

service and amortization and also pays fines. Every subsidiary which is run on the profit and loss accounting system, from the work brigade to the administration, has its own individual account with the bank. The amount of money in the account is directly dependant on how efficiently materials and electric power are utilized, how effectively the construction machinery is used and how strictly contractual obligations vis-à-vis the subcontracting enterprises are adhered to.

The introduction of this system has made it possible for the workers employed by the "Magadangrazhdanstroi" Planning and Construction Association to finish in the course of a six-month period more apartments than last year. At the same time they have been able to raise labour productivity and reduce their labour costs.

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Housing Problems at Neryungri

At one of the meetings of the Ministry of the Coal Industry several years ago, it was pointed out that it would be a good idea if the expertise in planning and building towns, which has been acquired in southern Yakutia, could be extended to the whole country. It's true that blocks of apartments are springing up like mushrooms here in Neryungri. The local authorities show them off to visitors with great enthusiasm. However, they pass over in silence the so-called "wooden shacks" which form a considerable part of the town. It's there that