not by hearsay. Let us get to work--pilots, navigators, engineers--all who hold dear the title of polar worker. Let us resurrect what was lost and destroyed by a single stroke of the pen in the years of stagnation. I myself am ready to help with both advice and action.

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Ice Floe Breaks Up - End of High Latitude Expedition

The "North-90" airborne expedition to the high latitudes has ended. It was serviced by a composite arctic squadron of the Krasnoyarsk civil aviation directorate commanded by V. Grishin. On May 13 the State flag of the USSR was hauled down at the ice base drifting deep within the Central Arctic Basin.

In the last few days the ice floe has been subjected to particularly intensive pressure and hummocking and cracks developed in several places. That made it necessary to hastily transfer the camp and its tents, frame huts, supplies and equipment to another location. A sizable chunk of the ice airfield's landing strip broke off...