

### TRANSPORT LAND

#### According to the Laws of the Taiga ...

The statistics of the Tyumen State Automobile Inspection resemble reports from the Front during the days of heavy battles. Judge for yourselves: in the past year 622 people died in the oblast in traffic accidents on the roads, four and half thousand were injured. Nor has the beginning of the present year inspired any hope.

"Recently it has become terrifying to buy a ticket on a bus or to sit behind the steering wheel," write the workers of "Nizhnevartovskneftegaz" ("Nizhnevartovske Oil and Gas") corporation to the Tyumen correspondence centre of "Pravda". "When will order be brought to the roads, and where is the GAI (State Automobile Inspection) looking?"

These questions I also addressed to the head of the Tyumen State Automobile Inspection, G. Smirnov.

"I too fully share the anxiety of the residents of the oblast," answered Herman Borisovich. "Of course, the growth in accidents on the roads does not enhance our record, but is it right to blame only the inspectors of the GAI for all the troubles?"

Who or what is responsible for the loss of life?

Statistics provide the evidence: the greatest number of accidents occur in the zone of the major industries of the West-Siberian oil and gas complex, in the Nizhnevartovskoy, Surgut, Nefteyugan and neighbouring regions. On the so-called