

Association and ["Kandalakshtorg"]* have used these earnings to obtain refrigerators, spare parts and industrial equipment.

We have similarly succeeded in replenishing our supplies of modern-fashion, high-quality knitted wear and ready-made garments, in addition to sports wear.

In a word, experience has been gained and a definite start has been made. The possibilities of substantially expanding the participation of the province in foreign economic ties are far from exhausted. However, many difficulties in the practical restructuring of foreign economic activities must still be overcome both at provincial and higher levels.

It is known what great importance is attached now to increasing the material interest not only of sectors, but also of enterprises, in increasing their export potential. However, our provincial "currency winners", even though being the biggest exporters of their specific produce on the world market, do not receive even a small share of currency deductions. At the same time, I must assert that only a small sum of these deductions would be enough to significantly accelerate the comprehensive utilization of Murmansk's mineral resources.

Or take the following problem. In accordance with decisions of the USSR Council of Ministers on borderline trade, local enterprises and organizations were granted the right to channel all above-plan produce towards direct borderline goods exchange. It is important that the branch ministries, with whom it will be necessary

* Suggested expansion of "Kandalakshtorg":
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