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1. Maps of northern Siberia indicate a Port Dixon on the Siberian coast east of the mouth of the Yenisei River. They lead to the conclusion that allusions to a Dixon Island may refer to Port Dixon, which one map gives as Dickson Head. The fact that the name is not Russian gives a certain probability to this theory.

2. The TASS, Soviet Overseas Service, in an English Morse transmission to North America on February 14, 1947, at 7:53 a.m. EST, broadcast the following item:

"Members of the Arctic expedition on board the ice-breaker North Pole arrived in Leningrad from Port Dixon and delivered to the Arctic Institute collections they gathered during their lengthy journey. This expedition, fitted out last summer, reached the 73 1/2 degree of north latitude. They were compelled to suspend any further advance along the East Siberian Sea northwards due to thick icefields. Therefore, the ice-breaker altered course and skirted Wrangel Island around the northern coast -- a feat never accomplished by any other expedition before. Then the ice-breaker guided several ice-locked ships to Kozhevnikov Bay and toward the end of October reached Port Dixon where they took on board winterers who were replaced by others. The total length of the ice-breaker's journey was some 16,000 miles."

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