

## SOCIOLOGICAL ISSUES

### How Are You, Northerner?

A visit by the USSR and RSFSR ministers of public health.

One of the main goals in the domain of social policy, as noted at the XIX All-Union Party Conference, is the complete satisfaction of the population's requirements for highly qualified medical help. Indeed, nowadays the level of progress in medicine serves as a measure of progress for every nation. What are the chief tasks that face medical personnel in the USSR as a consequence of this? This and other questions were placed on the agenda of the conference of involved medical personnel from Krasnoyarsk Kray, Magadan and Kamchatka oblasts, and the Yakut ASSR, which was held recently in the capital of the Yakut ASSR. The leaders of local Party and government bodies and of local economic organizations also participated. This extensive and most serious discussion was preceded by a week-long visit to districts in the Siberian north by delegates to the XIX All-Union Party Conference and by the USSR and RSFSR ministers of public health, E.I. Chazov and A.I. Potapov. Our correspondent accompanied them and we recommend his observations to our readers.

### A MINISTER CALLS OUT THE AMBULANCE

I do not know who came off the better - the minister or the ambulance service, but on this occasion the vehicle with the red cross on its sides was standing at the entrance three minutes after Anatolii Ivanovich Potapov had dialed the renowned "03" on the telephone.