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1. [Ivan Vorobyev report; from the "Pacific Ocean" Program]
2. [Text] An oblast soviet of people's deputies session was held in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk today. Our correspondent Ivan Vorobyev discusses this.
3. [Begin Vorobyev recording] The number 13 became a fateful one for soviet power on Sakhalin Island. The 13th session of the oblast soviet of the people's deputies became its last. A deputy who is a UFO expert lamented that the session should not have been scheduled for 15 October. I am not very proficient in astrology, so I will convey his explanation in a simpler way: The stars just did not shine for the deputies. This might be why only 58 out of 160 deputies arrived yesterday for the extraordinary session proposed by Yevgeniy Krasnoyarov, the administration head. Only 46 deputies came for today's session, not enough for a quorum. They had started coming from the oblast periphery some time ago, and it seemed that they intended to preserve soviet power in the oblast, but while in Moscow, the deputies took to arms; in Sakhalin, they just took off. Well, this is also a kind of argument, a way of voting.
4. Closing the session, administration head Yevgeniy Krasnoyarov said: These are cruel times but also purifying. One must understand that both you, the deputies, and we too have some degree of responsibility for the bloody events in Moscow, and decisions by many Russian Federation soviets supporting the Russian Supreme Soviet's actions contributed to the events. The people's army did not support the people's deputies.
5. Yevgeniy Krasnoyarov thinks that the deputies do not control the situation, do not know the conditions or even their people, and continue to preach the soviet psychology, to talk without taking responsibility for anything.
6. Yevgeniy Krasnoyarov addressed former Russian Deputy Sergey

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Mikhaylov, who exploited yesterday's deputies meeting to expound his anti-Yeltsin and antigovernment position, presented as a description of the events in Moscow. The administration head called to avoid transferring responsibility of the Moscow events to federation members. He said: Do not instigate the people, do not call for unsanctioned, unlawful acts. After all, someone had the time to report to Moscow that former Deputy Mikhaylov had spoken at the session although there was no session as such. The main goal today is not to incite people but to organize them for conducting elections for the State Duma, Federation Council, and local organs of power.

7. Yevgeniy Krasnoyarov signed a decree today on reforming representative power in Sakhalin Oblast. All activities of the oblast and smaller soviets are suspended, and sessions and conferences are canceled. The status [word indistinct] of the deputies is maintained. The oblast administration has taken over all functions of representative power. Smaller soviet members will form a commission for [word indistinct] which, to a certain extent, will be charged with conducting the elections and working out the oblast charter.

8. Anatoliy Aksenov, chairman of the former oblast soviet, addressed the gathering. He said: The deputies must do everything possible to guarantee the conducting of elections on 12 December and make a sober judgment of the situation to help create a second branch of authority and stabilize the country's situation. On his behalf and on behalf of the deputies, Anatoliy Aksenov thanked everyone he had a chance to work with, chairmen of the soviets, deputies of all levels, and administration workers.

9. Can it really be true, that we bid farewell to the soviet power with wishes of goodwill? One would really like to believe that. [end recording]

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