

Pitching in is fine but beware of the pitfalls! Taking the railroad-car crews, the locomotive engineers and the traffic personnel away from their daily tasks may result in serious difficulties for these services. There are no redundant people anywhere. Moreover, the construction project requires highly specialized personnel, not just labour.

But let us assume that the heating plant will be put into service on schedule. Will the apartments on Kirov, Sibirskaya, and other streets be any warmer? We doubt it. In many instances it will heat the sky. The buildings must be prepared for the winter! The one in which Mikeshin lives could have been at least stuccoed long ago, so that the light would not shine through. The tenants do not stop reminding the administration of it. However, the department of civil structures, headed by V. Rezanov, did not consider it necessary to wash the bank of boilers last summer, even though the heating system in this habitually cold building fails quite often.

And how many years have the occupants of the house on Sibirskaya waited for the promised repairs! The complainants quite rightly point to the huge economic losses caused by this situation. Hundreds of tons of coal are purposelessly burnt in the furnaces of buildings in poor repair and in those of the heating plants. The electric heaters, on every windowsill in some apartments, consume large amounts of electricity.

The economic losses can be computed, but who is going to estimate the moral damage caused by such thoughtless managerial practices? "There is no such thing as perestroika in Bogotol - our readers write to us. The same old irresponsibility in housing