

amount, and as far as profits are concerned, well, the port workers fell behind on the freight-handling side, but so did the crews of the passenger ships. As before, we are somewhat disturbed by ships' layovers at the docks of "Tomsklesprom". A lot of the available potential is not being used in the shipment of gravel from Shul'ginka. Our work is made a lot more difficult by the very shallow waters of the rivers in the Tomsk Oblast. However, the morale of the rivermen working the Ob' region is resolute. The shipping assignments should be fully carried out, including even the extra socialist work obligations.

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Editor's note: At its meeting the collegium of the Ministry of the River Fleet of the Russian SFSR discussed the question, "On the amendment of state purchasing plans for the year 1988 for the supply and shipment of non-metal construction materials". The resolution, which was adopted, states that with regard to the ban on the production of non-metal construction materials from the channel of the river Sob', the Ob'-Irtys' Steamship Line should reduce state orders for the supply of sand-gravel mix by one million nine hundred thousand cubic metres and state orders for transporting this should be cut by two million tonnes. Taking into account the increase in the consumption of non-metal construction materials, at the same time - and in accordance with the demand - the workers employed by the Volga Union, Moscow, Kama and Western Siberian Steamship Lines should increase their orders for the shipment of non-metal construction materials by two million tonnes.

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