



# Russian Icebreaker YAMAL

August Twenty-Third, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four

Early on the morning of August 23, 1994, LOUIS S. ST-LAURENT maneuvered behind YAMAL with POLAR SEA following. Moored in six feet of ice, with less than a ship's length separating them, each ship placed a brow from its port side to allow free-passage to all crew members from the ships. Throughout the day, activities included the exchange of pins, hats, etc., dancing to Latin music on the ice, an international ice-softball tournament, and a YAMAL-sponsored barbecue of caribou sausage, cabbage, and a popular Russian beverage. Spirits were high for all, despite the thirteen-hour time difference between the North American expedition (on Alaska Standard Time) and the crew of YAMAL (on Moscow Time).

That evening, an international convoy of the three icebreakers headed south towards the Atlantic Ocean.



GLASNOST: SN Cobran Lappin, BM2 Anthony Whiting, and new-found Russian friend ham it up aboard YAMAL.

