

districts. On the last day of the mission, there was a discussion on Tyumen' television between the "Stroitel'naya gazeta" journalists and leaders of the region's Soviet, party and economic bodies and organizations. The broadcast was live. In the course of the discussion new questions came in from Tyumen' residents, and many of them were answered. Extracts from this televised debate have been used in today's article.

1. Demand and supply do not match

"SG": On the basis only of the figures given in the draft programme, we did the following calculations. All in all, it is intended to build 830,000 apartments by the end of the year 2000. There are now 366,000 people waiting in line for housing in the region's town and factory housing estates. Subtraction gives 464,000 apartments left over. Now it has been estimated that the region's population will grow by one and a half million. With an average family size of 3.4, all these remaining apartments will be taken up by newcomers. This means that the draft does not provide at all for apartments for those now living in communal housing, or for rural inhabitants.

Yu. Rogachev, Vice-Chairman of the Regional Executive Committee:

- You did not allow for the fact that families often have not just one member in line for housing, but both the husband and the wife - each through his own place of work. This means that those in the queues will need considerably fewer than 366,000 apartments. Moreover, upon receiving new housing, a family frees up its