

There was a similar situation with the Evens from the village of Uyandi in the Ust-Yana Raion of Yakutiya. The "Yakutzoloto" (Yakut Gold) Corporation has undertaken to restore the ancient village, but this must be done very quickly and properly, out of a genuine desire to help.

Here is another example. In Yakutiya the arctic Anabar Raion is one of the most remote and socially backward. In order to meet with my electors, I had to fly all the way to the shore of the Laptev Sea.

The village Yuryung-Khaya, which translated means While Mountain, sprawls along the bank of the Anabar River. It is here, on the central farmstead of the "Severnnyi" Sovkhoz, that representatives of a small ethnic group of northern peoples - the Dolgans - settled. In Yakutiya, in fact, the Dolgans live only in this village. The sovkhos is probably justly referred to as the marine gateway to both the Anabar and the neighbouring Mirninskii raions. Sea-going ships deliver various types of domestically produced goods. In winter, goods are brought in on a winter road by motor transport to the raion centre - the village of Saskylakh, the diamond city Mirnyi, and elsewhere. This helps to maintain a good working atmosphere in the village and brings a notable level of animation to village life. However, some serious inconveniences have arisen. Close to the village, within its boundaries, is an oil depot and storage tanks. The least negligence could lead to a big disaster. What exists here, to be precise, the hazard of a possible explosion. The Dolgans have requested more than once that they be shielded against this danger, but the matter has never been resolved.

People here seriously debated what should be moved - the village or the oil depot. But the problem is that the surrounding area is swampy tundra and permafrost, and there is no other place to put the village. That's one point. A second point is that, as the native residents explained to me, the village is situated on the site that is the most convenient and conducive for living, and this is their ancient ancestral land. Besides, moving the