

We Were the Only Ones Without Cargo

(How the Lena Amalgamated Steamship Line Prevented the Kirensk Operational Repair Base From Fulfilling its Plan)

The transition to cost accountability has introduced many changes into the work of labour collectives, ships' crews and groups of ships. People have begun to relate to work in a new way. They are learning to count money and not throw it to the winds. But unfortunately, for the time being command methods of management are killing off all desire to work well.

Knowing that fleet income determines profits and the formation of all incentive funds, the collective of the Kirensk ORB took all the necessary steps to have the fleet ready in time for the navigation season. The crews were primed for superior work, and, in the judgment of the directors of the steamship line, the readying of the fleet proceeded smoothly.

One can judge how the registered fleet performed for the current navigation season from the example of the 20-vessel group "Proekt 1743". For a number of years it has been led by Vladimir Volskii, captain of the motor vessel "Surgut".

For the second quarter the group fulfilled its plan by 122.2 percent. Overall, the registered fleet realized 794,000 roubles in income above the plan.

Without slackening its pace, the collective strove to work just as successfully for the second half of the navigation season as well, especially since the navigation conditions permitted this. But there turned out to be officials among the directors of the steamship line who