

The enormous territory to be flooded was cleared of forest a very long time ago. The years went by. Now a new wall of growth has sprung up. Nobody knows who is going to take it away and with what means.

Dozens of families of "Karellesprom" society workers have not yet been resettled out of the danger zone. There is nowhere for them to move, since in the new settlement of Krivoi Porog, where they are to be given apartments, the only thing sticking up from the ground are the foundations of their future homes. Because of the housing shortage, the building crew is not growing either. Construction of basic social and cultural community facilities has not even started.

An innumerable number of the republic's directors have paid visits to the flood zone, each time promising condemned villages that the new settlement is on the verge of completion. But nothing moves forward.

- We are "proud" to hear our visitors call us steadfast and hardy, - says, not without irony, M. Vorobei, chairman of the eliminated (on paper) Yumsk rural Soviet of People's Deputies. - We are also "proud" to have our children attend day-care centres and schools more distant than anywhere in the world. They are transported tens of kilometres from their homes.

And what about the generating station? Its basic engineering components have just barely gone beyond phase zero. Thousands of cubic metres of concrete and metal reinforcement have yet to be poured, before work can start on the station building, the machine room and many other