

Editor's Note: When the article was being prepared for printing it became known that the country's gas industry workers had succeeded, after countless ordeals, in obtaining expanded commercial credit from the USSR Industrial Construction Bank. This will only be enough to patch up the most gaping holes in the construction program, but not to save the situation. Still needed are one and a half billion - one third of the monies required to finance the capital investments in the current year. It is not known where more than four billion rubles are going to be found for work slated for next year. The situation remains catastrophic for deliveries of equipment and piping, and with the prospects for construction of housing and socio-cultural amenities.

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Fire Hazards in Tyumen Oil and Gas Fields Getting Worse

By noon yesterday there were 24 fires burning in Tyumen Oblast. The most alarming situation is found in that part of the oil and natural gas production zone lying near the Arctic Circle. Workers have failed to bring under control a treacherous situation near Nadym and to save the main gas pipelines from a major disaster as a wall of fire rolled into the Medvezhe deposit.

The situation with fire hazards in the Oblast is growing steadily worse. Discouraging news about a series of emergencies is coming in from the Yamal-Nenets and Khanty-Mansiisk autonomous okrugs, from oil and gas