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SUBJ Saratov Committee To Prioritize Industrial Investment

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- 1]
- 2 [Text] [Shommer over video of unique flying apparatus] What is stopping
this "flying saucer" from taking off? This is a unique design of the
Saratov aviation plant, the only apparatus of its kind in the country.
This fundamentally new craft combines the functions of wing and fuselage.
Its payload is almost half its own weight. It does not depend on weather
conditions, nor does it need airports.
- 3 And who is denying oxygen to the creators of this super-modern medical
equipment -- artificial breathing and circulation apparatus, and
diagnostic equipment? It meets Western standards and is frequently
superior to foreign models. But, for the time being, these are no more
than exhibition models.
- 4 [Yu. Kitov, mayor of Saratov, identified by caption] We have the
equipment, the people, and the technologies. The only thing that is
lacking is money.
- 5 [Shomer] Yet without money production of this new equipment cannot be
launched. Defense complex enterprises, which are currently going through
hard times, account for more than 80 percent of total industrial output in
Saratov. The city authorities are proposing to find funds locally in
order back up the defense industry and organize conversion. A special
management coordination body, an industry committee, has been set up. The
most promising development programs are given priority. The main hopes
are being pinned on the local self-government clause contained in the new
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