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Cultural Expedition on Vaigach Island

The Arctic Marine Expedition from the Scientific Research Institute for Culture of the RSFSR Ministry of Culture and the Soviet Culture Fund is centering its work on the arctic island of Vaigach.

Its aim is to comprehensively research the historical and natural environment of the Arctic. Taking part in the expedition is a cross-section of specialists - historians and archeologists, biologists and geologists, sociologists and architects.

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Magadan Celebrates Its Fiftieth Anniversary

Magadan, a city with a contradictory and dramatic destiny, has celebrated its 50th anniversary. It has taken its place in the history of the country as the key to a rich gold-bearing province, and as an advance post in the effort to settle the extreme Northeast. At the same time, its name has become a symbol for a man-made hell - for the terrible Kolyma prison camps. The past has seen tightly intertwined the romanticism of the first settlers' discoveries and the horrifying fate of the victims of Stalin's repression, the grand Komsomol enthusiasm for building and the forced slave labor of the convicts.