

building in only nine months. This was attested to not only by the establishment's own interest, but above all by the noticeable support of Party and government bodies, as well as by the possibility of concluding an owner-contractor agreement with the local construction organization.

Experience speaks of the possibilities for building rapidly and qualitatively. For example, in 1984-1985, in only one and a half years, the Murmansk Aviation Establishment managed to erect two nine-storey apartment buildings simultaneously, having fulfilled three annual plans for opening new residential buildings for occupancy, for a sum total of 1,200,000 rubles.

Murmansk aviators have no shortage of initiative, energy and enterprise, yet it is nevertheless difficult for them to solve the housing problem. Primarily because of limited resources. The aviation establishment is unprofitable for the time being. 185,000 rubles is annually allocated here to the social development fund, while the 72-unit apartment building, which the collective needs so much, costs 1,300,000 rubles.

It is worthwhile to keep in mind that a whole series of aviation establishments are not making full use of financial resources allocated by the USSR Ministry of Civil Aviation for capital construction, year after year failing to deal with the housing problem. Individuals, families and the industry all suffer. The reasons are many: the contractor is not strong everywhere; very often the customer himself does not display proper interest, drive or persistence. And so why not invest money where it will be better used, where a serious housing need makes it necessary to search for and find rapid