other hand they complain to the shipbuilders about some facets on their operation. Have you had conversations on this theme?

Certain. It is not possible to close one's eyes to the deficiencies. Well, for one thing, in creating such a powerful unit for the ice-breaker fleet, it would be possible to make it with much higher quality. What do you have in mind? You know that there are many different brands of pumps on the nuclear ice-breakers and from many different factories. This creates difficulty in their repair and maintenance. Their layout should be more convenient. In particular, the TSPU (the Central Control Panel) station itself needs more comfortable conditions.

The crew has been operating the nuclear ice-breaker for more than three years, and all this time the crew has been improving and reconstructing various things. But, actually, this is not the business of the sailors; their responsibility is the operation of the mechanisms and the equipment. They complain about the quality of the pipes in which flaws and rust have cropped up. The pipe laying itself was not thought out to the end. When it is necessary, let us say, to replace pipes, this is a rather complex undertaking. Generally speaking, the ship is very complex and it could have been constructed better. These deficiencies, first and foremost, are a disappointment to the sailors.

"Tell me; here we are talking about a nuclear ice-breaker; does not the reactor itself have a harmful effect on the environment?

This has been eliminated. Reliable protection has been a factor beginning with the nuclear ice breaker "Lenin". The operation of