

Would that this were so. For the present, however, calmness reigned in the Ministers' offices, even though at the "fire frontier" there were shortages of what was needed most: dependable shovels such as those made of titanium, powerful forest pumps, rubber-lined water tanks and special clothing.

How could the situation be otherwise, when disbursements on aerial protection amounted to no more than 20 kopecks per hectare of forest lands? All this while the tundra was burning. For the present, however, one was powerless to put a stop to the tragedy.

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