

measures be taken to alleviate the problem of supplies for Soviet people living in the Far North and the eastern sector of the Arctic. Unfortunately, there has been no response so far.

We are either totally indifferent to certain things, or we carry something too far. The anti-alcohol campaign, basically a good idea, ran helter-skelter to be honest. And what happened to the native inhabitants is simply disgraceful. The supply of vodka was sufficient, but where the cultural life is concerned... Only recently were folklore ensembles organized to preserve the local ethnic art. The spiritual life of the people here is still at a very low level. True, the Chukchi, Eskimos, Nentsy and Evenki did get large villages, but they had to leave their traditional hunting grounds, so that a settled life became a nomadic one for many. They now have to travel hundreds of kilometres from their villages to hunt, living for long periods without their families, without the "good things" that some overzealous, thoughtless people have thrust upon the North.

It would have been better to spend this money on the organization of the first local resort, for example. Hot healthful springs are located not far from the village of Lorino. Even on the coldest day, you can bathe here under the open sky, and feel exceptionally energetic and full of life afterwards.

What do we have at the springs today? A primitive bath and barrack-type structure to which "honoured guests" are sometimes brought to relax. This oasis in a "snowy kingdom" is visited most of all by the polar bears wandering through the tundra. In Sireniki, the main Eskimo village on the Chukchi Peninsula, there was a shortage of gear for hunting