

the number of members is less than half as many. It turns out that the groups have been set up solely on paper. They have just a few members and these are generally pensioners. Tens of thousands of workers are employed in our enterprises in Karelia, yet less than 1% of them are actively involved in the fight against alcoholism.

If only this was really an active fight! Last year only 15% of the cases of absenteeism (due to alcohol abuse) throughout the industry were actually investigated by the commissions. Those who showed up drunk at work were much less lucky: only one out of three in such cases managed to escape punishment! Only a very few had to pay fines. Only 16% of these champions of illegal time off were shifted temporarily to lower-paid positions.

Not even all of them had their bonuses reduced! Yet bonuses are designed as a reward for particularly good work. It would be fun to know what excellent services these absentee workers are providing!

Incidences of ignoring transgressions can be uncovered in practically all our enterprises. What does this mean? It means that our comrades' courts, anti-alcohol commissions and labour organizations are adopting a position of passive observation and are waiting until after the fact to take action. They simply don't understand that it is necessary to take preventative action.

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