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FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

1. ['Readers' Letters in Response to RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA Article Published on 9 October: 'Hitting a Secret Installation With a Sledgehammer'--RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA headline]
2. [Text] At the time of publication of Military Observer N. Panyukov's letter 'Hitting a Secret Installation With a Sledgehammer,' which described the 'sad fate' of the Krasnoyarsk Radar Station, the editors expressed their willingness to bring proposals for a sensible use of its 'remains' out for public discussion. We feel that this topic has touched our readers deeply. We have already received over a 100 letters. We offer some of them to our readers today.
3. STOP IF IT IS NOT TOO LATE
4. In my line of service, I have been involved in things related to radars for many years. Therefore, it is especially painful for me to read that, because of elementary illiteracy, such horrendous things are being done. Really, it is as they say: There is no limit to human stupidity while its mind is limited. What is it that scared the Americans so much in the Krasnoyarsk radar that our politicians did not have any choice other than to destroy it?
5. Do we not have enough highly qualified specialists in our country to help the politicians prove to the Americans-- currently our friends--that this 'secret object,' as well as any other radar station, may be used for purposes that are not necessarily of a military nature? This is an irreplaceable base for space, geophysical, astronomical, and many other types of research. Meanwhile, we, without studying the situation in detail, rush to grab the sledgehammer and crush an object into which hundreds of millions of people's money was invested, and which has expensive equipment

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integrated in it....

6. [Signed] V. Matsoshev, Moscow

7. WHY ARE AMERICANS AFRAID OF US?

8. Quite possibly, our politicians had been counting on reciprocity. That the Americans would dismantle or mothball their radar stations, at least on the foreign territories--in Greenland and in Great Britain. After all, this is also an ABM treaty violation. Alas! Nothing happened. All American radars continue to operate.

9. I agree with that 75-years old taiga inhabitant and war veteran, Roman Yegorovich Nebylitsa, who had proposed to turn this radar station into a retransmission station. Perhaps, it can be put to some other use. We should not destroy it, though....

10. [Signed] V. Formanchuk, Moscow

11. TO GIVE THE SETTLEMENT TO THE PEOPLE

12. I am shaken by what is going on. This is not just a dismantling of a radar station, it is a crime. By profession I am a construction engineer. That is probably why I feel this pain.

13. I propose that we stop demolishing the structures and conduct negotiations, for instance, with the people who live in the Chernobyl catastrophe area. I am convinced that many will agree to move there. Perhaps from other regions as well. If there is good land there, grazing land, mellifluous meadows for bee-keeping, or fish.... Why not live there? There will always be work for people.

14. [Signed] V. Nyavnyko, Skulyany settlement, SSR [Soviet Socialist Republic] Moldova

15. PERHAPS WE SHOULD PUT UP A CAPITAL THERE

16. Judging by your publication, the area where this "miracle on the Yenisey high road" is located is beautiful. And it seems that the settlement is quite modern. With high-rise buildings and comfortable apartments. It is Yenisey, after all. It is Russia itself.

17. Perhaps, we should start building a new capital of Siberia there?

18. [Signed] S. Polyakova, Moscow

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19. WHAT ELSE ARE WE GOING TO DEMOLISH?

20. I cannot understand: Is it not known to everybody that the radar station by itself does not kill anybody and does not present any threat to other countries? In this sense, Krasnoyarsk Radar Station has nothing to do with anything. It is another matter that its disappearance will make foreign airplanes and missiles invisible to us, and that it strikes another noticeable blow at our already weak economy.

21. It is easier to demolish that to build.

22. [Signed] P. Kulibaba, Pyatigorsk

23. WITH THE 'SLEDGEHAMMER'...AT THE FATHERLAND

24. The problem is that today it is not just the Krasnoyarsk Radar Station on which they use the sledgehammer. They also strike the monuments to V.I. Lenin, F.E. Dzerzhinskiy, and S.M. Kirov. These sledgehammers are being used both here and in East Europe. Various turncoats also use the moral 'sledgehammer' to strike at our Army, the KGB, and the MVD [Ministry of Internal Affairs].... They do not give a damn that our security is hurt by this.

25. Now they have also hit the Warsaw Pact with a 'baby sledgehammer.' They demand that we close our test sites while the tests in Nevada continue.... But what about our national security?

26. [Signed] A. Kutin, worker, Leningrad

27. LET THIS BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE

28. I remember how impressed I was when I saw a photo of the Krasnoyarsk Radar Station published in a newspaper a year or two ago. I remember thinking: Here is such an expensive, electronic, modern miracle, and it has to be sacrificed for military needs that do not yield any profit for people's economy.

29. Now it seems there is no military need for Krasnoyarsk Radar Station. Good. But why demolish it? I propose-- perhaps, with the participation of foreign experts, as you have mentioned in the postface--to use this grandiose complex to set up a center for UFO observation and research. Then, perhaps, we will figure out jointly who these 'strange guests' are and what they want? Perhaps, it will also help us solve our numerous earthly problems. Perhaps, fate itself presents the 'Krasnoyarsk object' with such unique chance. Let us think about it.

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30. [Signed] Yu. Yefstafyev, Leningrad

31. We thank all our readers who responded to the publication, and invite everybody to continue this discussion, to offer more suggestions. They will be analyzed by a group of specialists who will meet here at our editorial offices in the near future to discuss this important problem.

32. Our telephone number is 257-25-20.

33. [Signed] RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA military section

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