

- What did the Gosavianadzor USSR Commission find as to the causes of this tragedy?

- Top specialists agree that the most probable cause of loss of engine power was retraction of the engine controls by the crew, after which the first and third engines switched off. When the engine controls were subsequently moved to the take-off position, only engine number two achieved take-off regime.

- Does this mean that a crew member either mechanically, that is, unthinkingly, or deliberately retracted the controls, and then, coming to his senses, switched them on again?

- To switch them off deliberately would be suicide and a crime against the people sitting behind you. It is just not possible to believe that. Inadvertence is another matter.

- Our newspaper has also reported that the search for the aircraft was poorly organized. What conclusions were reached in that respect?

- Indeed, to our great shame, it took five hours to find the plane, even though it had crashed right next to the airfield. Certain specific officers are to blame for this: V. Pysenok, commander of the Nizhnevartovsk joint aviation section, M. Kalinin, his first deputy, S. Bakunin, PDSP director, and V. Yurchenko, deputy director of the airport. They have all been severely punished by a special administrative order. But more importantly, measures have been designed and implemented to prevent something similar from ever happening again. The personnel of all our branches has undergone training in the