

The residents of the Krasnoyarsk northland are in the nature of hostages of two unseen nuclear monsters. In the foreground we have the ostensibly safe nuclear powered icebreakers and actual nuclear blasts on the Novaya Zemlya testing range. Behind is the remote Atomgrad near Krasnoyarsk, whose radioactive industrial wastes are being carried by the Enisei all the way to the Kara Sea.

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Scandinavian Countries Open Major Line of Credit
for Use in Atmospheric Clean Up on Kola Peninsula

Prime Minister Harri Holkeri of Finland has notified his colleagues - the heads of the governments of Norway and Sweden - about agreements reached in Helsinki with the Soviet Union in the sphere of environmental protection. It has been confirmed that these governments will give us a major joint credit worth up to 3 billion Finnish marks to clean up the air on the Kola Peninsula.

Environmental pollution is a problem which constantly clouds our relations with Finland and certain other northern countries. Various estimates indicate that a third of the forests in the vast expanses of Lapland could perish from harmful emissions from the Kola Peninsula. Not so long ago, when environmental "glasnost" was not in favour in our country, all of the specialists' arguments and the calls from politicians in this neighbouring country were met merely with optimistic assurances. In admitting the truth to the Finns, and then to the Norwegians and Swedes, we admitted it first and foremost to ourselves. We admitted it and were horrified. Over 500,000 tonnes of sulphur dioxides are discharged into the atmosphere every year by enterprises of Nikel and Monchegorsk alone. All of these death-dealing clouds are poisoning first of all our land, our people. A report