

Like the other candidates, he devotes a great deal of time in his programme to the national question, especially the fate of Western Siberia's minority nationalities, whose position has worsened over the years of the oil and gas boom.

Following their ten minute election speeches, each candidate opened a discussion with the electors. Many people were given the right to speak either for or against. Moreover, even here they made sure that both provinces had their fair crack of the whip. It seemed as though there would be no end to the arguments, the many questions and answers. They only managed to get down to the voting late in the evening. By decision of those present, the ballot was secret. The majority of the votes (264) were to the head of the Irtysh Steam Ship Company, Ivan I. Yanovskii, with the docent of the Omsk State university, A. Kazannik receiving 243. They will go forward to the next round of voting. On Sunday 26 March, we will know who will be the deputy to the USSR Congress Nationalities.

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