

arrive here for use as mine supports and in housing construction. There is not enough timber, and especially created cooperatives are engaged in recovering sunken logs on the Yenisei River. An enterprise is currently being set up to produce wood particle-board from wood processing scraps as the basis for a local furniture industry.

Construction in the North is complicated and expensive. In addition, there are 18,000 retired persons in Norilsk who must be cared for. It would make more sense from all points of view, the concern feels, to build housing for them in the central USSR and to give their vacated apartments to those on the waiting list.

One other very characteristic point. A major accident occurred on a gas pipeline 300 kilometers from Norilsk. Plants came to a standstill at minus 40 degrees, and the working rhythm of the city was disrupted. The people of Norilsk are intending to send the bill to the Gas Industry concern: cost accountability provides for mutual responsibility among allied enterprises.

Finally, a solution is being found on the issue of establishing a joint-stock commercial bank which will accumulate available funds of enterprises and workers' savings, in particular.

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