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Canada and the USSR to Cooperate in Developing  
Shipping Lanes Near Alaska

On February 20, in the item "The Arctic is Not Only in Russia", the newspaper Vozdushnyi transport reported on a Soviet-Canadian seminar on hydrometeorological support for ice navigation in the Soviet and foreign parts of the Arctic. The article evoked lively interest among many readers and a number of organizations who expressed a desire to expand and give concrete expression to the ongoing international Arctic cooperation.

The best answers to all of these questions may be found in a book published at the end of 1989 and written by a former Pevek resident, Aleksandr Ivanovich Arikainen, now an associate of the All-Union Institute of Systems Research. The book is entitled "In the Ice of the North American Arctic," with the subtitle "Stages in the Development of the Northwestern Sea Route." It was published by the Publishing House of Hydrometeorological Literature, contains 214 pages and sells for 65 kopecks. The book's chief reviewer is also a former resident of Pevek - V.I. Smirnov, now with the Arctic and Antarctic Scientific Research Institute (AANII). Both the author and the reviewer devoted many years to airborne ice reconnaissance and both have been members of international teams. For this reason they are well acquainted with the subject under discussion.

The book summarizes a voluminous body of facts from foreign sources, with more than 400 titles listed. It examines in detail the history of the discovery and development as well as the current status of the American Northern Sea Route in relation to all of the various managerial, transport, aviation, military, political, financial and scientific problems.