

Last year the program was a major flop. In Magadan Oblast alone, 6,700 people were left without tickets. These were people who had already started their vacation and were being expected somewhere by parents, children, friends, sanitariums, tourist excursions, and so forth. But these people remained stranded in the North!

We do not have any units of measure for nervous losses, and that is too bad. We could then determine precisely how much nervous strain these thousands of people had to undergo at that time. But in fact, the 'misfire' in Magadan was not the worst. It was much more serious in Kamchatka, for example.

Last year when all of this became known and when, as the saying goes, "you could smell something burning", those who were responsible for this error came to the Far East from Riga. The sight of local agencies, bereft of windows and doors from the storms, made an impact on them. One could hope that they understood the seriousness of the situation.

This year, however, there were already 24,000 residents of Magadan Oblast without tickets. Let me spell that out: "twenty-four thousand"!

I suggest that emotions are not enough to handle this. The time has come for an analysis of this enormous failure.

Yes, the computer made a fundamental blunder. More accurately, it was the people who programmed it irresponsibly who blundered.

The people in Riga operated very wastefully, and the result was a shortfall of 68,000 rubles.