On the first leg of the trip from Tyumen tugboats of the Tyumen shipbuilding and ship repair plant are leading the way. Later they will be relieved by river workers of Surgut, Khanty-Mansiisk and Salekhard. At Yamburg the superblocks will be brought ashore and loaded onto the storage platform. They will then be brought by winter road into the tundra to the Yamal gas fields.

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Regional Conference on Social, Economic and Ecological Problems Held at Murmansk

Cold, lack of oxygen, long polar nights. How can northerners be compensated for these and other extreme conditions?

On June 21-23 in Murmansk, a regional conference was held on social, economic and ecological problems of the North at the initiative of the trade union councils of the Buryat, Karelian and Yakut autonomous republics, the Krasnoyarsk Krai, the Archangel, Irkutsk, Kamchatka, Magadan, Murmansk, Sakhalin and Tyumen oblasts, the Komi Republic Federation of Trade Union Organizations, and the council of the RSFSR Federation of Independent Trade Unions. Our newspaper reported on this on June 28.

The participants were in session for three days. From the podium were heard official addresses which N. Dvoryanchikov, a delegate from Kamchatka, dubbed "a funeral lament".