

"Four times a day, the "Rossiya" expedition communicates indispensable data to the USSR State Committee for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Control. No dialogue is necessary. All problems are resolved on the spot."

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A Meeting with the Conquerors of the Arctic

On 9 January, Mr. N.I. Ryzhkov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR met the participants in the Soviet-Canadian Transarctic Ski Expedition in the Kremlin and invested them with USSR State decorations. These were awarded to the participants for their successful crossing on a route extending from the USSR to Canada via the North Pole, and for their major contribution to the department of friendly relations between the USSR and Canada.

The order of the Red Banner of Labour was awarded to Mr. D.I. Shparo, Expedition Chief and a Senior Lecturer at the Moscow Steel and Alloys Institute.

Orders of the Friendship of Peoples were awarded to his comrades on the expedition, which, in the spring of 1988, had, for the first time in history, joined by an almost 2,000-kilometre-long ski track the Arctic coasts of our country and Canada. The recipients included four Canadian athletes: Dr.