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MERGER OF BALTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES

NEW CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS DEVELOPED FOR SHIPBOARD USE -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 25 Jul 53

A number of new construction materials have been developed from inexpensive raw materials. Some of these have successfully replaced expensive metals, with no decrease in quality or dependability, and in some cases showing significant advantages in weight, durability, and cost. Lignofol, for example, is being widely used as lining for deadwood bearings.

Polychlorovinyl foam plastic can be employed as heat, noise, and moisture insulation. It weighs less than cork and costs two sevenths as much. An elastic polychlorovinyl foam plastic of the PKhV-9 type has been developed, designed especially for use in life jackets

Rock wool insulation has been used in the refrigerated holds of the M/S Marshal Govorov with fairly good results.

Vinyl plastic is produced in sheets and in the form of contoured materials, pipes, and fittings.

Excellent results have been obtained in the treating of soft woods by a method developed by Professor S. Val'kovskiy. After saturation with tanning extract and exposure to ammonia vapor, the wood takes on the color of a polished hardwood.

Of interest also is the shipboard installation of laminated wood plastics. These materials are strong and possess anti-friction characteristics.

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SHIPPING ACTIVITY AND ADDITIONS ON THE DNEPR -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport,
5 Sep 53

A period of heavy traffic in fruits and vegetables has begun in the Ukraine. In the past 2 days, the M/S Ukraina and M/S Buryat-Mongoliya have arrived in Kiev with watermelons from Kherson.

The Dnepr Steamship Company has assigned 4 tugboats, 25 barges, and 10 self-propelled vessels for the transport of watermelons.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 16 Jul 53

The Dnepropetrovsk-Kiev Line of the Dnepr Steamship Company is exploiting the pushing method of barge propulsion with the 12 vessels under its command.

In the past month, 40 loads were dispatched on the line, consisting of some 50,000 tons of freight -- 14 percent above the plan.

It is to be noted, however, that the ships used for pushing barges are lying idle at their terminal ports. In Kiev the number of idle ships is twice the normal number, and in Dnepropetrovsk five times the normal.

Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 27 Jul 53

The Dnepr Steamship Company has opened a new freight line from Kakhovka to Gomel'. The S/S Molodaya Gvardiya made the initial voyage on the new line.

Other new vessels are being added to the Dnepr Steamship Company. The S/S Mekhanik has made her maiden voyage from Kiev to Zaporozh'ye. The Kiev Ship Repair Plant imeni Stalin has built and delivered the diesel-refrigerator ships Gruzziya and Uzbekistan for use in the Kiev area.

Moscow, Pravda, 24 Jul 53

The new diesel-refrigerator ships Gruzziya and Uzbekistan have joined the Dnepr Steamship Company. In the near future, the new passenger steamers Chernyshevskiy and Radishchev will make their maiden voyages from Kiev to Kherson.

S/S CHEKHOV IN REGULAR BLACK SEA SERVICE -- Moscow, Trud, 18 Jul 53

The Black Sea Steamship Company has announced that the S/S Chekhov has been placed on a regular run between ports in the Ukraine, Crimea, and Caucasus.

NORTHERN MOVEMENT OF FOODSTUFFS -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 8 Sep 53

Numerous ships of the Lower Irtysh Steamship Company have been delivering foodstuffs to the Far Northern areas. Voyages are being made along the Irtysh and Ob' rivers.

The M/S ST-7 made the voyage from Omsk to Salekhard, the M/S ST-4 from Omsk to Nizhnevartovsk, and the M/S ST-127 sailed northward from Novo-Pokrovka. Other vessels made the trip from Omsk to Beyezovo.

The ST-122, ST-126, and ST-8 carried grain from the new harvest.

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BALTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY MERGER -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 8 Sep 53

The merger of the three Baltic steamship companies into one and the transfer of the ports to the steamship company's authority has had a beneficial effect on the port of Riga.

Directions for port activity and fleet movement have become more centralized, more specific, and more efficient as a result of the reorganization.

[This is the first press mention seen in FDD of a merger of the three Baltic steamship companies.]

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE ON THE DNESTR -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 8 Sep 53

The following passenger lines are operating on the Dnestr River: Belgorod-Dnestrovskiy -- Ovidiopol'; Bendery-Sharpeny; and Rybnitsa-Rashkov.

The Bendery Ship Repair Plant, where the passenger diesels Moldaviya and Ukraina were built, is constructing barges and ferryboats, and is completing capital repairs on barges with a carrying capacity of 650 tons destined for the transport of grain.

The M/S Moskva and the M/S Dnestr are now operating on the Dnestr River.

TANKER MOSKVA IN BALTIC -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 28 Jul 53

The tanker Moskva [previously listed with Sovtanker; Morskoy Flot, 9 Aug 52; Trud, 15 Feb 53] is operating in the Baltic Sea at present.

PORT CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 23 Jul 53

The port of Klaypeda has exceeded the government cargo working plan by 17.2 percent.

This achievement was made possible in part by the mechanization of the port's cargo working gear. At present, 94 percent of the port's facilities are mechanized.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 5 Sep 53

As a result of increased traffic along the Lena River, a new port is being constructed at Osetrovo, on the Lena at the mouth of the Kuta River. The port will be equipped with mechanical cargo working gear.

GRAIN FROM NEW HARVEST MOVING ON VOLGA -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 22 Jul 53

The Volga Freight Steamship Company has begun shipment of grain from the new harvest. Ships are being dispatched along the Volga from Krasnoarmeysk loaded with wheat from the western Caucasus. The S/S Kemerovo has arrived in Shcherbakov with 1,685 tons of wheat, the M/S Belorusa'ya has sailed for Yaroslavl' with 2,800 tons of grain, and the M/S Chita is carrying grain to Gor'kiy.

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PASSENGER AND TIMBER SERVICE INCREASED ON VOLGA-DON -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 29 Aug 53

The movement of heavy timber floats has begun over the Volga-Don Canal to the Tsimlyanskaya Reservoir.

By the end of June, 20,000 cubic meters of timber had been towed from the Volga River to the Tsimlyanskaya Reservoir.

Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 25 Jul 53

The diesel-electric passenger vessels Rossiya and Ukraina are in service on the Moscow -- Rostov-on-Don Line. They will be joined shortly by the Gruzziya and Azerbaydzhan.

MOSCOW-VOLGA PASSENGER TRAFFIC -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 24 Jul 53

Passenger vessels on the Moscow-Volga Canal carried 744,000 passengers during June -- almost 20 percent more than during the same month last year.

DEEP WATER RAFT TOWING BEGINS IN FAR EAST -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 21 Jul 53

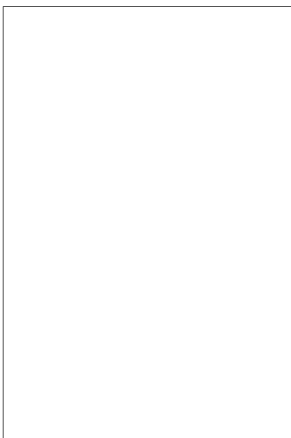
The Far East and Sakhalin Steamship Companies have begun raft towing across the Okhotsk Sea during the summer months.

The first to leave was the S/S Yemel'yan Pugachev, which started on a 1,500-mile voyage with a 2,000-ton raft in tow.

DREDGE BEGINS WORK AT KUYBYSHEV GES PROJECT -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 21 Jul 53

After a voyage across the Black and Azov seas, up the Don River, through the Volga-Don Canal, and up the Volga River, the dredge Tsyurupa has arrived at Zhigulevsk on the Volga, where it will begin operations in connection with the construction of the Kuybyshev Hydroelectric Station.

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