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EXPANSION OF GASIFICATION IN MOSCOW

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

During 1952, the gas network Moscow is to be expanded by 350 kilometers. (1) During the first half of 1952, it was lengthened by 160 kilometers and over 45,000 apartments, several mechanized bakeries, and tens of municipal enterprises were supplied with gas. According to the plan for the development of the city's economy, all the housing resources will be gasified and a large number of factories and plants as well. So far, over 350,000 apartments and about 4,000 municipal and public services and industrial enterprises have been gasified. (2) On the outskirts of Moscow, residents received liquefied, bottled gas. About 12,500 consumers are supplied with it from the Moscow Order of the Red Banner of Labor Gas Plant. (3)

The 843-kilometer-long gas pipeline, which supplies gas to the capital from the Yel'shansko-Kurdyumskoye natural-fuel gas deposits near Saratov, was completed on 16 August 1947. In the course of the construction of the pipeline, 7.5 million cubic meters of earthwork was done and 50,000 tons of steel pipe were laid. Construction work included the building of six compressor stations, special communications lines, and several complex telephone junctions equipped with the latest apparatus. Numerous problems were overcome: the pipeline crossed 80 rivers and lakes, huge forest masses, railroads, highways, and dirt roads. In order to provide Moscow and Saratov with gas, 22 high-yielding gas wells were drilled. Since it began operating, the pipeline has increased the gas supply for Moscow five times. (4)

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