

independent phenomenon. Errors here would be more costly than anywhere else. We have done hardly any research on island life, so let us take heed of what foreign experts are saying. It is a known fact that ecological changes may be both the cause and effect of economic and cultural changes. This is why efficient exploitation of nature requires a balanced solution of the economic, ecological and socio-cultural problems of each island. As we develop the islands, we must always remember that even a small sudden change in their demography can have a destructive ecological and social effect.

We must hold dear all that Nature has given us, and that which we ourselves have achieved in the Arctic through suffering. Only after weighing all the possible consequences should we consider applying our mainland know-how in the vast northern areas, keeping in mind that the life there is very different from the life we are accustomed to. There is another problem that must be mentioned here as well.

The delivery of even a small piece of iron to these parts is not a simply matter. Navigation is short-lived, and so goods and various equipment must be supplied in quantities to last the very long winter. And so, a brewery was established here with great effort and to the delight of the local inhabitants. And the good word about Providenskoye spread all the way to the mainland. It was also praised by the Japanese television crew filming the 12-serial film "The Arctic", which I last met in Provideniye Bay. They praised it and wondered why the production of such an extremely well-brewed beer was going to be cut down. And this in the Chukchi region where it is valued more than any exotic fruit and is more difficult to find than a gold nugget. What about the anti-alcohol campaign? Who said beer