to build plants for scrapping written-off ocean-going vessels in Koz'mino Bay near the city of Nakhodka, and in the cities of Murmansk, Tallin and Novosibirsk.

According to the contract signed recently, the Soviet fishery management associations will build the factory wharves, slips and shops, as well as the various plant structures and buildings, while the American company will set up the construction equipment, modern plant production equipment, installations, compressors, large presses, etc.

The start of construction will begin this year in Koz'miro Bay on this country's first ecologically clean plant for scrapping written-off ocean-going vessels. All the production processes at the plant will be as mechanized as possible, allowing its 134 specialists to process 120,000 tonnes of scrap metal a year.

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Under the Permafrost

Construction on permafrost hasn't been a novelty for a long time. But what about beneath the layer of ice, where it is always cold?

It turns out that this type of work is both feasible and effective for the national economy of the north. This has been proven by our experiments in Yakutiya -- experiments that have never been tried before anywhere in the world. Research into, and construction of underground reservoirs up to several thousand cubic metres in volume have been underway in