

The problem of inertia is too obvious to merit discussion. Inertia is displayed by shipbuilders, metallurgists and mechanical engineers when it comes to decisions of principal importance for the construction of the next generation of nuclear ice-breakers.

Aboard nuclear titan ships, we fought through heavy ice-fields, first in the world reached the North Pole. We are used to difficulties. But to break the ice of indifference and bureaucratic evasions has turned out to be much more difficult, even though common sense and the interests of the economy dictate there is an imperative need to do so.

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Information: Along the Ice Route

The first convoy with superblocks has left Salekhard bound for Yamburg along the canal built through the ice in the Ob'Inlet. The eight large-scale shops for the Yamburg gas refinery plant are being transported by tow-ships MB-1201, OTA-992, OT-2021. The final stage of the passage of this unusual freight is extremely difficult: the hummock ice-fields and northern winds are obstacles along the route. The tow-ship crews are helped through the difficult stretches by the ice-breakers "Kapitan Jevdokimov", "Kapitan Moshkin" and "Kapitan Chudinov". While the first ships are making their way to the moorings at Yamburg, the second convoy