



# The Dinner Call

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## "TRANSPOLAR COMMERCE BY AIR"

### VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON

World's greatest living authority on the Arctic.

Special Consultant to the War Department on Arctic Equipment and Clothing for World War II.

Adviser to Pan American Airways. Commander of many important expeditions to the Arctic.

Spent the summer of 1942 in Alaska.

As Commander of Canadian Arctic Expeditions discovered lands North of Alaska and Canada. Previously, as head of expedition under auspices of American Museum and Canadian government, explored Colville Delta, North Alaska, Cape Parry, Coronation Gulf and Victoria Island.

Spent ten winters in Polar regions.

Once lived for eleven months on an Arctic ice floe, securing his food as he went.

Born in Manitoba in 1879, spent early childhood in North Dakota, graduated from Iowa University, did post graduate work at Harvard.

Collected World's largest privately-owned library of polar and sub polar material.

Author fourteen books, including "Ultime Thule," "Iceland, the First American Republic," "Unsolved Mysteries of the Arctic," "The Northward Course of Empire," "The Friendly Arctic," "My Life with the Eskimos," "Adventures in Error."

"Stefansson will stand for all time the great interpreter of the North."—*Dr. Isaiah Bowman, President Johns Hopkins.*

World-wide air routes and flying improvements perfected during World War II have made Americans conscious, as never before, of their Northern frontiers — smack against the old world, as the airplane flies.

The decades ahead are apt to determine America's place in world commerce for centuries to come, thru development of international air routes. Most informed people now know that the Arctic is the center of the modern world, with the most powerful nations of the world located in the North Temperate Zone, lying in a circle around the Arctic.

Possibly no other product of World War II will be more important to the United States than the air routes which will grow out of flying done by the American Air Transport Command and by the Russians flying home Lend-lease planes over Alaska and Northern Russia.

In keeping with club policy of always being in the forefront in bringing world leaders to discuss new and important subjects at club dinners, the officers have invited the world's greatest authority on this subject to be the club's guest at the next dinner.

Paid tribute by Sir Hubert Wilkins "the training I received from Stefansson that enabled me to face with confidence the flight across the polar sea in an airplane" and as having "accomplished so much scientific work in those areas that there is no doubt that he is the greatest explorer now living," decorated by many of the world's greatest scientific bodies and governments, the club's next speaker is without a peer in his field—a field of the utmost importance to all Americans in the years just ahead.

*Vilhjalmur Stefansson*