

into account the cost previously established in the memorandum of instructions and proceeding from the desire to assure the profitable operation of these machines at mining enterprises. A February 15 conference attended by all the above-mentioned sides ended unsuccessfully. A representative of the USSR Ministry of the Construction, Road, and Municipal Machinery Industries flatly refused to supply bulldozers at previously approved prices because of the supplier's economic difficulties.

Indeed. The supplier attempts to resolve all his economic difficulties at the expense of the consumer. The idea is not new. Many departments are urgently "pushing it." Restructuring the system of management for them means increasing the prices of their products. Do they understand what will come of an acceleration in the [expense mechanism?]*. Houses "crushed" by an every more expensive bulldozer - no, this is not the result people expect from economic restructuring.

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* Suggested translation of "zatratnyi mekhanizm." - Tr.