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second group of participants in the 34th Soviet Antarctic expedition sailed from the Neva River

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IL-180 scientists will conduct a variety of air gravimetric, meteorological, and other types of studies.

Now there is another scheduled flight on this long-distance route. This particular flight is an IL-76TD with 85 Arctic researchers from the 34th Soviet Antarctic expedition on board. "It's interesting to observe", said Yuri Zussan, Deputy Head of the Soviet Antarctic expedition; "that the volume of traffic on this route linking Leningrad and the Molodyeshnaya Antarctic Station is growing year by year. Air transport makes it possible to cut travel time drastically and to make use of the most favorable period of the Antarctic summer for efficient work, construction, and research. This year, for instance, over 350 Antarctic researchers have travelled this route in one direction alone. In addition, many of those who have completed their work with the 33rd Soviet Antarctic expedition have returned home by air.