

ANTARCTIC

Flying Laboratory Leaves for the Antarctic

An Il-18D aircraft, which left yesterday from Pulkovo airport, will be making a transcontinental flight to the Molodezhnaya Antarctic station along the route Leningrad - Aden - Maputu. The plane is delivering a new polar team and mail to the frozen continent. This flight marks the beginning of the 36th Soviet Antarctic Expedition. The main task of the present program is to study the sub-glacial relief in shore areas of the Antarctic from Molodezhnaya to the area of the Novolazarevskaya station. The Il-18D will be used as a kind of flying laboratory. Since American scientists will be carrying out observations together with Soviet researchers, in late October the plane will fly to the American station McMurdo. Operating from there, scientists from the two countries will conduct a number of flights over the Ross Ice Shelf and Trans-Antarctic mountains.

Following completion of its research program the aircraft will return to Leningrad in the second half of November.

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ENVIRONMENT

Industrial Pollution Brings Karelian Region to Brink of Environmental Disaster

A large group of specialists has arrived from Moscow to study the most ecologically disadvantaged region of Karelia - near the cities of Segezha and Nadvoitsy. Industrial emissions, especially from the local pulp and