

must gradually change over the republic's economy, and that of other regions, to the principles of regional cost-efficiency, so that each and every person will become truly responsible for their enterprises, all over the republic and the country.

As a member of the construction directorate's trade union committee, Tamara Sorvacheva is a person who gets things done. She has done much to improve conditions at work for the Syktyvkar housing construction workers and to make their life here a healthy one. She was very active in setting up our sports and health centre with its skiing facilities, saunas and sports facilities, which, incidentally, are open to the public.

Sorvacheva's programme is one of concern for improving people's lives in the difficult conditions of the Soviet North. For example, is a fortnight's leave really long enough for the workers here? After all, subsidised stays in sanatoria and vacation retreats are for a longer period than this. She dedicates a good part of her programme to the education of the younger generation. As a mother of two teenagers herself, she knows what the problems are. She proposes that young people should be entrusted with more and taught to be independent. And she actually practices what she preaches.

There is a great deal of argument going on at the moment about who should be at the top of the power ladder: should they be manual workers, people with higher education or professional politicians? It would seem that both the academician and the carpenter are equally able to run the state. The most important thing is that whoever it is should be well in touch with the needs, expectations and