

pure-bred cows. We visited a construction site where Yugoslavian construction workers were putting up a supermarket which can hold millions of dollars worth of goods, can store 5000 tons of fruit and vegetables, and has fast-freezing facilities. Both of these will be in operation by October 1.

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### Explosion on Gas Pipeline in Tyumen Oblast

Saturday there was an explosion on the Urengoi - Petrovsk gas pipeline at the 830-kilometre mark. Residents of the nearby village of Nikolaevka in Krasnoyarsk Raion, seeing a 150-metre column of fire shoot into the air, started fleeing into the woods...

"The explosion happened with incredible force," reported V. Svechnikov, chairman of the Krasnoyarsk Raion Executive Committee, by telephone. "A piece of gas pipeline, 1400 mm in diameter and about 15 metres in length, was thrown a distance of more than a kilometre. People had just finished harvesting the grain field through which this gas pipeline runs. Next to it is an oil pipeline, an ammonia pipeline, a road... It was a lucky thing that there were no people in the vicinity."

What is astonishing is the incompetence of workers of "Kuibyshevtransgaz" (Kuibyshev Gas Transport) which were responsible for the pipeline. For six hours a flare blazed away at the pressure of 75 atm because workers couldn't find the right valve to shut off the gas.