

bogs and the taiga by the incredible efforts of entire generations. It seems that the regional committee of the Party and the executive committee of the regional soviet, with the active participation of the community, reached the only valid conclusion, taking into consideration the limited nature of the capital investments, to direct the major part of the latter to resolving the social problems: to the construction in the villages of diesel power plants, schools, kindergartens, medical aid posts and clubs, i.e. everything that is required for normal life. We started with the introduction of a passport system for every inhabited point. In every settlement and village it was determined what, when and where to build. It was not at all simple to awaken interest in construction projects by individuals. However we understood that it is not an apartment in a sovkhos but only one's own house that can firmly bind a man to the earth and make him a true landowner. Both the regional committee of the party and the regional executive committee of the soviet have made sure, in the first instance, to create the most favourable conditions for each new individual building his own home. In the executive committees of the rural soviets and in the sovkhoses the consumers' cooperative society has established personal accounts in which is recorded everything that is needed by those wishing to start a home of their own.

It should also be stated that our trading establishments and the directors of our industries have begun to turn their face also towards the individual home builder. Not just in words but also in deed. In the last year, for example, to name one item, 280 thousand bricks were delivered, seven times more than previously. The branch of the Sberbank (savings bank) issued 140 thousand roubles of long-term loans. Incidentally, such loans are made