

partitions and to combine all these enterprises, in the spirit of the times, into a single territorial building society. But just to speak of this is utopia for now. The all-powerful bureaucrats immediately protest: don't touch, it is ours, we built it for ourselves and not for someone's uncle!

It will not be so simple to take away from Siberians this bureaucratic egoism, which has penetrated northern life so deeply. But it will have to be done, for there is no other way. Just consider the following fact. Not one of the entire region's building enterprises has realized its assigned, planned potential. And if they were managed not by departments, but by local Soviets, which have hitherto been nothing but passive observers of bureaucratic dealings? You will agree that that would be a significant, and most importantly, an immediately effective step towards strengthening the power of Soviets at the local level.

"The twelfth five-year plan provides for an annual delivery in Urai of 10,000 square metres of housing. This volume does not ensure meeting the goal of providing every family with its own apartment by the year 2000. According to estimates by the "Uraineftegaz" society, in order to solve the housing problem, it will be necessary to build 100,000 square metres of housing every year, starting in 1991. When the restructuring is finished, the capacity of the Uraineftezhilstroï Minneftegazstroya trust's KPD plant will rise only to 50,000. How will we manage?"

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