

People have different attitudes about the station in Dikson. Some say: Why panic, since nobody has died from the water in Dikson yet? But an objective assessment of the situation indicates that virtually no one is showing an interest in the northerners' concerns. They are surviving, that's all that counts...

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Give Nature a Chance

I recently returned from a series of flights. I haven't been able to shake a sense of disaster. In the upper reaches of the Pechora and Tsilma, in the vicinity of Naryan-Mar, we witnessed the continuing merciless destruction of natural resources. For a year already I have been attempting to draw the attention of the USSR Supreme Soviet to this problem. I have spoken up in public a couple of times. I attended a reception by N.I. Ryzhkov. And now I am working with members of our parliament's Committee on Economics trying to find a way to prevent the ecological destruction of the North.

Everything is linked together in nature. If even a single link in the chain is destroyed the consequences may be irreversible. Take mineral fertilizers, for example. They are delivered late to the Pechora and unloaded on inundated sections of the riverbank. The bags break, the fertilizer spills out, and then come the floods... The result for the harvest is zero, but the fish which enter the flooded grasslands perish, the water is poisoned, dead ducks and shorebirds lie all about.