

Something is appearing in Soviet-Finnish relations that we had started to forget about - a dimensionality in joint projects. For the Soviet part the agreement was signed at the intergovernmental level by V. Doguzhiev, chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers' State Commission on Emergency Situations. It was emphasized that the two sides had taken as their starting point the necessity of "an urgent cleanup" of the environment in the region of the Kola Peninsula.

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Novosibirsk Begins Receiving Gas Piped from Tyumen Fields

On the eve of winter the flow of gas to Novosibirsk has increased. Yesterday enterprises in the city received the first few million cubic meters of fuel through the natural gas pipeline which stretches from the northern deposits of Western Siberia to the industrial centres in the southern parts of the region. The underground line begins in Surgut and passes through Tyumen and Omsk. From Novosibirsk it will be extended to the Kuzbass.

It was not the fault of the gas field workers that the southern regions of Western Siberia were for many years under supplied with natural gas. Novosibirsk Oblast, for example, received only 10-15% of the "blue fuel" it needed. Rural residents, in particular, suffered from shortages of gas.