

cruises that year along the rivers of Siberia and approximately 2500 were to use the "Kruiz's" services for short evening outings. The benefits of having such a co-operative firm, from a social point of view, are obvious.

Up to this point not one line in the letter has given rise to any doubts. Everything is clear and convincing, everything makes sense and is supported by references to basic party and government documents and to the concepts of perestroika. And then suddenly, out of the blue comes this, and I quote:

"And then suddenly, after the firm "Kruiz" had already been established, the Ob-Irtysh Steamship Company received instructions from the Minister of Inland Water Transport of the RSFSR, comrade L.V. Bagarov, forbidding the company from collaborating with "Kruiz" without giving any convincing reasons for placing this kind of administrative pressure on the company. The work of "Kruiz" came to an abrupt halt. Work of this spread in Tyumen' and in other cities and the company's telephones began to ring of the wall. The firm's employees returned to work for State institutions.

The steamship company, now in charge together with the Minister, is once again trying to obtain grants from the central boards and other patrons, without much hope of success... Who allowed the Ministry to immobilize State funds?...Why does the self-supporting rouble overshadow the individual in our field and why is it valued more highly than the interests of the workers of this entire country?

The letter goes on: