

still much to be done in the Kolyma Region. The sea going ships arrived here quite early on. The river transport workers unloaded their cargo and delivered it throughout all of the Kolyma Region including the upper region. All of the shipments were made even to Omolon, in the Magadan Region. Right now we are stepping up outgoing deliveries of coal from Zyryanskoe - that cargo totals 310 thousand tons. We're capable of transporting significantly more than that, we have the ships, but coal miners are not keeping up with us.

There is a seaport called Zelenyi Mys on the Kolyma River belonging to Gossnab (State Committee on the Supply of Technical Materials, USSR Council of Ministers). Coal from Zyryanskoe is brought here, where it is unloaded onto moored vessels and then reloaded onto sea-going ships which deliver it to Pevek. It is this that constitutes the weakest link in the chain. There are always river boats standing idle in the roadstead of the port because their cargo is not being unloaded - the workers of Zelenyi Mys cannot handle all the coal. From time to time we head over to lend assistance to the port. Our ships approach the sea going vessels and, side by side, help with the reloading. It would seem that this is a totally normal situation which allows for the cargo to be reloaded two and a half times less expensively. It follows that sea and river tonnage stands idle for shorter periods of time and the coal is delivered more quickly to the Yana and on to Pevek. The managers of the port of Zelenyi Mys, however, have begun a lawsuit and are bringing their grievances against the steamship line to the highest courts. It suits their purposes better to have ships waiting in the roadstead, thereby ensuring that all of the profits go to the port while the others must suffer the losses.