

put up a temporary settlement capable of housing one hundred people. From that point the cargoes are already en route to their destinations via local ice-roads.

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New Economic-Management System Could Revolutionize Port of Magadan

Cost Accounting Brings Subcontractors Together

The icebreaker "Magadan" has reported for duty in the harbour of the largest seaport in the north-eastern part of the USSR. She arrived there to assist the "Kapitan Khlebnikov" and the "Erofei Khabarov", to join in convoying the ships which were delivering cargoes to Kolyma and Chukotka.

This assistance came at just the right moment, for the extremely cold weather which has recently held sway there, has suddenly made the already difficult situation off the northern coasts of the Sea of Okhotsk much worse. At the end of February dozens of nautical miles of heavy ice blocked the passage of ships heading towards Magadan. Icebreakers are now spending up to sixteen hours in order to overcome this barrier and to enable the port to function normally. Since last year the port workers have been working under new economic conditions.

"We have to thank the crews of the icebreakers, who gave us support at a difficult time," stressed the harbourmaster of the Magadan commercial seaport, V.