

equivalent exchange among the country's regions. And here it is indispensable that transport aspects be taken into consideration right from the start, whenever concrete planning, investment or commercial decisions are taken.

But the main levers for reducing transport costs in the economy, for putting freight haulage in order - are in the hands of enterprises. With the move to full economic accounting and self-financing, with a dramatically enhanced role of profit in their socio-economic circumstances, the fight for every rouble will become a reality. Radical economic reform must be implemented more boldly, in order that the entire national economy really start to work differently as of the thirteenth five-year plan.

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An Unusual Run

For Captain V. Lebedev of the "Zarya-359" motor vessel, out of Khanty-Mansiiskii river port and of the Ob'-Irtyshskii steamship line, navigation is an anniversary this time. He has devoted thirty years to this difficult job. Navigating any run is a test of character, of loyalty to the river, an examination in professional qualifications. The runs are particularly demanding in uncertain autumn weather, when the days are short, and the Konda River is turbulent.

At the end of the 1988 season, V. Lebedev and his mates were called upon to make an unusual run, delivering students from Tobol's D.I. Mendeleev State Institute of Pedagogy to their first archaeological dig. Thanks to the captain's great