

metallurgical combine. The "Noril'sktruboprovodstroï" Trust - an organization subordinate to the USSR Ministry for the Construction of Oil and Gas Production Industry Installations - found it possible to render not only transport services, but also to engage in the repair of household appliances, in addition to the organization of pay parking lots. The Norilsk installation administration "Sibmontazhavtomatika" of the USSR Ministry of Installation and Special Construction Operations gladdened city residents by beginning to accept orders for the manufacture of all kinds of everyday items.

But much is still lacking: porters at airports, home delivery of airplane tickets, advance reservation of hotel rooms in centres frequented by "non-official holiday-makers" from Norilsk. This was what was suggested by television viewers during a recent "open-line" show at a local studio. There is a lack of automotive maintenance services: the "VAZ" [an abbreviation for Volga Automobile Plant - tr.] service station last year provided 212,000 rubles worth of services, whereas three well-equipped automotive establishments provided only 12,000 rubles worth. E. Klimov, head physician at the municipal hospital, in a conversation with me self-critically assessed the "poor contributions" of physicians: let's assume someone is not able to go for a holiday because there is no one with whom to leave the elderly relatives...

The City Soviet of People's Deputies, true, is not about to rely only on the effect of self-criticism. The executive committee is now feverishly working on the preparation of a "draft of a government order for paid services." The government order is being drawn up for an immediate two-year period...