

primarily on paper. Now the reins of government are in the hands of new and, judging from the way things have started, militant and insistent masters. And a genuine master protects what is his.

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Siberian Petrochemical Industry Expected to Benefit
from Joint Ventures with Foreign Companies

On a recent visit to our country the British Prime Minister, M. Thatcher, met the First Secretary of the Tyumen Oblast Committee of the CPSU, V. Chertishchev, and the Chairman of the Oblast Soviet, Yu. Shafranik. This fact went unnoticed by the general public of the country. For the people of Tyumen Oblast, however, this was an import event. The British firms "John Brown" and "Linde" have signed an agreement to build in Novyi Urengoi a joint enterprise to produce polymer film. This will not only eliminate the Siberians' "film deficit" but will also meet one third of the country's needs.

The future enterprise in Novyi Urengoi is a characteristic example of compromise solution for the deadlocked problem of the Siberian petrochemical industry. In place of the multi-billion ruble monster which was previously planned to be built in this Arctic city, and construction of which would have gone on for a decade, there will be within two to three years a comparatively small (300-400 workers) modern, compact industrial facility with the latest technology. That it will be ecologically safe the residents of Novyi Urengoi will be able to verify themselves. The foreign firms have invited a delegation from the city to visit similar enterprises in Austria and England.