

## ANTARCTIC

### "Metelitsa" Ski Team in the Antarctic

Yesterday the following radiogram was received in our editorial offices: "The women's Antarctic scientific and sport expedition, "Metelitsa" [Blizzard] has arrived at the Soviet scientific research station, Molodyozhnaya. S. Gur'yeva, Navigation Officer."

Our readers have been familiar with the "Metelitsa" ski team and its permanent leader, V. Kuznetsova, Master of Sport, for a long time. Between 1966-69 these skiers made 3 long-distance treks, one of them international: Moscow-Leningrad-Helsinki-Turku-Tampere-Tornino. Between 1974-87 the team skied into the Arctic, completing 9 expeditions at extreme northern latitudes.

And now the Antarctic! Before departing by air from Leningrad for the Antarctic Molodyozhnaya station, V. Kuznetsova told the Trud reporter that the main goal of the present expedition was to reach the earth's southern geomagnetic pole in 1989.

After 2 weeks of training near the Molodyozhnaya station, the female skiers will transfer to their second base, the Mirnyi Observatory, from which they will set off on their ski trek to the Vostok station. They should arrive in early February, 1989. Their trek to the geomagnetic pole will thus take them across almost 1800 kilometres.