

Today the northerner does not want to feel cut off from the world at large. He wants to have a normal warm apartment here and a co-operative on the "mainland." And he has a twofold right to this, if you will. He wants to be in touch with culture. Read newspapers only one day after they are issued, rather than a week later. Talk to friends and relatives by long-distance telephone. After all, it was possible to set up reliable communications between Dikson and the rest of the world for the D. Shparo expedition two years ago. At that time Canada could be heard better in Dikson than Dudinka can now. True, when the expedition left, so did the lines.

So what do the people of Dikson dream about now? They are waiting for the day when they will be able to take a hot bath after work and buy fresh tomatoes and cucumbers in the stores. They are dreaming about not wasting at least half of their holidays trying to get somewhere. They just want to live normally.

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