own rubles being allocated for this purpose. Such an opportunity proved to be to the liking of many veteran aviators. Nearly 30 applications from those working in the veteran's contingent have already been handed in to the trade-union committee. In the next one and a half years they should receive individual well-appointed apartments 40 km from the city of Minsk, the vacated dwellings (as provided for by the terms of the agreement) remaining at the full disposal of the aviation establishment.

Cooperative construction is also taking shape here; a proportion of families belong to Murmansk city housing cooperatives. And recently something new has appeared: young specialists acquiring accommodation on long term credits from the aviation establishment. This represents yet another step towards resolving the housing problem.

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## Cheque System Pleases Boss

As of February 1, 1988, our entire trust switched to a cheque system of expenditure control. Its one purpose is to force regular personnel, team-leaders and workers to show careful regard for the expenditure of stocks of materials and capital equipment, and of labour.

I remember when during a lecture on concrete economics the audience was asked the cost of a cubic metre of a one inch plank, or a ton of "small size coal," or a machine-hour. Nobody knew! It wasn't