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Beyond the Arctic Circle on Tronoi Island

At first these islands were not lucky, as the journalist Vladimir Bulanov wrote in this newspaper fifteen years ago. In the spring of 1933, when an Arctic expedition on board the icebreaker "Rusanov" discovered them, the captain did not want to risk approaching the shore and so the islands remained unnamed. In August of the same year, members of the polar expedition led by Professor Vladimir Yul'evich Vize, landed on the shore from the icebreaker "Sibiriyakov". The Professor gave the islands the name "Izvestii".

The polar station on Troinoi, the largest of the islands, is designed to study the climate and the hydrological conditions in the Kara Sea.

Seven men now work at the station and their life moves from shift to shift. The only relief is their TV.

This year marks the fifty fifth anniversary of the naming of the islands and also the thirty fifth anniversary of the opening of the polar station there.

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