

## ARCTIC

### Ice Charts Compiled

The work of compiling ice charts for the eastern sector of the Arctic has been completed. Hydrologists spent over 50 hours aboard ice reconnaissance aircraft. Flying at zero altitude they surveyed the status of the ice in the East Siberian, Chukchi and northern Bering seas and Long Strait. The charts compiled by the hydrologists will aid safe high-latitude navigation for ships about to open the navigation season in Arctic waters.

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### A Chat with Mikhail Sorokin, Head of the High Latitude "Transarctic" Geological Expedition

The settlement on Srednii Island is the northernmost point in our country, unless of course, you count the polar stations on Ushakov Island and Franz Joseph Land.

My hotel room turned out to be next door to that of geologist Mikhail Yurevich Sorokin, head of the High Latitude Expedition (VShE). The projects which the expedition is working on boggle the imagination. The number of people participating in them is 200 - on drifting ice! They have 4 million roubles worth of work to complete in a month and a half. In the Antarctic, by comparison, where the geologists are some of the chief partners of