

## TRANSPORT LAND

### Farewell to the Winter Ice Road!

The last truck convoys are now travelling over the winter ice roads of the Yakut region. Approximately three hundred thousand tonnes of fuel, construction materials, foodstuffs and animal feeds have been shipped over these temporary roads, which lead to the most remote and isolated regions of the Autonomous Republic, regions which in summer may, in some cases, only be accessible by helicopter.

"Most of the goods are delivered by our workers," your reporter was told by the Director of the "Yakutavtotrans" Association, M. Zinshtein. "We dealt with our assigned work load ahead of schedule and that includes the extra obligations as well. In particular, we fully met all the demands of the construction workers employed at the Arctic Adychanskaya hydroelectric power station. In fact, altogether the Association's employees were responsible for shipping more than two hundred thousand tonnes of miscellaneous cargo..."

Incidentally, this was the first time they had reached such a figure. Drivers M. Val'khin, A. Gaidukov, Yu. Komarov, S. Kryuchkov and dozens of others, skillfully guide their trucks over roads hacked out of marshes, hummocks, steep mountain slopes and rocky obstructions.

The northerners have learned how to extend the "winter shipping season". In recent years shipments across the Vilyui River have begun to operate earlier in the year than usual. At the settlement of KysylSyr, which lies on the right bank