

The need for this railway line is obvious: because there isn't such a line at the moment, millions of roubles are being lost. It has been calculated that the cost of constructing this line would be paid off over only three and half years. Nevertheless, something incomprehensible is being done: thirteen times the financing of the project has been announced... and then withdrawn.

Basin would also have said something about the Procrustean bed of instructions, about the bank, which the builders expect to be their partners, about ideas on the greater independence of the economic authorities and of the enterprises themselves. He would have quoted figures like these: over the last two and a half years, thirty two monitoring committees have visited the BAM project. How much time has been lost as a result of this, and how much paper wasted?

We have also to deal with this question: the former central board has been transformed into the planning, production and construction association "Bamtransstroi". Corresponding changes are also needed in the structure of the Party, trade-union and other collective organizations involved in the BAM project.

Basin came back from Moscow feeling very responsible for the decisions, which he and the other delegates to the Conference, had taken. He rode the BAM route, meeting with workers' brigades and talking about the conference. He tried to convey to the awareness and the hearts of the workers what the spirit of the Conference was about. He looked at the construction projects with new eyes and saw how much remains to be done.