, Stjórnendur: Mrs. Shirley Johnson, Mrs. Anna Stevens og Mrs. Guðrún Stevens.

Ræða — Canada, His Honor Errick F. Willis.

9. Scandinavian Choir, Mr. Arthur Anderson, söngstjóri, Mr. Gunnar Erlendsson, spilar.

10. Ræða — Ísland, Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson.

11. Kvæði, Dr. Sveinn E. Björnsson.

12. Scandinavian Choir.

13. God Save the Queen.

islenzk GLima. Drengjaflokkur frá Arborg, undir stjórn Steina Eyolfssonar og Harvey Benson sýnir íslenzka glímu að lokinni skemmtiskrá.

Minjasýning. Munir sem minjasafn Þjóðræknisfélag Íslendinga í Vesturheimi og aðrir háfa góðfúslega lánað verða sýndir í skálanum til kl. 7.30 e.h. Icelandic Canadian Club annast sýninguna.

KVÖLDSKEMMTUN

Almennur söngur hefst kl. 7.00 e.h. Gústaf Kristjánson stjórnar. Mrs. Jóna Krist-jánson annast undirleik. — Frægar íslenzkar kvikmyndir gerðar af Ósvaldi Knudsen verða sýndar í rökkrinu. Myndirnar sem hann hefir góðfúslega lánað nefndinni eru Askla on fire og Hornstrandir, með ensku tali og Hrognkelsaveiðar í Skerjafirði, med íslenzku tali.

DANS hefst kl. 9.30 e.h. Johnny and his Musical Mates spila.



PUBLIC RECEPTION

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

A public reception in honour of the Prime Minister of Iceland Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson and Mrs. Benediktsson on the occasion of their visit to our province, will be held in Room 200 Legislative Building on Thursday, August 6th, between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. All those wishing to meet the Prime Minister and his lady may do so by attending this reception.

> **ISLENDINGADAGSNEFNDIN** efnir til

SAMSÆTIS

til heiðurs forsætisráðherra Íslands dr. Bjarna Benediktssyni og frú Sigríði Björnsdóttur

International Inn.

1808 Wellington Ave.

Miðvikudaginn 5. ágúst 1964 kl. 7 e.h.

Aðgöngumiðar \$4.50

hjá Jochum Asgeirsson, 126 Lodge Ave. VE 2-4654. og Helgi Johnson, Gimli