

ocean-going boat, and get his working certificate, only to receive a lower salary again? Nor does the position of the USSR Ministry of the Maritime Fleet facilitate the growth and retention of personnel on mixed-category vessels.

In accordance with the Ministry's instructions, when processing documents for ships preparing to sail, port captains do not accept certificates issued by the Ministry of the River Fleet to mechanics, radio-operators, and electricians. This policy is referred to in the fleet as "the war between uniforms". Vessels from the Siberian basins do not go beyond Soviet domestic waters, their engines do not switch into reverse when they go out into the sea or back to the rivers, alternating current does not become direct current, and the operating frequencies on transmitters do not change. Crews service the ships regardless of where they may be. Everyone involved in the operation of vessels in mixed zones understands that, yet they continue to follow the old instructions. What can you do? There is simply no fixed salary scale for mixed-category vessels sailing on both rivers and the sea.

I would be interested to learn the opinions of other involved in the operation of such mixed-category vessels in the fleet concerning the above questions, as well as of those in high positions with the authority to resolve them.

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