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Four more vessels will leave Leningrad after the Akademik Fyodorov: the Vityaz Barin, a multi-purpose dry cargo ship able to navigate in ice; the Mikhail Somov, an electrically-driven motor-ship; and the Professor Zubov and Professor Vize, two research ships. A tanker, BSM, will sail from the Far Eastern port of Vladivostok. The ships will carry large numbers of exotic specialists, thousands of tonnes of freight needed by them, plus airplanes and helicopters. While this will be the second such voyage for the Vityaz Barin, the other ships have sailed many times to the Antarctic shores.

The An-74: Its First Flight in the Antarctic

The telegrams and radiotelephone conversations that Molodetskaya Station, Mirny and Leningrad exchanged in recent days were anxious: the subject was the saving of a human life.