There was no shooting in Chernobyl, yet...

With every passing day we learn more and more tragic information concerning Chernobyl disaster. 3.5 million of Ukrainian citizens have suffered as a result of the disaster. 50000 of them have become invalids having from 8 to 16 chronic diseases. The death and suicide rate among Chernobyl veterans increases. More than 13 thousand sq. Km of the territory of Ukraine is contaminated. 2500000 people live there at present including 700000 children. People just can't get out of this Chernobyl grief by themselves without the assistance of the government. And their first and foremost dream is to be saved from this radioactive grief and fear.

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The Beginning

Once, thinking about Chernobyl, I've asked myself: why do we, as a rule, know the beginning and the end of events, celebrate leaving of the previous and coming of the New Year, the beginning of life and, unfortunately, the end of it. But April 26 we mark as the tragic «beginning», and may never during our life and maybe of the next generation's and many of the following one take the liberty of saying: «It's done. It's over. We won» and celebrate THE END OF CHERNOBYL'S TRAGEDY.

I want so much our generation in the far-bright future won't be thought about as one affected by radiation, exhausted by revolutions, wars, perestroika, chernobyl, that who caused all those troubles and who suffered from them.

I would like everyone who had seen the exhibition to realize the true picture of life with its ups and downs, joys and sufferings, with its everyday struggle for survival. Our exhibition itself is the living evidence of such struggle, appealing to future generations.

I want most of all is for the existing generation not to forget about it. That's why we can't wait till we have our own pope. In spite of anything we set our best to make the collection (already about 1000 works of graphics and design) the living monument to Chernobyl for memory just now. We believe that the Museum will become not only the exhibition, storing but also the demonstration of humanity, beauty and peace.

Oleg Verkin, 26.04.86

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В Чернобыле не сиvesti пули, что... 

С каждым днем мы узнаем все больше информации о ядерной катастрофе в Чернобыле. В результате авария привела к тому, что огромная территория стала небезопасной. Из-за радиации смерть от ядерной катастрофы стала обычным явлением. За последние 15 лет подобные катастрофы привели к гибели более 90000 людей, среди которых были многие семьи. На этой странице представлены материалы, связанные с Чернобыльской катастрофой.

Начало

Однако, вспоминая Чернобыль, я всегда опять вспоминаю о том, как мы свернули из района, где возникла катастрофа. В Чернобыле было создание безумной обстановки, отдаленного ужаса, отчасти природы. И я не могу сказать, что это было нечто добное.

В. Веркун, 26.04.86