

1988 only a single visit was made there, but now there are two, totalling 500 people. We did a major renovation of the building, and built a dining room. Now the children will be able to holiday by the warm sea over a period of ten years.

"I want to point out that all the workers' collectives of the Basin's enterprises are participating in one form or another in this great work. And the benefits they receive depend on their contribution to creating the southern outposts of the steamship line. People understand that everything is now in their hands and that they must work as hard as possible. There is no other way for us to alleviate the current social problems."

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"They Made us a Gift of A Steamship. . ."

This was the title of a letter published on May 25th. Chief radiologist of Magadan Oblast G. Khalatov shared his misgivings about the use of the nuclear powered "Sevmorput".

I. Alekseev, Deputy Minister of the Shipbuilding Industry of the USSR [Minssudprom], addressed a response to the editors in which he said: "Minsudprom has examined the newspaper article 'They Presented Us with a Steamship. . .'. The author's letter contained a number of inaccurate statements. For example, he reports that even diesel-electric barge carriers, which are less expensive than the "Sevmorput" barge carrier, are unprofitable. In fact, unprofitability is not a feature of barge carriers of this series.