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Testing of Gas Pipeline

Testing has begun on the Tyumen'-Omsk gas pipeline. The length of the section to Omsk is almost 700 km. Branch lines are now being built to regional centres.

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Gas Mains For The Nonchernozem Zone

As already reported, the Politburo of the CPSU Central Committee at its September 1 session examined a government-approved, state-managed program for supplying gas to the rural areas of the nonchernozem zone of the RSFSR. We asked G.I. Shmal', USSR First Deputy Minister of Building Enterprises of the Oil and Gas Industry of the USSR, to comment on the main directions of this important program.

The requirements of the rural population of the RSFSR nonchernozem zone for natural gas are to be met for the most part by the year 1995.

This does not mean that we will only be starting work on the gas supply program in the next five-year plan. We have sufficient capacities to immediately start on its fulfillment. A total of 700 kilometres of pipeline will be laid before the end of