

housing in our city is more than forty-seven thousand, about thirteen and half thousand of that number constitute the waiting list of the executive committee.

The Capital Construction Administration of the Municipal Executive Committee, which acts as the exclusive client, provides at the present time more than eighty percent of the city's housing. We have been increasing that number year after year: in 1987 it already reached 200,000 square metres, much more than in the previous year. But it is not enough: the average annual increase in available housing must be brought to at least 236,000 square metres.

In this connection we have studied the start-up program for 1988. We have found that contractors' quotas take care of little more than half of it - twelve, seventy-two apartment buildings cannot be fitted into the plan. We will not, of course, accept any cuts in the construction program. We shall be looking for a solution. For instance, as a bonus, we will probably offer the builders 50% of the completed houses. But still, contracting out will not solve the problem. We need a self-supporting system. How many different ministries and departments do we have in Murmansk--- They should combine their efforts.

The All-Union Fish Processing Enterprise Sevryba and the Murmansk Sea Navigation Administration have been assigned a parcel of land sufficient for an entire small district - just go ahead and build. In total, thirty-five such parcels have been offered to various enterprises and organizations. So far, however, there has been no response.