

trans-Siberian route in the time since the government of the USSR granted foreign airlines the right to make non-stop flights over our territory. And the number of near collisions with foreign aircraft has amounted to 17% over the past five years.

Air space costs dearly everywhere in the world. It would be good if we, too, finally began to understand this. But the river of hard currency will not flow from the air unless rubles are invested in equipping the "ground". Up to now there has been the illusion that we could improve the level of flight safety merely by means of directives, by hardening demands, and by intensifying political education activities without spending on modern navigational equipment for air routes or on creating normal working conditions for aviation personnel and for passenger service. This is short-sighted, at the very least.

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Deltaplanes Over the Tundra

Two motorized deltaplanes are being tested in Yakutsk. They are designed for use under specific tundra conditions.

The take-off weight of this two-meter deltaplane is 2 centners. Its take-off run does not exceed 30 meters, and it can develop a flight speed of up to 80 kilometers [per hour].