

HILLARY REACHES THE POLE:

Sir Edmund Hillary, the modest New Zealand bee-keeper of Everest fame, who became a world hero when he and Tensing were the first human beings to stand on the peak of Everest, has added another great victory to that historic achievement. These pictures recall Hillary and Tensing's triumphal progress into the valleys of Nepal after conquering Everest.

Hillary had reached the top of the world - and now he has balanced his record by reaching the bottom of the world - the South Pole. Modern aircraft have made the Poles far more accessible but Hillary is the first man to reach the South Pole by the overland route since Captain Scott's ill-fated expedition in 1912. Twelve hundred miles across empty snow by tractor, sled, and dog team - a triumph planned in co-operation with Dr. Fuchs (seen in this picture) who is on his way to the Pole from the other side. Congratulations to a pair of great explorers!