

and purification plant - provide a clear indication. The former is in the process of completion but progress, as in the old days, is slow. The purification plant should be ready next year but from an appropriation of 28 million rubles only a couple of millions have been used.

Last October, while awarding our city the order of Lenin and the Golden Star medal, M.S. Gorbachev remarked that the population of the arctic region is quite special. For many citizens of Murmansk, the sea is their workplace, thousands of miles away from home, and it is normal that the people here need special attention, better social and cultural facilities. We do believe that a wonderful city with a view of the Arctic is not an illusion. It is something in the realm of reality, provided we do it the right way.

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#### Prefabricated Houses

A house-building enterprise, the largest in the Far North, has been organized in the suburbs of Yakutsk.

It will produce components for the construction of 150,000 square meters of housing annually. The materials manufactured by this concern will permit the building of apartment houses which meet the requirements of the frigid regions with increased heat insulation, three-metre-high ceilings, spacious kitchens, built-in closets and other