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Specialists are Leaving

But Not Because They Fear the Reactor

Sixty-seven percent of the specialists working aboard nuclear powered vessels intend to move to transport ships at the first opportunity. Thirty-one percent want to be sent to diesel powered icebreakers and two percent want transfers to shore enterprises. In less than two years, 112 people have left the nuclear powered icebreaker "Sibir" for jobs elsewhere.

Troubled by the situation, it was the people of the nuclear ships themselves who conducted this sociological survey. A "round table" was organized to which council members of the workers collective, representatives of trade unions, and leading specialists of the fleet were invited.

Our correspondent, D. Tarakanov, discussed the results of this meeting with A. Sinyaev, chief engineer for nuclear installations and deputy head of the Murmansk Steamship Line.

"Aleksandr Kirillovich, surveys like this cannot help but wake people up. One can certainly assume that the reason specialists are leaving the nuclear ships is not fear of the atomic installations?"

"Of course not. The main reason lies in social problems. People begin to look for another place of work primarily where there is a chance to acquire housing relatively quickly. With us, you see, you have to wait