

### Accumulation of Coal at Vorkuta Angers Miners

A State public commission has begun work in Vorkuta to monitor implementation of decree no. 608 of the USSR Council of Ministers.

The commission's findings regarding implementation of the agreement between miners and the government may help to reduce the internal tension in this polar city.

Just what the situation here is like one can judge from an interview of June 9 on the program "Vremya". V. Tukan, deputy of the Vorkuta City Soviet, and V. Kopasov, its first deputy chairman - who prior to being elected to this post was head of the city workers' (strike) committee - informed the television viewers that the shipping of coal from Vorkuta was in bad shape and if the depot reserves were not brought down to a normal level by July 1 the miners would act on the decision of their conference and strike.

This conference took place in April. At that time there were over 900 tonnes of coal - three times the normal level - stored at the "Vorkutaugol" (Vorkuta Coal) Association's warehouses. This was the result in part of a snowstorm that had lasted several days and had interrupted operations on the Northern Railroad.

But can it be true that there had been no change up to the day the television interview was aired? The answer to this question comes from V. Golikov, director of the "Vorkutaugol" Production Corporation:

"Half a million tonnes remain at the coal depots," he said. "Ninety thousand tonnes of this are in coal heaps at the 'Yuzhnaya' mine in the form of unprocessed power plant coal intended for local use. Everyday we receive 800 freight cars from the railway people. Some of the mines are already having difficulty filling this enormous flow of empty cars. The coal levels at their depots are at normal