



Collaboration between the veterinary schools of Utrecht and Ondersteboort

A political history

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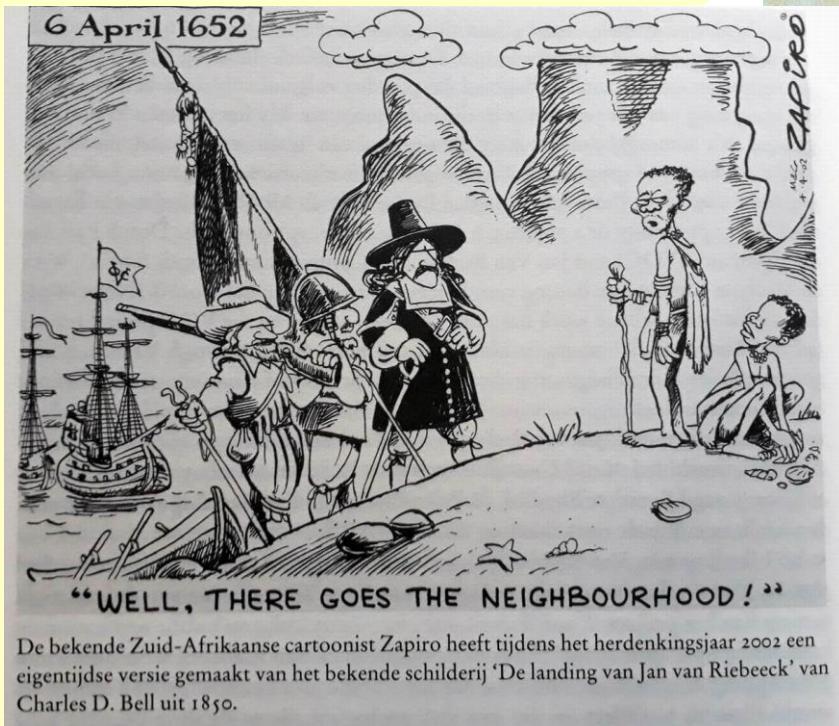
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Why and how did cooperation between the universities of Utrecht and Pretoria, and their veterinary faculties develop?

What was the influence of:

- Imperialism?
- Politics and science?
- International scientific networks under pressure?

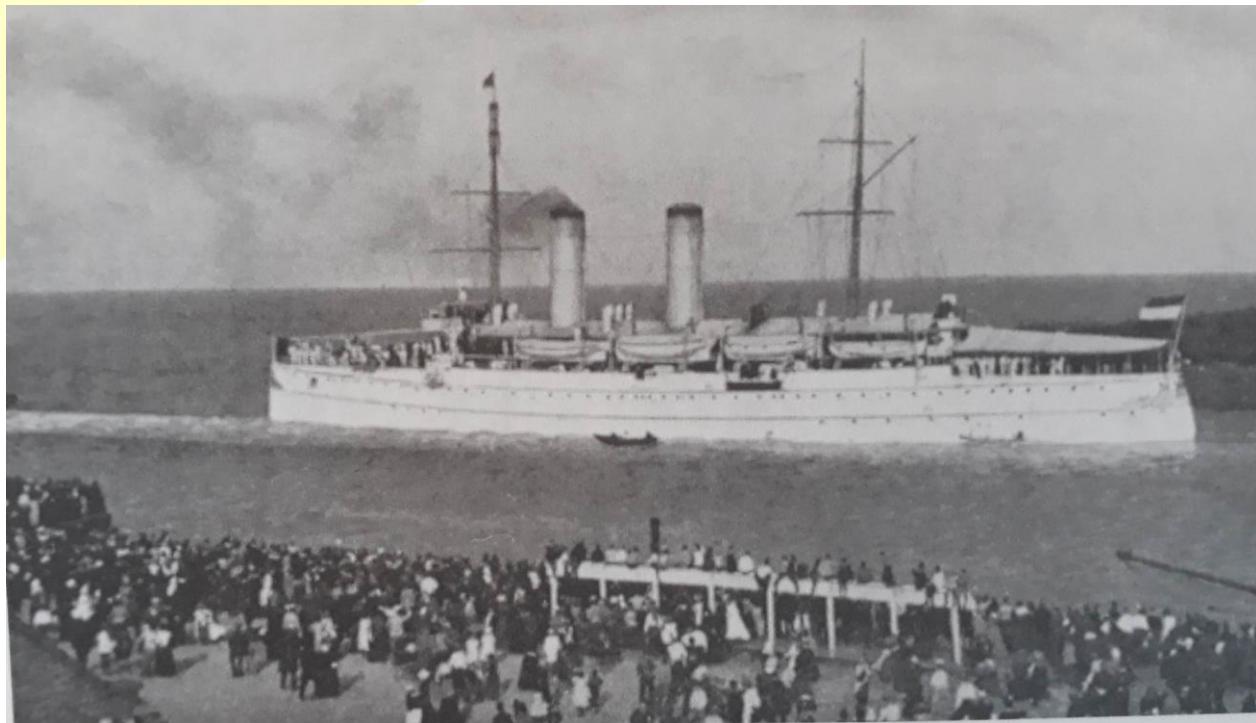


Arrival of Jan van Riebeeck at the Cape in 1652



Paul Kruger (1825-1904)
President of Transvaal
1883-1902

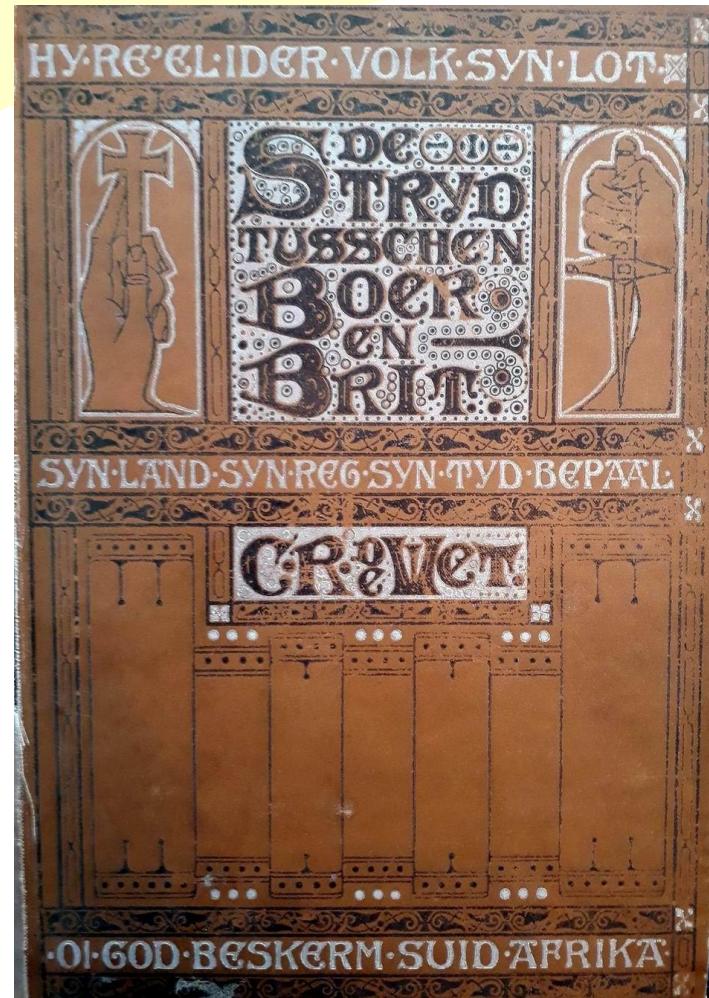
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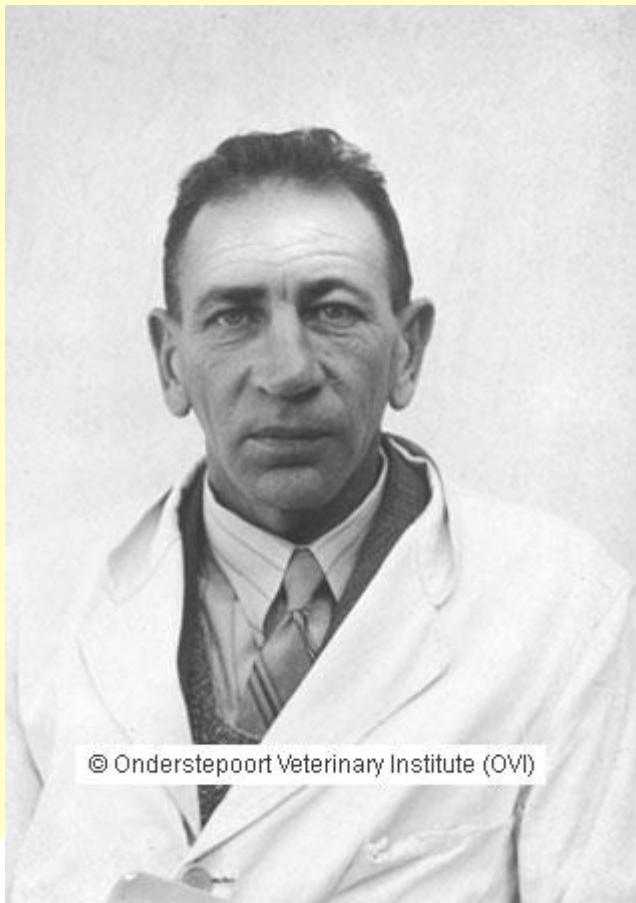
‘President Paul Kruger op Hr. Ms Oorlogsboot “Gelderland”.’



Villa Orangelust, Utrecht. Krüger Plaque unveiled in 1952 (300 years after Van Riebeeck's landing in SA)



Christiaan de Wet (1854-1922), general of the Boers



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Philip Fourie (1894-1982)
Thesis defended at
Utrecht Univ. in 1931

Dissel 1931
**THE HAEMATOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY
OF HAEMONCHOSIS IN SHEEP**

PROEFSCHRIFT

TER VERKRIJGING VAN DEN GRAAD VAN
DOCTOR IN DE VEEARTSENJKUNDE

AAN DE RIJKS-UNIVERSITEIT TE Utrecht
OP GEZAG VAN DEN RECTOR MAGNIFICUS
JHR. DR. B. C. DE SAVORNIN LOHMAN
HOOGLEERAAR IN DE FACULTEIT DER RECHTSGE-
LEERDHEID VOLGENS BESLUIT VAN DEN SENAAT
DER UNIVERSITEIT TEGEN DE BEDENKINGEN VAN
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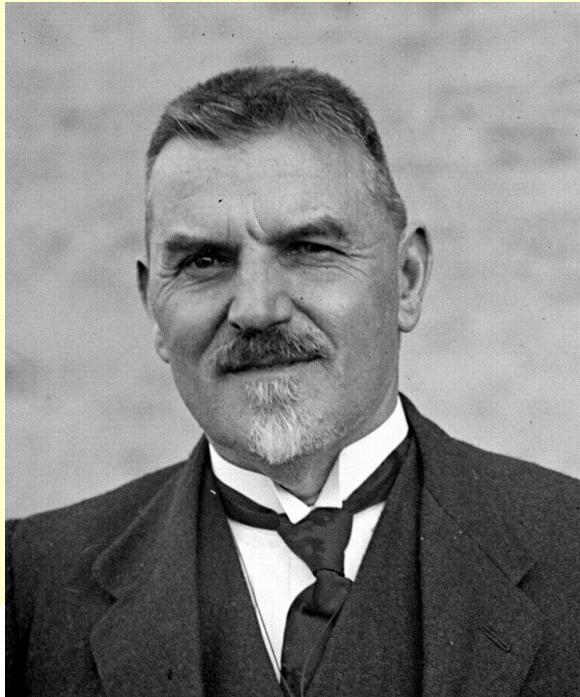
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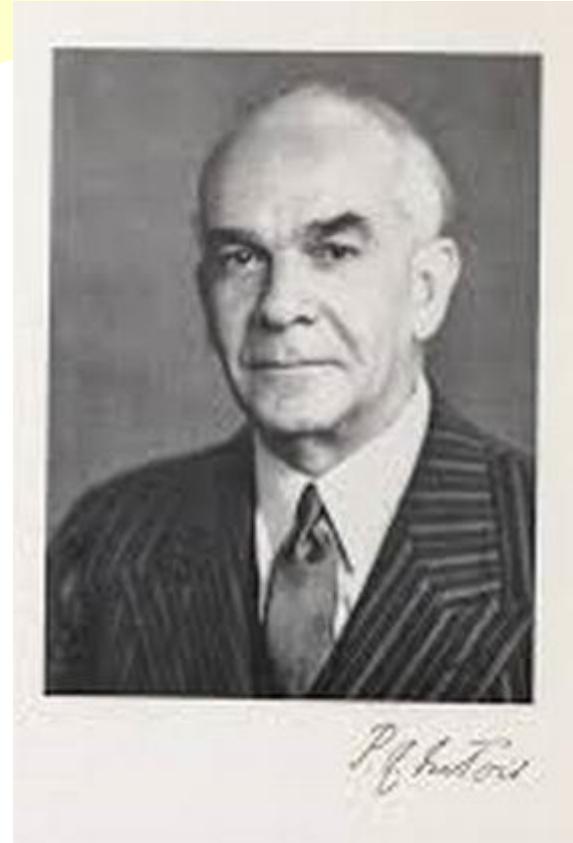
THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER, PRETORIA
1931



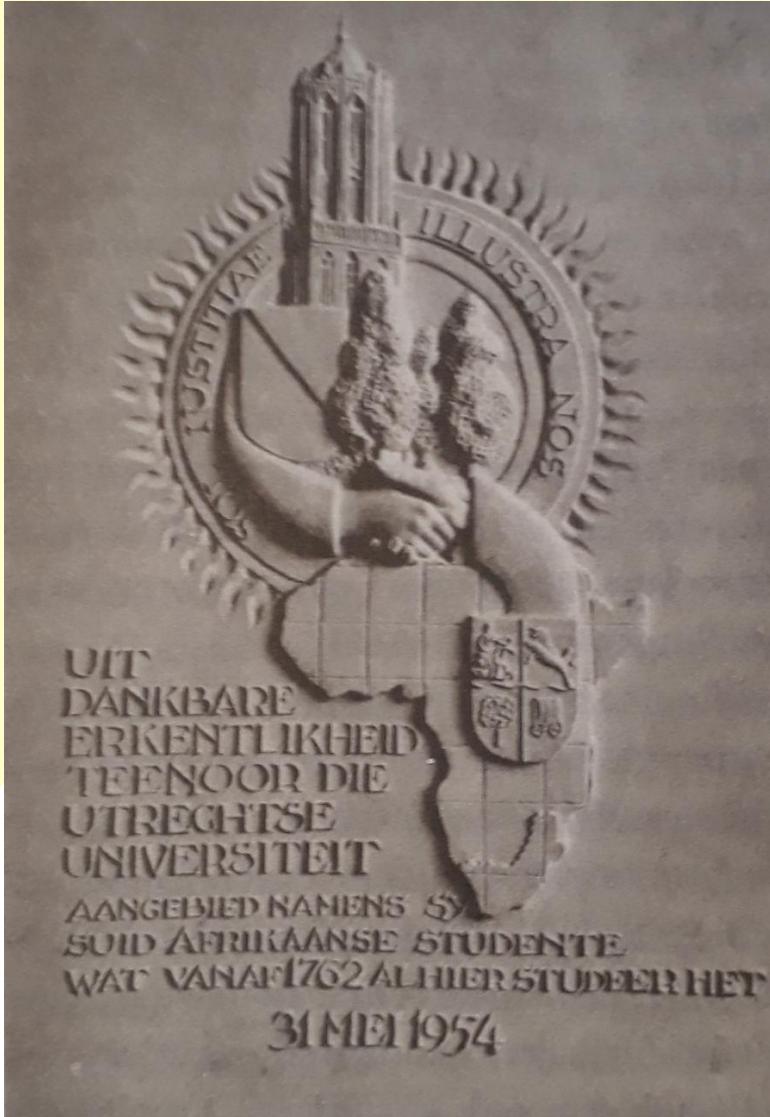
Wooden sculpture of Kruger presented by Pretoria University on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Utrecht University in 1936



Arnold Theiler
1867-1936
Dr. h.c. 1936



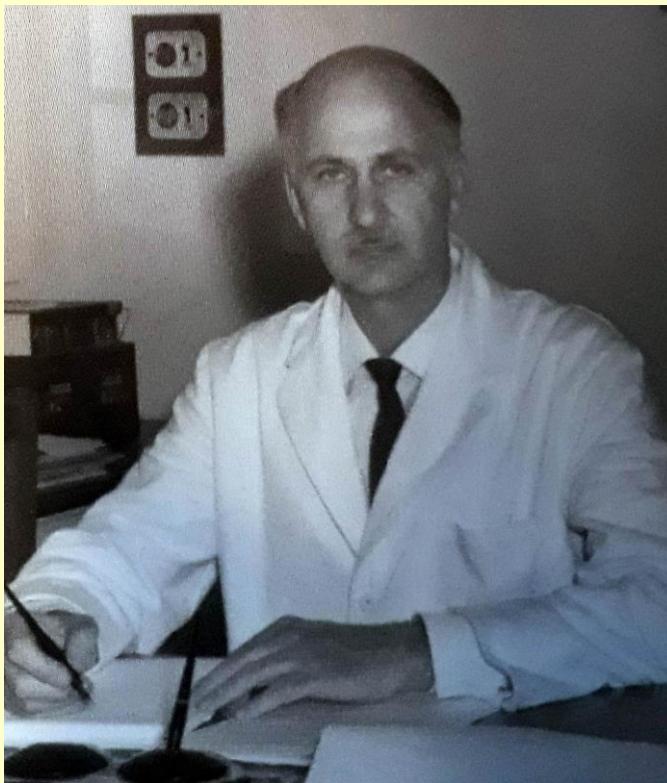
Petrus du Toit
1888-1967
Dr. h.c. 1948



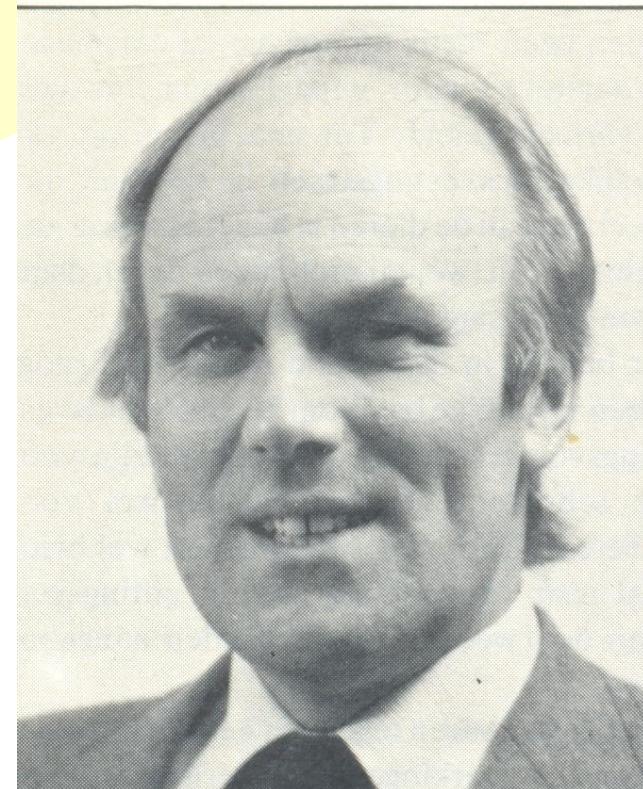
Out of grateful recognition
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Plaquette presented on
behalf of all South African
students who have studied
here from 1762 onwards

31st May 1954



Louwrens van den Heever
1923-1995
Pretoria



Jan van Logtestijn
1931-
Utrecht





Conclusions

Political and cultural developments were important determining factors in the relation between the Utrecht and Onderstepoort veterinary faculties

- The Anglo-Boer War
- Colonial triangle Netherlands-South Africa- Dutch East Indies
- Rise and fall of the Apartheid regime
- The ideology of the “Greater Netherlands”

