

"One issue is being posed correctly at the congress - give land to those who do not despoil it. Family farms and brigades here will improve the situation. And we're still waiting for more support from aviation. We in the North need new airplanes, new airlines."

"I represent the Saami people," says Anastasiya Mozoletskaya. "There are 1835 of us in the country. I myself am engaged in the development of native pursuits. Recently more attention has been paid to this among us in the Murmansk Oblast. The decisions at the congress are generally correct - northern peoples need a modern program of serious professional training. What's needed here are not bureaucrats but people with enthusiasm, people with a burning desire to work."

In the foyer the delegates surrounded RSFSR Meritorious Artist Kola Beldy: "I'm not a delegate to the congress but a guest. I feel that today a great event is occurring for all of my people, my northern brothers. Our life is difficult, but now it is clear that we must change it for the better. And I am happy that I can encourage them with my singing."

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