

MISCELLANEOUS

Across the Bering Straits

On 7 September the survey vessel "Dmitriy" Laptev" left its mooring in the Chukotsk port of Provideniya on a different kind of voyage. On board the vessel was a delegation of representatives of social organizations from Magadan Region. The northerners are headed for Alaska on a good-will visit.

In June of this year a large group of Alaskan residents paid a similar visit to Chukotka. And now the Soviet citizens are returning the visit. What is unusual about this visit is that the Magadaners are taking the shortest route possible--across the Bering Straits. This is the first time that Soviets have made such a trip since the war.

The Magadaners will spend three days with their neighbours. They will visit Nome and Anchorage, and will get to know how people live in the US's northernmost state.

Accompanying the Magadan delegation on the "Dmitriy Laptev" is a large group of foreign journalists representing the most important news agencies, newspapers and television companies in the world. The journalists spent a week getting to know the magadan Region and visiting Magadan, Bilibino and Provideniya.