

MISCELLANEOUS

To School Beyond the Arctic Circle

The newspaper "Sovetskaya rossiya" announces a competition for participation in a Soviet-Canadian Student Expedition to the Arctic. Today we are printing an article by Dmitrii Shparo regarding the upcoming journey.

Our ski expedition of last year that followed the route USSR - North Pole - Canada, and in which nine Soviet lads and four Canadians participated, was named symbolically "Polar Bridge". Now, if you will, we have "Polar Bridge 2". Its official name is "Arkticheskii poisk" or, in English, "Arctic Quest".

At the end of May next year 15 Canadians, including 10 students, will fly to Moscow. Together with a similar group of young Soviet men and women, they will journey to Vorkuta, from where the adventurous portion of the expedition is to begin. The young people will ski into the mountains, up to the summit of Paier in the Polar Urals. Then, on the Asian side of the mountain range, they will get into inflatable rubber boats and descend the rivers Tan'o and Voikor. Then by ship on the Ob' River they will arrive at Salekhard, and will work on construction of a school in the Nenets village of Salemal.

After this will follow a week-long educational program, including excursions to Yamburg, to the oldest Russian polar station Morrasale, and to lakes in the central portion of the Yamal Peninsula which have an interesting geological feature - fossil ice...