

the shipment of oil products by enterprises of Minneftekhimprom SSSR [Ministry of Petroleum Industry, USSR] not being fulfilled, or a shortage of resources at transshipping oil bases in Primor'e [Soviet Maritime Territory].

Practically every year in the third quarter, the Regional Committee of the Communist Party must appeal to higher agencies with requests and telegrams regarding this problem. Limitations are imposed on the issue of diesel fuel to consumers in order to prevent a standstill affecting motor transport and mining equipment because of the ill-timed entrance of tankers to the port of Magadan.

This situation has developed first and foremost because the amount of oil product shipped to the oblast during the navigational period increases more than two-fold, yet in Primor'e there are not enough tankers or storage capacities. These problems are not new, yet concrete measures have not been taken towards solving them. To this end, the construction of a new trans-shipping base in Primor'e has been included in the Long-Term Program, and it is necessary to have this resolved at an accelerated pace.

There is one problem which is of importance not only to our oblast and which should be dealt with separately - bulk oil deliveries to populated areas of the oblast situated on the seacoast. As a rule, there is a lack of berthing structures for the mooring of tankers in these settlements and a lack of pumping [facilities] for fuel. For this reason, oil products are shipped in barrels. There are scores of such areas in our oblast. Because of the small quantity of oil products involved (from 500 to 2000 tonnes) it is not economically remunerative to build