

requirements are fulfilled, the Council of Ministers of the RSFSR⁴ has set a goal to staff all medical institutions fully by 1990. In 1987, 542 physicians were assigned to work in the regions of the North. Beginning in 1989, the Ministry of Health will increase by 15-20 per cent the assignment of specialists with university and college medical education to the regions where the peoples of the North reside.

In the last while, due to the measures of broad socio-economic scope, already implemented, and to the medical measures now in the process of implementation, the demographic situation in the North has started to improve. Beginning in 1980, the population of all the 26 peoples has grown by 17.5 thousand and in 1987 reached 173.200. This gives one confidence that the program as a whole will be carried into effect.

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