"Surgutneftgaz" Increases Production

Collectives of the "Surgutneftegaz" Production Association have decided to produce half a million tons of oil in excess of the plan in the third year of the five-year-plan period. Of this amount, no less than 200,000 tons will be produced in time for the opening of the 19th All-Union Party conference.

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Searching For Secrets In The Earth's Interior

An unusual operation was carried out at the Timan-Pechora ultra-deep well: at the 4,020 metre depth mark a casing 340 mm in diameter was run into a steel shaft 394 mm in diameter.

This year the ultra-deep well with a final depth target of 7,000 metres will begin to yield information and will give answers apropos the oil and gas content of the lower beds.

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The Flares Have Been Extinguished

No more flares are burning at the oil fields of Tala. The by-product gas, which was simply burned earlier, is now supplied to the Urengoi-Tsentr main.