

messroom bore the family names and signatures of the crews of the An-2 which evacuated North Pole-25. A message to the finders of the station was left behind in a sealed bottle. The coordinates of the new location at which the station was encountered were added.

After everything that could be used on North Pole-31 was loaded onto the Mi-8, the helicopter returned to the Vladimir Arsenev.

The expeditionary ships arrived soon afterwards at the site where North Pole-31 was to be set up. The two crews from an Mi-8 helicopter bearing the number 22262 from the Chaun aviation organization, sailors, and Arctic researchers will now need to unload assorted items, large and small, scientific equipment, huts, and approximately 5,000 barrels of fuel.

Within the next few days, the Soviet flag will be raised over North Pole-31. It will begin its research work together with two other Soviet stations, conducting research in the Arctic Ocean, North Pole-28 and North Pole-30.

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Setting Up A New Drifting Research Station

In the cabin of our airplane there are just a few seats, and they are all taken. Sitting at the