

tasks directed at extending the use of ecological power engineering in the Republic.

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"The Arguments of Hydro-Electric Power Engineering:
Isn't it Time to Reassess Their Significance for the
National Economy"

An article by a Krasnoyarsk correspondent V. Komorijn, which was published on August 27 and thereby started a new column in this paper, subjected to critical analysis the feasibility study and the cost benefit study of a new project in Siberia -- the Turukhanskaya Hydro-Electric Power Plant. Some questions of the policy of hydro-technical construction in general were also touched upon. Today we continue this discussion, offering our readers a different point of view on the present condition and the future prospects for development of this important branch of the economy.

There is a segment in the documentary film "The Dam": a bulldozer is demolishing a dilapidated little house while an old woman's sad eyes appear on the screen. We can understand her. But, in order to make the film more objective, it should have also shown how this woman moves into a new building in which her living conditions are beyond any comparison with old. In other words, we cannot, longing nostalgically for the past, ignore the necessity of socio-economic development. And this development is impossible without power engineering, be it thermal, atomic, or water power.