

pay. For some of the managers at the Ministry of the River Fleet of the Russian SFSR, these proposals for more efficient towing procedures are also nothing more than a burden: ship modules will be needed, they will have to be serviced and men will have to be trained.

We have stated that we agree to solve these problems in joint consultation. We also agree that all expenses, for which we are not responsible in relation to the maintenance of escort vessels, will be included in the rates charged by the Ministry of the River Fleet of the Russian SFSR. However, time is passing and the rivermen are stubbornly silent.

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#### Hot Days In The Cold Latitudes

In January of this year our newspaper reported evacuation of scientific station "SP-28" with the aid of the nuclear ice-breaker "Rossiya". Our correspondent met with vice-president D. Zolotov of the State Commission at the Sovmin (Council of Ministers) of the USSR on Matters of the Arctic, who had participated in the complicated navigation, and asked him to respond to a number of questions.

"Dmitriy Kirillovich, why was it necessary for you to participate in the trip to the station and what useful information for yourself and, naturally for the commission as a whole, did you acquire while aboard the nuclear ice-breaker?"