

plainly that they have not shown themselves up to it; they have allowed themselves to get left far behind the items. Just look at the works council which was headed by the director of the mine himself. So much for democracy. Instead of helping the employees to take the levers of production management into their own hands, they continued to use the long discredited command-administrative methods. We all know what this led to.

"And the Ministry must draw some serious lessons from this episode. Obviously, we are letting some things go; we are not always able to give employees help in time or to feel the pulse of a spiralling conflict".

"As far as we know, the Vorkuta Party city committee met in session. What conclusions do they come to?

"The miners' method for pressing their demands was not approved of. At the same time the managers of the mine, the association and the social organisations were sharply criticised for making serious mistakes. Strict penalties according to Party lines were imposed on the mine's director, N. Tishhenko, the Party committee secretary, A. Borovkin, and the chairman of the trade union committee, I. Brazhko, and these were recorded in their records. They also set out what measures were to be taken to correct the situation".

Following this interview, we rang Vorkuta yesterday, and spoke with the secretary of the Mineworkers' Union Central Committee, A.F. Chebotaev, and asked him a few questions.