

than the maximum permissible limit. One couldn't even go into one of these houses, let alone live in it. These houses were shipped all over the Soviet Union but most were concentrated in the northern section of the Tyumen' Oblast . We began to bombard the Ministry with urgent requests to do something. The Ministry established five commissions to look into the problem which finally recommended some stupid engineering solutions such as covering the walls with a plastic film, then with plaster and mastic. We asked the Ministry on several occasions to determine whether the Ministry of Health considered the houses safe to live in, but to no avail. Meanwhile, children and large families were living in them. The children developed allergic reactions etc. The local Soviets were left to deal with the problem while the Ministry did nothing. Finally, a Ministry of Health commission did arrive and concluded that it was too dangerous to live in the houses and that everyone should be relocated immediately. But where can all these people be housed in the Tyumen' Oblast ? We have 100,000 square metres of spoiled housing. This represents more than 3,000 families. Where can they go? How much did the spoiled housing cost? How much of it is still lying around at the construction enterprises? Who will take responsibility for this disgrace?

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(M.I. Busygin's candidacy was then put to a vote with the following results: for - 85, against - 272, abstentions - 42. Busygin announced his intention to retire.)

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