

Wanted for a Health Centre: One Steamship*

A ship a little out of the ordinary - a navigating health centre - has returned to the Tomsk River Port berths after a month's cruise. Under contract with the Tomsk Timber Industry Association a doctor/student team worked in the remote forest settlements of the most northerly enterprise in the Association: the Kargasok Forest Industry Combine. During its tour of duty, the team gave the inhabitants routine examinations; provided public outpatient services; assisted local medical personnel with advice and methods training; held health education classes; and served in the public health clinic.

Almost twenty highly skilled doctors, postgraduates and students worked as team members, covering about three thousand kilometres on the Ob', Vasyugan and Tym' Rivers and their tributaries. The team registered about fifteen hundred people on clinical records. All told, over seven thousand individuals came to the health centre.

Despite the long years that the shipborne facility has been in service, and the high prestige

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