

But I believe in the North, in its people, who are prepared to extend the hand of friendship to any person, regardless of nationality or creed. Long live my northland!

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## CONSTRUCTION

### People Against Ice

A unique laboratory is operating in the Arctic town of Dudinka. Its small team of specialists is carefully studying the decidedly unfriendly "relations" that exist between the hydraulic engineering structures of the local port and the various "delights" of the Far North: extreme cold, wind, ice and permafrost...

Once when A. Kizim, the then head of the Dudinka port (he now holds the position of deputy head of the Supply Administration for Science at the Norilsk Mining and Metallurgical Combine), was on a business trip in Leningrad, he visited the Institute of Water Transport. This entailed going to a number of laboratories and faculty departments. He spoke with the specialists and then noticed one particular fourth-year student who had already spent two years studying the interaction of various structures and time-related deformational phenomena. Although, at first glance, this work was far removed from the problems of port personnel, the "northern visitor" saw in it the faint trace of a linking thread. Kizim took a liking to this thoughtful and amiable young fellow and suggested that the Leningrader come to Dudinka after defending his diploma.