

"Antarctica must be looked after. This is understood by every Soviet polarman and we are trying not only to talk about it, but to do something about it as well."

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Winter In Full Swing

Soviet and foreign researchers in Antarctica have passed the middle of the south-pole winter. They have now entered the second half of their long stay on the sixth continent. Behind them lie wide-ranging, seasonal scientific, transport and construction and installation works, the voyages of the six ships belonging to the Ministry of the Marine Fleet and the USSR State Committee on Hydro-meteorology and the flights of Aeroflot planes and helicopters. On the day of the winter solstice, the expeditions of many countries exchanged congratulatory radiograms on the occasion of this traditional holiday and wished one another new successes in the acquisition of knowledge related to the icy Far South.

Our expedition is one of the largest in Antarctica. More than three hundred scientists and specialists work at the main scientific centre of Mirnyi and at the six permanent stations, which include the newly opened Progress on the coast of the Sea of Cooperation. Among us there are several veteran-researchers of the northern and southern latitudes. Continuing the challenge which we have