

"For High Latitudes"

Only after receiving a "go-ahead" from weather forecasters, who predicted favourable wind and water conditions, ship-builders from the S. Ordzhonikidze Baltiiskii Plant began the operations "Tyazhelovesy" [Heavyweights]. It was concluded on the nuclear powered ship "Taimyr" by the installation of large-scale sections of an atomic power plant, each section weighing almost three hundred tonnes. The Baltiiskii workers are to assemble the "heart" of the polar giant designed to work in the mouths of great Siberian rivers.

In the spring, "Taimyr" will set out for high latitudes, while in the meantime ship-builders are filling it with equipment, machinery, and rigging. Just now the multi-tonne aggregate which protects the steam-generating installation has been put in position. The highest skill was required from the crane operators in carrying out this operation, since the tolerance allowed for in the "joining" of the giant component is strictly limited. In evaluating the work of assembly-workers, welders, crane operators, and riggers, the specialists from the Technical Control Division service gave them the highest mark. The vessel's body has been outfitted with a large proportion of the various machinery at this stage, in an effort to accelerate as much as possible the fitting-out stage.

Right now one more atomic giant -- "Sovetskii Soyuz" [Soviet Union] -- stands at the fitting-out wall of the plant; on the building berth, sections of the atomic ship "Oktyabr'skaya Revolutsiya" [October Revolution] are being