

The main outcome of the contracts with the foreign companies is investment, additional money. The advantage for the Soviet Union is that we don't need to wait until our economy matures in order to have the financial resources to carry out expensive projects for refining hydrocarbon raw materials. An agreement has been reached whereby Western export-import banks are extending favourable credit worth 1.3 billion dollars for joint enterprises in Tobolsk.

A portion of the polypropylene produced is earmarked for export, while most of this valuable produce - 270,000 tons per year - will remain in the national economy. The "Vespek" joint enterprise alone will yield 1.4 billion rubles in profit every year, and within seven years this money will wipe out the debts. It is to be hoped that everything that's planned for Tobolsk takes place.

It would be wrong not to mention what is being done for the people of Tobolsk. Each year the Combine builds over 100,000 m<sup>2</sup> of well-appointed housing in this city of a hundred thousand residents. Fifteen children's centres, five schools, stores, and consumer services have also been built.

The international ties have yielded expanded opportunities. When contracts are concluded with foreign firms, some of the first clauses spell out tangible advantages for petrochemical workers and residents of Tobolsk. For example, Tobolsk has gotten a sausage plant which has just recently begun operation, and equipment has already arrived for production of fashionable running shoes. As well, two dairy farms of 50 head each with refrigeration, pasteurization and cheese-making facilities have been established. These farms also have high-yielding