

But the leasing contract is also not catching on in Chukotka's agriculture. The main thing holding this back is the large government apparatus.

Unfortunately, this trend can be seen in the navy as well. The government offices in Chukotka's ports are growing out of all proportion. At Anadyr' they employ about 600 people. Elementary logic tells us that such a huge staff is not needed. These waters can only be navigated during four months of the year and, during this period, no more than fifteen vessels can be handled by the quays. This work is mostly done by seasonal workers. So you may well ask yourself what these civil servants do with themselves for the remaining eight months until the waters are open for navigation again?.

REINDEER BREEDERS ARE LEAVING THE TUNDRA

In the 1950's, particularly following the adoption in 1957 of the Decree of CCCPSU* and USSR Council of Ministers dealing with the further development of the economy and culture of the peoples of the Soviet North, it was decided that the native population of Chukotka should immediately be elevated to the level of other nations in the Soviet Union. With this objective, boarding schools were built. Separated from their parents, from their normal way of life, from the tundra, these small children were housed in spacious, light wooden structures and surrounded by attention and care. On the surface everything seemed fine. However, the consequences of this decision turned out to be truly catastrophic.

The children gradually forget their native language, traditions and customs. They felt less and