

*RADM George J. Dufek, USN,
Commander U.S. Naval Support Force
Antarctica (Task Force 43).
Admiral Dufek, in command of
Operation Deep Freeze I and II,
began his Antarctic life in 1939
as navigator with the Third
Byrd Expedition. Since then
he has ranged from pole to pole
taking command in Arctic and
Antarctic Navy expeditions.
Admiral Dufek will also be in
command of the next phase—
Operation Deep Freeze III.*



THOSE WHO LEFT US...

...the eight who died in

OPERATION DEEP FREEZE I and II,
the "Admiral of Antarctica,"

...and to the 5,322 who came back.

"I DO NOT MINIMIZE THE SCIENTIFIC GAINS OF SUCH EXPEDITIONS. BUT THE HUMAN VALUES ARE SO IMMEDIATE AND SO UNIVERSAL IN THEIR EFFECT THAT IT MAY WELL BE THAT THEY TRANSCEND THE SCIENTIFIC SERVICE... GREAT EXPLORERS DO NOT MERELY ADD TO THE SUM OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE, BUT ALSO THEY ADD IMMENSELY TO THE SUM OF HUMAN INSPIRATION."

Address of Herbert Hoover, President of the United States,
presenting National Geographic Society's Special Gold Medal
of Honor to RADM Richard E. Byrd, USN, June 20, 1939.