

power station. Necessary equipment - tractors, Buran snowmobiles - has been provided. Regular communication has been established with the state farm administration centre and work sites. And it is not unusual now to come upon comfortable homes along reindeer migration routes.

After studying our initial experience, the district trade union and agricultural committees have set the following goal; establish complexes like these in all 203 team sites in the district by 1995. It was decided that those who could build them on their own should be authorised to go ahead. Those who could not should be provided with portable Geolog-3 huts, which are built on a production line. They are not expensive, up to 9,000 rubles, and can be easily put in place on the tundra by helicopter or transported there by tractor.

But few of our local professional organisations and workers' collective councils have learned to work independently and to show creative initiative. Most often, out of habit, we wait for instructions "from above" or recommendations "from the centre". Need it be so?

For example, there have been discussions for many years by activists at plenums of the need to manufacture finished items from the skins of sea mammals on Chukotka. The age-old craft is now practically forgotten. In the places where these animals are taken, there is an abundance of seal skins. But in the neighbouring areas you could look all day without finding national clothing made from these skins. An attempt was made to establish a co-operative for trapping and processing sea mammals in the settlement at Lavrentiya. It went quite well. One co-operative does not, however, establish