

as well as themselves dearly), one cannot help but agree that the workers were to a large extent pushed into this by the bureaucratic position of the officials. Yes and the workforce should have been more energetic about taking power into its own hands, but it needs to be helped to do this, to be given the right conditions, and not to have artificial barriers erected in its way.

And, of course, throughout this whole story a not inconsiderable share of the blame lies with the Ministry of Highways and Transport. What sort of cost-efficiency can there possibly be when the enterprise cannot even dispatch its own product to its customers? This alone has contributed greatly to holding up the mine's transition to cost-efficiency. And it's the workers who have to pay for it. Is this really fair?

Economic, party and trade union bodies need to draw serious conclusions from this story. The employees themselves must do the same.

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NORIL'SK KRASNOYARSKIY KRAY (TASS). Work is returning to normal at the mines of the Noril'sk Mining and Metallurgy Plant. The last group of miners surfaced several hours ago. For five days the miners had remained underground, refusing to go to work.