

By the way, a number of groups are setting off for the North Pole from Canada this year.

"Of course, as sportmen we would want to get to the North Pole first, says V. Chukov, "but we would be glad to meet them all at the finish. We wish those who are starting out success. I'm convinced that they would wish the same to us".

In addition to us, the trekkers were also being accompanied by a puppy, given to them on Dikson Island, which they called "Polyus".

"Fly to the Pole with Polyus", the expedition members told us.

"Till we meet at the North Pole", we said, bidding them farewell.

Our MI-8 helicopter circled a few times over the ice of the Arctic Ocean. But now the land didn't seem like such a white silence any more. The helicopter crew, captained by Yu. Reymerov, saluted the polar explorers with green rockets.

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#### Radio Report From "Arktika"

The "Arktika" expedition, organized by Economicheskaya gazeta and the Moscow branch of the Geographical Society of the USSR Academy of Sciences, has been en route now for almost a month. It has