

village would entail no small amount of expense, and with our poverty this is virtually impossible. So then there is the question of moving the oil depot. But they say this would be very complicated. There's only one thing left to do: take immediate measures to ensure the safety of the village. First of all, a reliable sand embankment needs to be constructed around the oil depot, and a concrete barrier installed to protect the Anabar River against oil spills. The solution to this issue lies primarily with such giants as the "Yakutalmaz" (Yakut Diamond) Scientific Production Corporation and the Council of Ministers of the Yakutskaya-Sakha SSR.

A second matter that I would like to consider for a moment is connected with the name of an enterprising human being. It has been my great pleasure to have worked with him rather often. His name is Nikolai Egorovich Androsov. He used to serve as director of the "Anabarskii" Sovkhoz and was at the same time chairman of the raion council of people's deputies. A capable and thoughtful fellow, with a great deal of experience in working at various levels in our many-tiered system.

He worries particularly about the very difficult problem of making improvements in the raion. Villages are truly neglected. Roads are in total disrepair, and there is no earthmoving equipment. Nikolai Egorovich is thinking about wide-scale construction throughout the North of mobile settlements for reindeer herders and hunters. He sees such a settlement as an integrated whole: housing, mini-school, cultural centre, medical centre, commercial shop, bathhouse. And, without fail, an energy supply based on a portable electrical generating station. The estimated cost of one such settlement is approximately 200,000 to 250,000 rubles. Sovkhozes, with only their own resources from the sale of what they produce, are not in a position to build these. For this they need assistance for the Russian and central governments.

The next major problem is supplying the nomadic population with light and heat. In the tundra it would be both possible and necessary to make wide use of portable wind-powered generators, and in the mountain-taiga zone