

(incidentally, the leading enterprise of the "Yakutalmaz" Production Group), became independent and switched to cost accounting. But the only people to make wage gains have so far been the managers; because of the "ceiling," workers are, as before, not interested in the high end results of work. The profit made by the combine's collective is also in point of fact not left at the combine's disposal: nearly all of it goes to the production group, where the central directorates lay their hands on it. This checks the implementation of our social programs. I am speaking about the material level. But such a deformation of the ideas of the economic system of administration can result in moral damage. People who do not feel themselves to be real masters relate to what is happening in the capacity of observers. Furthermore, the withdrawal of profit from efficiently operating enterprises and the distribution of this profit "in favour of poor enterprises" returns us to the pre-perestroika principles of wage equalization, corrupts those same "poor enterprises" and spawns collective dependence.

I.K.: We will not forget that diamond miners are in a privileged position in comparison with the representatives of other industries in Yakutia. They have more housing and consumer services are better. As far as Udachnyi is concerned, it was completely planned and built from special designs (incidentally by using financial resources centrally directed here to the detriment, perhaps, of others) as a model city of the future...

O.Z.: ...And nevertheless every third inhabitant of Udachnyi requires better housing. The waiting lists for spots in nursery schools have grown longer and longer. You are mistaken to suggest that I care only about the interests of my fellow