

supply of heat to residences and industrial buildings. Breakdowns occur on a daily basis in the boiler plant of the naval port. And this started over five years ago, when the first interruptions in heating services began. It is true that the Diksonites were able to convert one of the boilers from coal to oil; this temporarily solved the urgency of the problem, but the situation is aggravated by the fact that the boiler cannot be completely shut down. The heating season in these parts runs the entire 365 days of the year.

The difficulties with heating remain. It is futile work to repair the old holes and call it reconstruction. Dikson urgently needs a new, contemporary boiler, designed for the long-term development of the settlement.

The homes in Dikson have all the conveniences. Nevertheless, on the streets one often sees vehicles delivering water. People cart the water to their apartments in pails - some on the fifth floor, some on the second. The ocean is next door but there is a "drought" in the settlement. Towards summer the water in the dug-out reservoir runs dry and residents must wait for July - when the snow begins to melt. But the snow is from the sea and naturally it is salty. The colour reminds one of the coffee prepared in the settlement's cafeteria. The doctors do not recommend using this water. There is still no modern cleaning installation. A large amount of waste materials flows directly into the Kara sea.

Most of Dikson's problems are characteristic of the entire Arctic, i.e. caused by a lack of concern for the people. Firstly, there is an acute shortage of comfortable apartments. In the aviation