

"Where are personnel for the nuclear-powered ships trained?"

"In our technical institutes - the MIFI 9th Moscow Engineering Physics Institute, the MEI (the Moscow Power Engineering Institute), and the MVTU im. Bauman (the Moscow higher Technical School im. N.E. Bauman), and also in the OVIMU (the odessa Higher Engineering Nautical School), the NVIMU, the LVIMU (the Leningrad Higher Engineering Nautical School im. Admiral S.M. Makarov). Then they take a course at the Leningrad Higher Engineering Nautical School im. Admiral S.O. Makarov. After which graduates serve a probationary period on a nuclear-powered ship. And only after this are they ready for independent work.

"Are nuclear power-plants for the fleet?"

"Today's power-plant has performed well in operation and all the engineering decisions have been competently made. But, undoubtedly, the scientists are thinking about the creation of more powerful and safer power-plants. Such work is in the process of being carried out. After the Chernobyl' tragedy questions of safety became the corner-stone even at the expense of the economy.

"Aleksandr Mikhaylovich, couldn't you in conclusion comment on a question, which does not pertain to the fleet, but which is disturbing, I think, to everybody. I have in mind the report concerning the fact, that Sweden has made the decision to curtail the production of atomic energy.

"Actually, a referendum has been conducted in Sweden in connection with the fate of nuclear energy. The people have stated that they want to stop using nuclear power by the year 2020. However,