

## OIL AND GAS

### Work Begins on Developing New Urengoi Deposit

Two hundred kilometers south of Urengoi, gas workers have begun to develop a new deposit - the Komsomol'skyi.

This polar deposit of valuable raw material is part of the geological formation of Urengoi. Specialists believe that there are enough gas reserves here to provide the entire Moscow region, for example, with fuel and power.

"We have decided to build a gas works near the new deposit", we were told by A. Naberezhnyi, assistant general director of the "Tuymenburgaz" Industrial Corporation.

At the heart of the gas works will be elegant multi-functional block-towers costing ten million each. These units are just about as different from their predecessors as a integrated system is from a valve receiver. Their piping will consume one third the metal. The computer complex will be in charge of managing the entire elaborate process of extracting the gas and preparing it for the ultra-long-range journey to the country's center.

New technological devices will be used for prospecting. One of these is the drilling of strata from consolidated borehole clusters. This will reduce drilling time, the number of roads and the length of production flow lines.

"Earlier, tractors were used to transport the drilling unit from one borehole to the next. But