

Those in favor of creating the concern wanted to have dealings only with the State, their financial relationship being based on established taxes. These people are convinced that all state orders, plans and other tasks should be entered on a separate line, and that the provision of materials should be the responsibility of the agencies possessing the resources. The concern, for its part, has taken on the responsibility of providing the country with non-ferrous metals and providing social support for the cities, territories and regions where its enterprises are located.

Once again I am speaking with O. Shenin, First Secretary of the Krasnoyarsk Krai Party Committee.

"I feel," he said, "that the decision of the workers' collectives to unite together in a concern is altogether proper. It makes sense, inasmuch as these enterprises are highly profitable, and they know how to apply profits to (economic) reproduction and how to develop the social sphere intelligently. I will give you a final example concerning the Krasnoyarsk Non-Ferrous Metals Plant. The collective long ago asked that we appeal to the federal government to permit our enterprise to receive its earnings from over-fulfillment of the plan in the form of hard currency. This could be used to purchase equipment so as to organize annual production of nearly 300 million rubles worth of consumer goods."

And so the question is almost resolved, and an agreement has even been reached with a foreign firm for construction of new production facilities, which is possible only within the framework of a concern. But not everyone was in favor of this new economic association.