

bit of the drilling tool. The ring gets ground up and its particles settle into the microfissures which form in the granite during the drilling process. But none of the drillers had complained of losing a ring.

A new attack on the Earth's interior is to begin soon in the Kola region. As early as next year, the present borehole should reach the 13,000-meter mark.

It is possible that the Earth really possesses an olivine belt? What's wrong in dreaming about it...

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#### Hydrocarbon Deposit Discovered Near Tazovskii

The efforts of Tyumen geologists to study certain "white spots" at the boundary with Krasnoyarsk Krai have been crowned with success. The collective of the Tazovskii Oil and Gas Prospecting Expedition yesterday chalked up a new hydrocarbon deposit. During tests of a well drilled in the Arctic tundra, a natural gas and condensate gusher was struck at a depth of three kilometers.

Yu. Loganov, head of "Glavtyumengeologiya" reported to your TASS correspondent: "The yield of the well is 500,000 cubic meters per day. This has confirmed our predictions regarding the bright future of this northern province."