

"Work has been poorly organized on the third conveyor where the start-up schedule has been held up for more than two weeks despite the fact that all the equipment has already been delivered."

In response to the Minister's statement the Industrial Construction Division of Stroitel'naya Gazeta stated: "Judging by his statement in response to the question, the Minister believes that the Ministry for Ferrous Metallurgy has done everything necessary to ensure the commissioning of production capacities in Cherepovets and Volgograd. On-the-spot reports contradict this."

"While it is true that 2,500 tonnes of equipment for the continuous casting machine has been delivered to Cherepovets, no more or less than 6,500 tonnes are needed! Moreover, what is missing is the equipment needed to begin work in the established technological sequence. In particular, the assembly workers need equipment for the casting bed, the crystallizer, and the roller sections. This is the starting point for the sequence to follow. The USSR Ministry for Specialized Assembly and Construction claims there is enough qualified personnel at the site to perform work on a broad scale."

"Unfortunately, the other capacities due to be commissioned in the near future at the complex - the aluminizing unit and the "2800/1700" rolling mill, which is undergoing modernization and which Mr. Kolpakov neglects to mention - have not received all the necessary equipment."

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