

New Radioelectronics Plant at Apatity

In the near future the Kola Peninsula - one of the country's main sources of raw materials - will become a major centre of the radioelectronics industry. A first step in this direction, the specialists feel, is the establishment at Apatity of a branch plant of the Leningrad "Severnaya zarya" Scientific Production Association.

"It isn't just a matter of a new plant - its construction has already been completed," reported the plant director N. Kozin. "What is happening, essentially, is the birth of a fundamentally new sector for the country - the production of extremely pure materials, the shortage of which is hampering the output of a new generation of television and radio equipment. In addition, we will use local mineral resources in manufacturing extremely thin wafers from lithium tantalate and niobate crystals.

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KGB Puts a Stop to Illegal Exports of Fuel Oil

Workers of the Committee on State Security (KGB) have shut down yet another route for the illegal export from the USSR of scarce materials. The cargo this time was fuel oil, a chronic shortage of which is plaguing many of the country's enterprises and construction sites.