

Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev spoke of it most earnestly during his recent meetings in Krasnoyarsk. It cannot be resolved off-handedly.

The most reliable way would be to provide Siberians with living conditions that even Kuban' and Volga area residents would envy. All the more so since south Tyumen' is a resort area. It has pine forests left, mud-baths, lakes, fish and game. This is exactly what Yamburg residents want from their agricultural town. But they certainly have no shortage of "opponents". At the CPSU Regional Committee, we were shown a voluminous letter from a group of Tyumen' University scholars, in which it was proposed, in all seriousness, to move the northern workers' settlement to a remoter area, farther from roads and, incidentally, from curious eyes. For otherwise there would be a "demonstration effect". Translation: people would see how one can live. When no one "sticks out" or rises above the average, life is easier, of course, especially for the leadership. But we have been through all of that! We are still reaping the harvest of "equalizing socialism".

After returning to Moscow, we found out that the decision had apparently finally been taken to provide land for the northern workers' town. Let us hope that things will now happen more quickly around Yalutorovsk.

As we have noted, the Tyumen' "whales" are in no great hurry to turn aside from well-trodden paths in solving the housing problem. Consider the case of individual construction. When restrictions on building private homes within urban borders were lifted in Tyumen', the specialized "Zapsibzhilstroï" building society immediately took over one hundred