

TRANSPORT RAIL

Train Traffic Between Dudinka and Noril'sk Becomes More Reliable

The workers employed on the most northerly railway line in the Soviet Union, that running between Dudinka and Noril'sk, have undertaken to bring in electrical centralization and a number of other innovations at several switchboxes in honour of the Nineteenth All Union Party Conference.

In particular, they are changing the "Veernyi" switchbox over to an automatic system. This will make it possible not only to improve the smooth functioning and safety of train traffic, but also to free four men. This latter achievement is very important in Noril'sk where there is a labour shortage.

Communications on the line have become more reliable. Permits have been issued for individual three-channel radio units. There is more efficient interaction between train marshallers, linesmen and dispatchers. Work is also under way to change overhead power lines to cables which are less dependent on the vagaries of the weather which prevails in the harsh Arctic hinterland.

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