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The Arctic Needs a Boss

In the article by Captain of Ocean Navigation G. Burkov - "How to Recover Past Glory" (Vodnyi transport No. 26 of 1 March 1990), on the subject of polar aviation and ice reconnaissance flights the following view was expressed: "A boss is needed who will see to solving the vital problems of aviation support for Arctic and Antarctic regions." In our opinion, the appropriate agency here is "Glavsevmorput" (Main Administration of the Northern Sea Route) which would operate in a new capacity, such as, for example, a Main Administration of the Northern Sea Route and Antarctic. It would assume responsibility for a wide range of issues: the state of transportation routes, aerial ice reconnaissance, development of port and shore facilities, etc. It would concern itself with the economics of Arctic development and with genuine cost-accountability, but not solely with respect to aviation.

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The latest expedition to deliver essential supplies for the drifting stations SP-30 and SP-31 is currently underway. The expedition, the second of its kind this