

proceeding at an intense pace, and an entire small city is emerging on the western shore of the Gulf of Kola. And no problems with human resources! Many of our specialists and sailors of the commercial fishing fleet left to go there.

"The nuclear fleet, on the other hand, developed more or less on its own, and this is the source of the problems that have accumulated during its years of operation.

"What can we say today? We will, of course, improve the dietary regime and review the pass procedures. The head of the steamship line and I together studied the list of demands and complaints drawn up by the crews of the nuclear ships and we came to the conclusion that virtually all of them were justified and require immediate intervention. We transmitted these suggestions to various divisions and agencies. We are gathering their opinions and discussing various solutions to the problems at meetings of the council of the workers collective.

"In 1990 we should double the level of housing construction - by means of both ministerial appropriations and self-financed construction.

"The situation with wages is worse still. Today's wages would be high enough if it were not for the reasons I have already mentioned. In its transition to the first phase of cost accountability, the Murmansk Maritime Steamship Line succeeded in finding internal reserves, which led to good production and economic indexes and made it possible to increase the sailors' wages from our own resources, without any assistance on the part of the government. But reserves are not inexhaustible. The generally difficult economic situation in the country is having a negative impact as well on the prospects for our steamship line: serious development of the fleet and its