

Chernobyl

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SUBJ: BRYANSK OBLAST CONTAMINATION IMPROVING

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//((ARTICLE BY YE. BORISOVA: +SEVENTY MILLION RUBLES FOR HOUSING+))

((TEXT))((BEGIN BOLD)) THE COUNTRYS GOVERNMENT WILL ALLOCATE R70 MILLION TO BRYANSK OBLAST THIS YEAR. PEOPLE FROM THE RAYONS +CONTAMINATED+ BY RADIATION WILL MOVE INTO NEW HOUSES SOON.((END BOLD))

FOLLOWING THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT, MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVELS OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION WERE EXCEEDED IN FIVE OBLASTS OF RUSSIA. FORTUNATELY, THE SITUATION RETURNED TO NORMAL IN FOUR OF THEM AS EARLY AS THE SUMMER OF 1986. THE SITUATION REMAINED ALARMING ONLY IN BRYANSK OBLAST. IN AUGUST, 76 FAMILIES HAD TO BE EVACUATED FROM FOUR LOCALITIES IN KRASNOGORSKIY RAYON. THEY WERE GIVEN HOUSING, JOBS, AND ALL TYPES OF BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION. THESE WERE THE FIRST, MOST URGENT MEASURES. HOWEVER, IT WAS CLEAR EVEN AT THAT POINT THAT MANY YEARS OF WORK ON IMPROVING THE ECOLOGICAL SITUATION IN THE OBLAST WERE NEEDED.

SEVEN RAYONS OF BRYANSK OBLAST, WITH A POPULATION OF ALMOST 290,000, TURNED OUT TO BE QUITE HEAVILY CONTAMINATED. SOME 274 LOCALITIES ENDED UP BEING IN THE ZONE OF +STRICT+ CONTROL WHERE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FOODSTUFFS OF LOCAL PROVENANCE ARE IN EFFECT. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE ALARM OF THESE PEOPLE IF YOU ADD TO THIS 367 VILLAGES IN WHICH THE LEVEL OF RADIATION IS LOWER BUT ONE CANNOT DRINK MILK. A NUMBER OF PREFERENCES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THESE LOCALITIES= THEY RECEIVE MONTHLY BENEFITS FOR EVERY FAMILY MEMBER.

IN THE FALL OF LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION DETERMINED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO RESETTLE MORE THAN 2,000 FAMILIES IN RAYONS WHERE THE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVITY IS WITHIN THE NORM. THIS DECISION WAS MADE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCEPT OF RADIATION SAFETY FOR THE POPULACE WHICH HAD BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE HEALTH CARE ORGANS. BY JANUARY, 200 FAMILIES HAD ALREADY HAD THEIR HOUSEWARMING PARTIES. THIS YEAR, DESIGN DOCUMENTATION FOR 23 NEW SETTLEMENTS WILL BE PREPARED, AND THREE SETTLEMENTS WITH 200 HOUSES EACH WILL BE BUILT. IN GENERAL, ENORMOUS WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN THE YEARS SINCE THE ACCIDENT. HERE ARE JUST SEVERAL STATISTICS. ROAD, CONSTRUCTION, AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, CARS, MACHINE TOOLS, WELDING EQUIPMENT, MOBILE DIESEL POWER STATIONS--MORE THAN 18,000 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND MACHINES IN ALL HAVE BEEN ADDITIONALLY ALLOCATED TO BRYANSK OBLAST. RESIDENTIAL HOUSES (386,000 SQUARE METERS), SCHOOLS, DAY-CARE CENTERS, AND CLUBS (WITH ALMOST 8,000 SEATS), ROADS, AND WATER MAINS HAVE BEEN BUILT. MORE THAN 200 LOCALITIES HAVE BEEN DECONTAMINATED= 50 OF THEM HAVE BEEN PROCESSED TWICE, AND SIX--THREE TIMES.

AGROCHEMICAL AND LAND-RECLAMATION MEASURES HAVE BEEN REDUCING THE CONTAMINATION OF FARM GOODS YEAR AFTER YEAR. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: AFTER ALL, RADIONUCLIDES HAVE CONTAMINATED CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION HECTARES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE OBLAST. ARABLE LAND ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF IT. BY NOW, THE CONTENT OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES IN GRAINS HAS DECLINED BY A FACTOR OF FIVE TO SIX. LAST YEAR, OUT OF THE 227,000 TONS OF GRAIN PROCURED IN THE OBLAST, ONLY 1,000 TONS, OR LESS THAN 0.5 PERCENT, TURNED OUT TO BE +DIRTY.+ THE AMOUNT OF MEAT UNFIT FOR USE AS FOOD COMES TO THE SAME 0.5 PERCENT. FOR COMPARISON, IN 1986, 15 PERCENT OF THE MEAT PROCURED IN BRYANSK OBLAST WAS CONTAMINATED.

...NINE RADIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES AND GROUPS AT DISEASE CONTROL STATIONS WERE SET UP IN THE OBLAST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT, AS SOON AS 1986. A LABORATORY OF RADIOACTIVE IMMUNITY WAS ORGANIZED AT THE OBLAST HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. IN NOVOZYBKOV, A RADIOLOGICAL HYGIENE LABORATORY OPENED. SPECIALISTS FROM INSTITUTES IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD HELP PHYSICIANS WORKING IN THE OBLAST ON A REGULAR BASIS. SCRUPULOUS MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF THE ENTIRE POPULACE BEGAN AS SOON AS AUGUST 1986. TO THIS END, 430 SPECIALISTS WERE SENT TO THE OBLAST. BY NOW, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL HAS BEEN ACCUMULATED THE ANALYSIS OF WHICH CONFIRMS: THE PHYSICIANS HAVE FOUND NO DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPACT OF IONIZING RADIATION OR ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DOSES ACCUMULATED AND THE COURSE OF CHRONIC DISEASES.

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ON THE INSTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT, A REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMS PREPARED BY RUSSIA, THE UKRAINE, AND BELORUSSIA IS BEING CONDUCTED AT PRESENT. THE UNION STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AND THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ARE TAKING PART IN THE REVIEW. IN MARCH, T'????3????)?????JG REVIEW WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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