

Minneftegazstroi is avoiding following these instructions under all sorts of pretexts, including the one that, apparently, in Sovmin their branch is under a different vice-chairman. Personal ambition replacing action.

The residents of Langepas also put their problems to the Minuralsibstroi management on several occasions. But here too their requests met with a deaf ear, even though just 70 kilometres away, in the Pokachi factory housing estate, this ministry's trust is now having difficulties in finding enough work for its capacity.

Not so long ago, "Izvestiya" published an open letter to Yu. Batalin from the deputies of Langepas. And in the region itself, in just the last few days, A. Grigor'ev, first secretary of the CPSU town committee, was severely criticized at a plenary session of the committee: instead of wasting his secretarial energies on creating new trusts and name-changing, he should get the town its own bricks and ferro-concrete.

Precisely! Consider what will be left in Langepas when the Byelorussian trust moves away: railway facilities for receiving materials, and a few shops for storing and assembling building components.

So with what will Langepas continue building its town? How can the problem of producing building materials locally be solved practically? Is it going to be necessary for someone "upstairs" to impose a surplus quit rent on, say, the residents of Surgut?