

And so, the expedition has no support from outside. Still, there was support for all that.

V. Chukov:

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"As for the equipment, for the most part it was made by the voyagers themselves. Unfortunately, our industry does not produce much of what was needed. And needed, incidentally, not just for trips in the severe Arctic, but also for the work of specialists setting out to develop this region. And for this reason the members of the group had to call on their considerable knowhow and skills to make, for example, the clothes they are wearing.