

will of course be something to see there. Plans call for the "Neptun" to be fitted with manipulators which passengers will use to retrieve various souvenirs under the water, such as pieces of coral or beautiful shells - every tourist's cherished dream. Overall, the "Neptun's" prospect are very good, but what will be the demand for this unusual submarine, and will the project be extended? I addressed these questions to D.G. Pashaev, the general director of the shipyard.

"We are hoping," he said, "that this first tourist submarine, as well as the entire 'Ichthyandr' project, will have a happy future. There is a strong demand for this kind of tourism worldwide. Even though at the outset, only foreigners will be able to make the underwater voyage, the profits obtained from these unique excursions will help us build new tourist submarines. And this means that the time is not far off when Soviet citizens will also be able to visit Neptune's kindom..."

Truly, the transition to a market economy is a matter to be taken very seriously. At the Severodvinsk shipyard people feel that the launching of this tourist submarine is a pivotal moment for the enterprise. So as one customarily says on such occasions: "Smooth sailing, 'Neptun'!"

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