"For eight years we had been trying to start work in Tiksi", says S.A. Markin who is heading this team, "but the project had not progressed beyond the stage of discussion. Only three years ago the standstill was overcome. Now we have received a budget, the technical equipment, and we are starting to work."

The Yakut "Vtorchermet" has concluded an agreement with the Yakut sea transport trust on the subject of a joint undertaking for collecting and shipping scrap metal. The quantities of metal stipulated by the plan of "Vtorchermet" will be shipped to the smeltery of the "Amurstal" trust.

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## Toyota Minibuses at Noril'sk

Twenty Japanese minibuses were recently delivered to the transpolar region. They were paid for with the money saved by the people of Norilsk in concluding their foreign contracts. Previously, such savings had to be surrendered to the State budget whereas now, according to the new rules, the enterprises may count on receiving a part of it. This makes it necessary for them to search for the most convenient partners on the world market.

By the way, the Japanese Toyotas purchased by the people of Norilsk cost half the amount they would have spent had they bought minibuses built in Riga.

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