

"We will be able to make use of relatively low-grade apatite nepheline ore," your reporter was told by the director of the plant, L. Mishin. "At the same time no other organization in the industry can match our enterprise when it comes to our degree of automation and to our trustworthy and highly efficient protection of the environment. It's true that the building of this enterprise has encountered difficulties. But at the same time these difficulties are often not objective ones."

Traditionally the plans for the "Apatit" Industrial Association have been drawn up by the Leningrad-based "Mekhanobr" Institute, run by the USSR Ministry of Non-ferrous Metals. And, as they say, the Institute covered all the bases. It prepared the documentation for the overall construction work, the mechanical and electrical installations and other works. Everything was done efficiently. Now, as before, "Mekhanobr" has taken on the role of general planner, while at the subcontracting level a number of planning institutes have appeared who were previously not known to either the construction firms or the Industrial Association client and they are the ones who have tripped up the new project. To name but a few of these institutes: Lenpromstroiproekt, the Leningrad branch of the All-Union Institute of Scientific Research and Planning, Tyazhpromelektroproekt. By the end of the current six month period, the clients reckon that almost a million roubles worth of extra construction and installation work will have to be carried out because of errors made by the planners.

At the construction site, the work goes on non-stop for days at a time. The work team of mechanic-fitters, led by V. Korobov, employed by the "Metallurgprokatmontazh" Trust, has started tuning up