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Environmental Concerns Delay Yamal Projects

Yamalo-Nenets Region: The Yamalo-Nenets Regional Committee recently confirmed a ban on construction projects in the areas around the gas-fields situated on the Yamal peninsula. The technical and economic substantiation documentation presented by the Ministry of the Gas Industry was acknowledged to be lacking, particularly with regard to the ecological aspects. The completion dates for the opening of the Yamal gas industry have thus been postponed by several years. However, the proprietors of the territory think that rash decisions could result in even greater losses

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Soviet Ship Makes Fourteenth Trip to Antarctica

It is autumn in the Antarctic. There are swells and clouds, and ice and icebergs are starting to crowd together in the coastal areas. This is the situation in which the crew and scientists on six USSR Naval Ministry and USSR State Hydrometeorological Centre vessels started on the second stage of operations under the programme of the 34th Soviet Antarctic Expedition.

Once again the Mikhail Somov was ploughing the expanses of the Southern ocean, as for the fourteenth time it reached the shores of the White