



BEEN RELEASED EARLY ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY REMAINED IN THE AREA TO WORK. THIS EX-PRISON LABOR COMPLETED THE STRUCTURAL WORK ON SMALL PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND THE BUILDINGS STOOD EMPTY UNTIL EXPERTS COULD BE FOUND TO MAKE MINOR DESIGN CHANGES, FINISH, AND DECORATE THE INTERIORS. A DESIGNER TRAINED IN A LENINGRAD INSTITUTE, WHO WAS FIRED FROM HIS JOB WHEN HE APPLIED FOR EMIGRATION, WAS OFFERED 1000 RUBLES PER MONTH TO ORGANIZE A FIVE-PERSON WORK CREW THROUGH THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF GRAPHIC ARTISTS, SCULPTORS, INTERIOR DECORATORS AND ARTISANS TO WORK ON THE NEW CENTRAL MOVIE THEATRE. ADDITIONAL WORK ON A GROUP OF RETAIL STORES WAS PROVIDED WHEN THE THEATER WAS COMPLETED. THE DESIGNER WAS ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN REGISTERED AS A CITIZEN OF LENINGRAD AND TO RETURN EVERY FEW MONTHS TO MAKE IT APPEAR TO LENINGRAD OFFICIALS THAT HE WAS STILL WORKING THERE.

2. ~~REDACTED~~ COMMENT: AN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER IN LENINGRAD EARNED AN AVERAGE OF 150 RUBLES PER MONTH. THE 1000 RUBLE SALARY OFFERED IN ARKHANGELSK REFLECTS THE DEMAND FOR TRAINED DESIGNERS IN THAT AREA.)

3. IN SEPTEMBER 1976, THE CHIEF OF THE SPORTS COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ARKHANGELSK OBLAST APPROACHED THE DESIGNER TO HELP THEM FINISH A SPORTS COMPLEX IN THE TOWN OF ONEGA, ROUGHLY 150 KILOMETERS NORTH OF ARKHANGELSK. THEY OFFERED THE DESIGNER A BUDGET OF 15,000 RUBLES TO BE SPENT AT HIS DISCRETION BY THE END OF 1976. THE OFFICIALS ARRANGED FOR THE DESIGNER TO FLY TO ONEGA. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ONEGA STATED THAT HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE TO COMPLETE THE SPORTS COMPLEX IN SIX MONTHS, AND WARNED THAT ALL CONSTRUCTION LABORERS IN ONEGA WERE PRISONERS WHO WERE ACCOMPANIED TO CONSTRUCTION SITES BY ARMED GUARDS WITH DOGS. THE POPULATION OF THE CITY INCLUDED 28,000 PRISONERS, AND ANOTHER 28,000 PRISONERS RELEASED ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY REMAIN IN THE CITY TO WORK.

4. THE SPORTS FACILITY CONSISTED OF A SMALL HOTEL, RUNNING TRACK, OUTDOOR COURTS, AND A SEPARATE BUILDING WITH TWO BEDROOMS, A SAUNA, SMALL POOL AND A BAR. THE SPORTS FACILITY APPEARED TO BE DESIGNED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF OBLAST PARTY OFFICIALS.

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