

"Four years ago, I received the USSR State Prize for implementing what is in our day, the most advanced method for liquid bath melting of metal. The process is in fact universal: flexible, economical in use of resources, and highly productive. Most importantly, it makes it possible to utilize waste gases almost entirely. Today, our combine has in operation several Vanyukov furnaces, so named for the person who invented them. But only one of the furnaces uses waste gases, from which we obtain sulphur and sulphuric acid. The other furnaces continue to pollute the atmosphere. Every year we spend 20 million rubles on environmental protection. Is this a lot? I wouldn't want to say whether it's a lot or a little. You have to spend whatever is necessary."

Who's to blame that the people of Norilsk are breathing sulphur? Bykov? Kolesnikov? Or Durasov, Minister of Non-Ferrous Metallurgy? After all, everything around the city is dead. There are no fish in the lakes, and trees are dead for a radius of 50 kilometers. Seven million hectares of tundra have been damaged.

So it's easy to understand what the delegates from the North will be speaking for at the Party Conference.

The subsidiary enterprise "Enisei", with its 12,000 hectares, is the largest in Siberia. It guarantees 25 kilograms of meat per person. The combine provides its people with fresh mushrooms and carp, and sturgeon are farmed in ponds. A rose garden with 40,000 bushes guarantees a bouquet to virtually every person celebrating a name day.