

TRANSPORT WATER

Anxious Days in the Arctic

Murmansk, 22 June (TASS). The efforts made by three icebreakers, the "Admiral Makarov", the "Ermak" and the nuclear-powered "Arktika", were not enough to clear the heavy ice of the well-known Aionskii ice pack.

The crews on board these ships, after eight days of enormous effort, overcame the ice pressure to ensure a safe passage for the two cargo ships bound for Pevek, which were under their guidance. It was only today the ice situation on the route eased very slightly, and the convoy - the first during the present navigation season - was able to finally move closer to its destination.

Of course other nuclear-powered ships may come to the seamen's aid at any minute. But this will certainly affect the outcome of the whole navigation season. This is why various scenarios are now being considered to resolve the situation so that all of the cargo scheduled to be delivered this year will in fact be delivered as planned.

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A Competitor Arrives on the Scene

The letter which arrived from Tyumen' was angry and quite well-argued. It was just begging to