

consumption had to be stopped entirely? If we are going to condemn it because it contains alcohol, then let's also get rid of ayran*, kefir and kumyss**. They also contain "alcohol".

There are only two breweries on the eastern coast of the Arctic, the Provideniye and Pevek breweries. Thanks to their excellent water, both produce excellent beer which is not inferior to any beer in the west, believe me. If not beer, what will these breweries produce? Fruit drinks and juices from fruit that is usually delivered in an unmarketable rotted state? The supply organizations tend to ignore good suggestions. The trade representative of the USSR in China, P. Gurov, had only this to say, "I found "Thoughts About the Arctic", published in Pravda on 23 March 1988, very interesting".

My own interest in this problem stems from the circumstance that the first attempt of our team to somehow become involved in the difficult life of the northern peoples did not produce any remarkable results. Simple humanistic motives and a new way of thinking spurred the members of the USSR Trade Organization in China and its party organization to conduct certain measures, and in June 1987, a proposal was submitted to Gossnab*** of the USSR that

* soured milk common in Siberia, Central Asia, the Crimea and the Caucasus;

** lac fermentatum - transl.

***State Committee of the USSR Council of Ministers for Supplies and Machinery - transl.