

will need is being shipped. From Topolinyi these daring men will proceed to their destination using reindeer and horses.

"I have long dreamt of making such an expedition," said Palkiewicz, who, incidentally, speaks Russian well. "The purpose of our undertaking is more of a scientific nature, that is, to carry out medical research during the trek. This will include an investigation of the problems involved in the adaptation of man to harsh conditions and of man's functional capabilities under extreme natural conditions. In Moscow I had to "push" the expedition for a long time and without success, until the Soviet press agency "Novosti" became interested in my idea. The group will receive support en route, that is, local team drivers will lead the reindeer teams to Oimyakon. During the journey we are intending to feed ourselves on stroganina (sliced frozen fish or meat), reindeer meat and other food, which the local people along our route have."

The expedition members anticipate that their trek will last until the eleventh of March.

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### Soviet-Italian Arctic Expedition

Horses were used symbolically for the start of the Soviet-Italian expedition, which has set off for Oimyakon. Then, however, at the state farm settlement of Tanda, where the group arrived from