

the flying route stays good and radio-reception is normal, the plane will head to the extreme point of the transcontinental route - the station Molodezhnaya.

At the ramp of the Il-76TD I saw a group of women. I found out that they were members of the women's polar team "Metelitsa" organized by the Rabotnitsa magazine.

The team has existed for twenty years - I was told by its leader, V. Kuznetsova. In the past years, we undertook nine independent high-latitude expeditions to the Arctic. These were stages in fulfilling our cherished dream - a ski expedition to the South Pole.

Now time has come to conduct, as we say, some field tests, that is to examine the actual conditions of our future trek across the antarctic continent. Our expedition has been set for the coming autumn.

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