

At the Vorkuta mines, talks about the situation and also voting continue on how to proceed. The miners are expressing a lack of confidence in the government, which in their opinion, has introduced dissent into the workers' movement with its latest decisions. At issue in particular is whether the policy of preserving northern benefits should be extended only to coal miners. Railway workers have also expressed their feeling that the policy in question should apply to everyone who works in arctic regions and not be restricted to certain workers on the basis of the government department that employs them.

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