

The self-support system has now been applied to only two buildings in the city, i.e. 5,000 square metres. All the criticism addressed to the Ministry of Fisheries of the USSR, which is responsible for Sevryba, has been to no avail - each year the ministry has been cutting the budget for the improvement of living conditions. True, the fisheries administration completed one apartment building last year, and it is trying to get some results now by applying the self-support system. But all that is a drop in the bucket - eight or twelve apartment houses. To obtain an apartment in our city a fisherman must wait on the average 23.5 years!

The picture is not much brighter for the sailors either, even though the Ministry of the Merchant Fleet has many of its divisions in the city. Much more could be done for the city by the organizations responsible to the Ministries of Transport Construction and Communications.

What should be done to elicit the interest of these departments? We propose: if nobody can succeed in applying the self-support system on his own, let us form co-operatives. The design group at the municipal executive committee could become the organizational centre in this endeavor. Once the divisional building sectors have been merged, we shall create a special trust for improving the city's social and living conditions. Our house-building concerns should also be included in the co-operative effort. We also need a rental centre for construction equipment. Our proposals for creating a co-operative enterprise have been transmitted to the territorial administration of the State Committee of Material and Technical Supplies. We are waiting for their answer.