

trying to optimize relations between departments comprised of indigenous and non-indigenous populations.

I would like to point-out that the draft program of the Communist Party of the USSR which has been proposed for discussion, is a very capacious document. All problems are expressed in it in a bold and multi-faceted manner.

In my opinion, the issue of increasing the legal status of our autonomous peoples is the most important of all issues.

It would be right if the notion that laws pertaining to national regions should be made nominal instruments that take into account the specific character of each autonomous unit, were to be incorporated into the Party's program.

The process of creating self-government is moving ahead at full steam. In a number of regions such as Khanty-Mansiisk, Yamalo-Nenetsk and the Chukchi Peninsula, councils of elders are being formed, and councils on Northern People's Affairs, attached to the executive committees, are being organized. Local proposals are presently being received regarding the creation of national districts and national village councils.

The aggregate of problems related to the North is so complex and far-reaching that we are forced to consider organizing State aid for these peoples.

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