

interesting developments. I'll add that to lay pipe is still not everything. This is why another serious question that arises is that of equipment needed for small gas-fired boilers. In one word, the successful implementation of the program will, to a large extent, depend on how fast and, most importantly, how effectively we are able to move from the construction of cross-country gas pipelines to local gas "lines" with the help of the USSR Ministry of the Chemical Industry and the machine-building departments.

Yamal gas will bring warmth and comfort to rural dwellers. It will flow through the Yamal-Nechernozem'e [Nonchernozem Zone] gas main, the construction of which has already begun.

There has been much debate as to whether or not this gas pipeline should be built. The Politburo of the CPSU Central Committee made the decision - it must be constructed. We have already started preliminary work, in addition to laying approach lines. Housing in Yamal is being readied for gas workers; it's now up to the designers to come up with all the engineering specifications for the new gas pipeline. We are also requesting that the client, the USSR Ministry of the Gas Industry, assign at least a further 300 million rubles for the construction of the Yamal-Nechernozem'e branch, thereby assuring the commissioning of the pipeline by 1991.

A grand program has been charted and there is no time for equivocation. We must get down to work. The Russian nonchernozem zone awaits change. And gas is the best agitator for the full-blooded future of the nonchernozem village. Gas workers have only to arrive in any utterly hopeless village and drive a single peg into the ground for people to be