

With the same or approximately the same system of economic relations, it would be altogether possible for the oblast to convert to a self-supporting basis. And then the soviets would acquire a real economic base."

Our numerous meetings with people throughout the Tyumen Oblast confirm the simple truth that all social wellbeing is dependent on a firm economic foundation being in place.

At a recent conference of representatives of labour collectives held in Nizhnevartovsk the following idea was advanced: the only possibility of achieving a normal existence is when there is normal organization of one's labor. This may not seem like a great discovery, but today we need to talk about the basics, which have been largely overlooked.

In Nizhnevartovsk we heard many people say that in the torrents of criticism and demands to overthrow the bureaucracy some managers, as well as some rank-and-file workers, had somehow forgotten their basic responsibilities. And the result of this is an increase in lost work time, more absenteeism, and cases of poor workmanship and failure to complete tasks.

Oil industry workers are well aware that the primary foundation for developing production and improving productivity is scientific and technical progress, together with the implementation of scientific and technical advances, modern technology, and new methods of working and managing. But in the quest for economic and technical progress one must not forget discipline, the organization of work, rationalization of the workplace, and a greater use of shift work. In a word, all that goes under the heading of intensification of production.