

each country - will make their way on skis and by dogsled to Cape Dezhnev and will then cut across the Bering Strait over the ice. They will end their trek in Alaska. The expedition is headed by D. Shparo.

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Unwilling "Polar Bears"

In the backwater of the Ob'-Irtysk Steamship Line's Khanty-Mansiisk port a bulldozer sank to a depth of four metres. Through a miracle, the operator, A. Medvedev, and captain of the suction dredge, A. Baranovskii, escaped with their lives.

Nothing on that wintery January day presaged a disaster. The bulldozer operator, A. Medvedev, under the direction of convoy captain, P. Trifonov, was clearing ice roads in the backwater. At noon, when all the work was finished, the convoy captain dispatched the bulldozer to the depôt. However, Medvedev never made it here because on his way he encountered A. Baranovskii, the captain of the suction dredge, who persuaded him to turn off to the suction dredge in order to take some heavy wheels off to the workshop. The tractor then turned off the ice road and headed for the suction dredge through deep snow. However, the ice gave out and the tractor, along with Medvedev and Baranovskii, plunged under the ice.

According to eyewitnesses, about thirty seconds later the frightened tractor operator appeared and two minutes after that the arm of the