

by hand. It is high time to consider specialized versions of drilling installations for the northern districts of western Siberia, and not to think only about producing."

We talked about everyday matters with the drillers. The talk turned to the team leader, Smirnov.

"Smirnov is the kind that people usually call a workaholic," said one. "He's the salt of the earth. You know how it goes: someone manages to advance and become a leader, and then can't cope; but he has been a real leader for years, like our team leader. The main feeling in our team is really one of mutual help."

Here we are with the new Tyan deposit under our feet. The plan calls for turning it over to the State Commission for Commercial Mineral Reserves of the USSR Council of Ministers as early as next year. This means that a lot of strenuous work has to be done. It is still early to talk of the successful acquisition of Tyan - that is yet to come. But the fact that the nearest oil pipeline passes relatively close to it is of great importance, since its extension to the new deposit will require only a small expenditure of money, labor, and resources. The opening of this new deposit is a very important victory. The oil workers are literally following right on the heels of the drillers.

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