

The people of the Kuban region have generally received us well. They understand the difficulties of the Far North. And the steamship line, for its part, has promised to finance a number of facilities on various farms, and we plan to establish joint enterprises. There is but one goal - to obtain as much food as possible in the South to provide to the Lena River workers."

Q. "A housing cooperative, the 'Rechnik', has been created in the Basin. There has been a lot of talk about it and many people are trying to get in there. What's happening?"

A. "We are obliged to think not only about filling the plates of the river workers but also about housing. In Yakutiya, beyond the Arctic Circle, building houses is very difficult and expensive. On the other hand, people have spent 20 years and more working under harsh climatic conditions, and they cannot leave there since they have no place to live. For this reason, we concluded an agreement with the 'Kavkaz' collective farm in Novokubansk Raion and they have allotted us 100 plots of 1,200 square meters each. This is in the large village of Krasnoe Pole, which has approximately 1,500 residents. We have decided to put up 100 cottages there so that our veteran workers can move to this pleasant region."

Q. "And under what conditions?"

A. "Only veteran workers who have at least 20 years of service in our basin are accepted for the 'Rechnik'. The essential condition is that when they move they transfer their northern apartment to the enterprise. This way, our waiting line moves ahead. Each cottage costs 40,000 roubles. First, the