

tourist routes in Western Siberia along the Tura, Tobol, Irtysh, Ob and Toma Rivers, from Tyumen' to Novosibirsk... The Tyumen' Municipal Travel and Excursion Bureau was appointed to be a partner in this venture, which was so badly needed by the country's workers. The Bureau committed itself to producing tourist passes in all regions of the country... But then suddenly, troubles and ill fortune befell the beautiful vessel. The Travel and Excursion Bureau (TEB), because of its negligence, internal confusion and incompetence, was able to organize only three of the six trips planned to Novosibirsk, and those only with difficulty. On board the liner with a passenger capacity of 180 were only 112 tourists for a trip which lost rather than made money. Making the remaining two trips were even fewer vacationers. The Tyumen' Travel and Excursion Bureau paid the steamship company only 240 of the 260 thousand roubles which had been agreed upon and broke off further contractual relations with the Ob-Irtysh Steamship Company regarding this ship.

After providing a detailed account of the sad fate of the cruise up until April of this year, the authors proceeded to the heart of the conflict which had forced them to write the letter.

From their letter it is obvious that under conditions of a completely self-supporting system and the beginning of a new, co-operative form of socialist management, at the regional travel and excursion bureau in Tyumen' a competitor came onto the scene - the co-operative "Kruiz". The creators of "Kruiz", including the inland water transport workers, set about to better the destiny of the luxurious motor ship "Mikhail Svetlov", and to raise the quality of tourist service on the water routes of Western Siberia to a higher level. Taking on the