

MISCELLANEOUS

Chukotka And Alaska Are Neighbours

On the 21st of February, representatives of a Soviet delegation flew from Magadan via Anadyr' to Anchorage in Alaska. They will be taking part in a ten-day festival of Soviet - American Friendship, which is taking place simultaneously on both sides of the Bering Sea.

Part of the Programme of the festival is the traditional winter holiday of the peoples of Alaska. This year it is dedicated, as is being particularly noted here, to the "restoration of good-neighbour relations between the USSR and the USA". At Anchorage, the capital of the state, there will be two days of concerts with stars of the American and Soviet stage and appearances by amateur performance groups from both Alaska and Chukotka.

At the same time there will be working discussions between representatives of the Magadan Oblast and of the most northerly American state. The talks will deal with the question of establishing contacts in the fields of Arctic research, agriculture, transport, communications and tourism.

The festival will end with a visit by an American delegation to Anadyr'. The delegation will include representatives of the community, business, employees of the state's gold-mining enterprises and journalists. The delegation will be led by the governor of Alaska, Steve Cowper.

At Anadyr' the starting day for the Soviet-American "Bering Bridge" Expedition will be marked. The members of the expedition - six men from