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Strike by Yukspor Miners

For three days the workers at the Yuksporskii mine of the "Apatit" production group were on a spontaneous sit-in strike. The reason was the paybooks that the miners had received. You probably won't believe it, but the miners here in the North receive for their heavy work underground just about 350 rubles after deductions. Yet in the North, as you know, prices in the stores and the marketplace are quite different from those in the capital or even in the Urals. However, the strike was precipitated not only by the question of wages but also by the working and living conditions.

Problems had been piling up for decades and no matter whom we approached, they could not be solved. General directors would be appointed and leave their posts - some in glory, others in obscurity. But the problems remained unchanged. New production plans are decided upon by recognizing "past accomplishments" with a mandatory increase. How, then, are these plans fulfilled? In order to get their wages and the bonuses, the workers are forced to disregard the elementary safety rules and work, to the detriment of their health, in unventilated pits. After ten years of work under such conditions, many would become invalids after contracting occupational diseases...