

But up to now we have only been talking about vacations. We have not said anything about those persons travelling on business and those who had not previously planned to take a rest but then changed their minds. There are also those people whose plans changed while their requests were being processed. There are outside factors which are impossible to foresee. Such as delegations. What are we going to do about all this if we still cannot 'digest' even the vacationers that were planned? And let us remember that this is in the context of an announced program for meeting the total demand for air transport!

And I thought that the people who never tire of unrealistic slogans were no longer with us. And how many of these slogans there were - from battle cries for model cities to the promise of happiness for the current generation. But no, a new one has appeared! And not in yesterday's period of stagnation, but in the full bloom of 'perestroika'. Give northern residents a 100% guarantee, and that's that!

I say emphatically: before a goal is declared, there needs to be consideration of the means by which it will be achieved. Perhaps this position sounds too categorical, but I insist on it. I also insist that this kind of consideration was not given by the ministry, not even at an elementary level.

There is lots of evidence for this. Let me provide an example. In 1986, when the requests from the residents of Magadan for passenger air transport were not being completely met, the administration was allotted 258,000 tons of fuel. One has to wonder how