

"There is a woman standing behind every man. But I think that, to some extent, this was an accident. I can talk about two stages in this undertaking. Physically, the organization of the expedition literally exhausted me. But then I saw how people are capable of cooperating, and this is a process in which both men and women should take part. We spent three years preparing this expedition. If there had not been unity among the different people, this event could not have taken place.

The greatest contributions to the success of the expedition came from the USA, the Soviet Union and France."

Q. "Do you regret your investments?" we ask J. Gore, honorary president of the firm 'Gortex'."

A. "For all of our associates this was a most extraordinary expedition. We are so delighted that we could do what we did. It was simply magnificent," smiles our guest.

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Decision to Abolish Polar Aviation Directorate Considered Sensible

Today we are publishing a second opinion on the issue of resurrecting Polar Aviation. This time the author of the article is USSR Meritorious Pilot I.A. Levandovskii, who was awarded the "Badge of Honour" for his participation in air support for the nuclear-powered icebreaker "Arktika" and has participated in fifteen high-latitude air expeditions.