

MINERAL RESOURCES/MINING

"No One Knows How Much Phosphorus We Are Losing"

"It's hard to believe it, but it's a fact that the rich Khibiny field, which began to be intensively exploited in the mid-1960's, will be more or less exhausted by the year 2000."

"Tens of millions of tonnes of crushed ore containing valuable components are still being thrown away each year. I am convinced that we have come to a certain limit in our development, beyond which we cannot go. Any delay would be fatal."

"We must anticipate that the demand for our concentrate will fall in the near future. The proposed increase in ore prices and the transition of agriculture to genuine cost-accounting methods will inevitably cause demand to fall. This may be a tremendous blow to our single-product industry. And now we simply must make a break-through toward a more complete utilization of our raw material."

"Our production of mineral fertilizers, expressed in terms of feed units, is 82 percent higher than that of the United States. Here is yet another area where we have almost doubled the American figures..."

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