

Boldychev. The help they have offered us this year has been of immeasurable importance. And, you'll agree, it would be a shame if our workers were to slip up now after the serious problems they had to cope with last year. You know, a lot of people were afraid that the new economic-management conditions would prove onerous for our workers who, on the whole, are a happy lot.

However, these concerns proved unjustified. After a year the enterprise has improved its economic situation even more. An excellent improvement in labour productivity has been achieved, an increase of 7% in excess of that which was called for in the plan. The port workers received bonus funds of approximately one and a half million rubles, much of which went into the economic incentives fund. As a result, an agreement was concluded for the construction of two thirty-apartment buildings, using the enterprise's own labour. The first building is already under construction and will be ready for occupancy this year. This will represent visible proof for the workers of how profitable their work can be under the new economic management system.

By the way, they have also started to put up a workers' dormitory here and the question of having their own polyclinic has been settled. Funds have also been allocated for the planning of a recreational and sports centre. And, we should note that all this will be paid for from funds earned in the course of just one year.

For outside workers, this is already the second year under the new economic-management conditions. The port-workers are also pleased with the new system. The planned goals for the handling of cargoes are being successfully met. In January, for example, revenues were considerably over-plan. Instead of six hundred thousand rubles, the workers made a million. However, it would be premature to claim that all the difficulties are over.