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SOYUZ-TM10 LANDED:

The landing took place in the neighbourhood of Arkalyk in Kazakhstan at 0605UTC 10 Dec. 1990. With the relieved MIR crew Akiyama (Japanese TBS reporter). During his flight the Japanese reporter gave many TV and Radio-reports and must have a lot of films with very good images. After the landing the cosmonauts flew to Starcity near Moscow. There they had to undergo medical checks.

ACTIVITIES LAST WEEK:

F diotrafic revealed the normal activities during the transfer of the station to a new crew: old crew: preparations for return, working with the Chibis pressure suit and loading and checking the S-TM10. The Japanese reporter also did some experiments: with his own body (studying adaption to weightlessness) and with frogs (Frogs in Space). The TV reports had to underline the beautiful earth seen out of space. Akiyama did not feel too well. He did not like the food and the flight-engineer permitted him to use his cabin. Afanasyev told TsUP that there are a lot of differences between the Russians and Japanese, especially their meaning about drinks and food. During the whole period Akiyama could be heard, only the last day, 9 Dec. 1990, he did not speak during passes over here.

RADIO-AMATEURISM:

Now and then HAM-work by Manarov: once on 145.500 mc, Sunday 9 Dec. at 1306UTC on 145.550 mc with c/s U2MIR. Whether he worked duplex or simplex was not clear.

RADIOCONTACT WITH STS COLUMBIA:

This had been planned, but now news about it thusfar. It was impossible to check this from this position: Columbia's inclination was 28.5 degr., so out of our range.

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