

## *Small Scientific laboratory of research at Igloolik*

The Canadian Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has established a small scientific research laboratory at Igloolik, a small island in Foxe Basin which lies north of Hudson Bay.

The Laboratory is of novel design, looking like a large mushroom. It is essentially an elevated single-story circular building, 72 feet in diameter, with access through the stem which also houses the utilities.

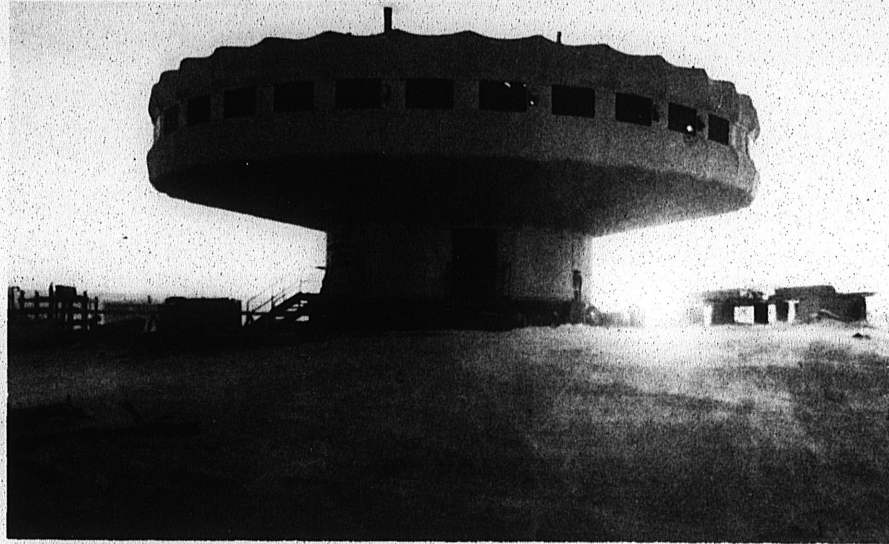
A steel framework was built on a prepared concrete foundation with an air space to preserve the permafrost, and polyurethane sandwich panels were bolted to this framework.

Most of the construction was carried out by local Eskimo labor.

The building has a central meeting room with laboratories, offices, library and a dark room, arranged radially around it.

Northern Foxe Basin is a good hunting area and Igloolik has long been an important Eskimo center. The Eastern Arctic Research Laboratory will provide support to visiting research scientists, mostly from government agencies and universities.

The Scientist-in-Charge is Dr. Andris Rode, and the rest of the small permanent staff are all Eskimos.



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