

The Sea Gateway To Antarctica

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in the continent of Antarctica, some one hundred kilometres from the shores of the Southern Ocean. Thirty-two Soviet Antarctic Expedition are stationed there. They are headed by V. G. Shov, who has spent seven winter seasons in Antarctica and who has long been our correspondent in the region. He receives one of his regular correspondents from the first Antarctic station to be established in the Democratic Republic of the USSR. The first Antarctic station was established in the USSR in 1956 with the help of the Soviet Antarctic Expedition. Cape Ostryi, on the Leningrad inlet, constitutes a unique sea gateway to the continent of Antarctica. It is from here that men and supplies are forwarded to the bases by ships. MI-8 helicopters are used for this purpose. The latter vehicles often make the trip along a difficult ice route, which runs between the crevasses.

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