

his own health. If he has been injured, however, then whoever is to blame (be it the consumer himself or his environment) should be obliged to cover the cost of treatment. All costs of prevention, of course, remain the responsibility of the state. Methods of economizing within the health protection system itself must also be developed, economic levers must be found, and, what is very important, the professional level of medical personnel must be raised; every medical worker should be examined closely to see if he is suited to the position he holds.

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The North And Its People; Reflections of a Delegate to
the 19th All-Union Party Conference

Stuck in the memory of many people is the address by O.M. Zakharova, operator at No. 12 Concentration Plant, "Yakutalmaz" Industrial and Scientific Association, to the 19th Party conference. This worker spoke sincerely and anxiously about the North's social "sores" and sharply criticized high-ranking officials who had failed to fulfill their promises and who moreover had failed to live up to their responsibilities to the brave workers of this bleak land. The Trud editorial board asked its correspondent, I. Krasikov, to meet with Olga Mikhailovna in order to follow up with this topic, which concerns the lives of hundred of thousands of northerners.

I.K.: Did you succeed in fulfilling the