

TV documentary programme on the journeys of Peary and of his rival, the American, Dr F.A. Cook.

From 1980 for some years, Herbert made his home in Devon. For two years he was installed in Buckfast Abbey, the home of Sir Francis Drake, as Curator of a Museum of Exploration, which the Plymouth City Council proposed to establish there. Unfortunately, his plans for the Museum proved to be too ambitious and he parted company with the City Council and the Abbey. With his expedition days over and with pressing personal financial and health problems, Herbert now turned to painting as a means of livelihood. It had been a recreation in which he had shown great talent, notably for his portraits of polar explorers and Inuit hunters. At the same time he accompanied Arctic and Antarctic cruise ships as a guest lecturer, and acted in a similar capacity on trans-Atlantic voyages of *Queen Elizabeth II*, on board which vessel, and in other venues, he staged shows of his paintings.

For his achievements in the polar field, Herbert's awards included: the Polar Medal (with Antarctic and Arctic clasps), the Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society, the Medal of the French Geographical Society, the medal of the New York Explorers' Club.

He was offered the CBE for his leadership of the Trans-Arctic Expedition, but clearly in expectation of higher recognition, he turned it down, acting with typical impetuosity, and thus making it doubtful that his name would ever appear again in lists of honours. However, Sir Ranulph Fiennes campaigned to secure him a knighthood, with eventual success in 2000. As noted above, Herbert is commemorated in the Antarctic place names Herbert Plateau and Herbert Range.

Wally Herbert was one of the hardest travellers the polar regions have ever known but he never cultivated the skills in public relations necessary in order to make a living as an adventurer. True to himself, he did nothing by halves, and overstretched himself physically, mentally and financially on his expeditions. Although heart problems did not quench his indomitable spirit, it was fortunate that, in later years, he could fall back on the gentler pursuits of painting at his family home at Laggan, Inverness-shire.

He is survived by his wife Marie, and elder daughter Kari, both authors of books on their time in North Greenland. A younger daughter, Pascale, died aged 15 in a tragic accident at the family home in Devon.

Geoffrey Hattersley-Smith

Gustavo Pablo Roberto Papazian (Fig. 1) was born in Buenos Aires on 6 January 1961. After education in his home city he trained as a commercial offshore oilfield diver at the College of Oceaneering Commercial Diving Center in California, USA. He specialised in non-destructive testing to ASNT level 1 in ultrasonics.

In 1998 he secured appointment as a diver with the Argentine Antarctic Directorate and overwintered at Base

Esperanza (Hope Bay). After one year in the Cayman Islands as a diving instructor, he returned south and over the period 1995–2001, he occupied many positions on expedition cruises as zodiac driver and manager and in expedition leadership positions. Among the ships he worked on were *R/V Akademik Sergei Vavilov*, *Akademik Ioffe*, *Professor Molchanov*, *Akademik Shuleykin*, *Lyubov Orlova* and *MV Disko*.

From 1997 to 2006 he was employed by Marathon Tours in the organisation of the yearly Antarctic marathons run on King George Island. From 2002 to 2004, he worked for OVDS (Hurtigruten) as Assistant Expedition Leader on board *MS Nordnorge*. Later he worked as Expedition Leader with an Argentine company running tours to the Antarctic Peninsula.

Papazian brought an infectious and cheerful enthusiasm to everything that he did, and he conveyed his keenness for all things Antarctic to very large numbers of tourists. Always very aware of the dangers facing the continent, he explained these matters clearly and simply and had the gift for making people feel that the continent really was the patrimony of mankind. He was especially good at developing levels of environmental awareness among tourists from his home country.

Among his other interests, he was a very knowledgeable collector of, and dealer in, antique watches.

His death in Buenos Aires on 31 August 2007, at a tragically early age, saddened his wide and international circle of colleagues and friends. He will be sorely missed.

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John Chardine

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Fig. 1. Gustavo Papazian (1961–2007).