

about two months," complains the first secretary of the Nizhnekolyma regional Party committee, V. Filatov. "It's time to move from words to deeds."

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They've Learnt It All, Except For The Thing

Everybody knows that air transport was created for the convenience of passengers. However, when the time comes to think about holidays, fear strikes at your heart.

I live in the Far North, in the settlement of Cape Schmidt, a place, as they say that you can only get to by air.

The local airport organizes applications for plane tickets in advance and practically everyone does take advantage of this. Here we can even buy return tickets. They foresee everything, except for one thing.

When they sell us return tickets for flying back from the "mainland" to Cape Schmidt, they fill in the number of the flight and the date of departure, but only as far as Pevek. You fly in to Pevek from your holiday and there the trouble starts. People have tickets with open dates. A hundred and fifty or two hundred people gather, but if there is any kind of hitch with the Moscow flights or if the weather is bad, then you get even more people. Lists are drawn up, a kind of spontaneous