among shop employees. At the same time, Khanykin stressed that the directors of shops not only have the right to sell scarce goods to their sales staff, but also to the employees of trade administration agencies.

You can imagine how the most influential of them start "bargaining" little by little and then they expand their activities to other stores. In a word, the shop employees have fenced themselves off from the work inspectors very firmly and have done themselves no harm in the process.

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## To The Ice Islands

It is the busy season for the pilots of the joint Kolyma-Indigirka air brigade. Members of the brigade often carry out flights to the islands and drifting ice floes of the Arctic Ocean. The final destination of one of the longest air routes in the Arctic is the polar station Severnyi Polyus 30. These routes, which are already difficult enough, have suddenly become even more so.

The distance between the centre of the Nizhnekolyma region, the village of Chersk, and Severnyi Polyus 30 is approximately 1100 kilometres. The station was established a year ago on an ice floe which is ten kilometres long and five kilometres wide. The first landing this winter during the polar night was carried out by a crew, led by Yu. Klepikov,