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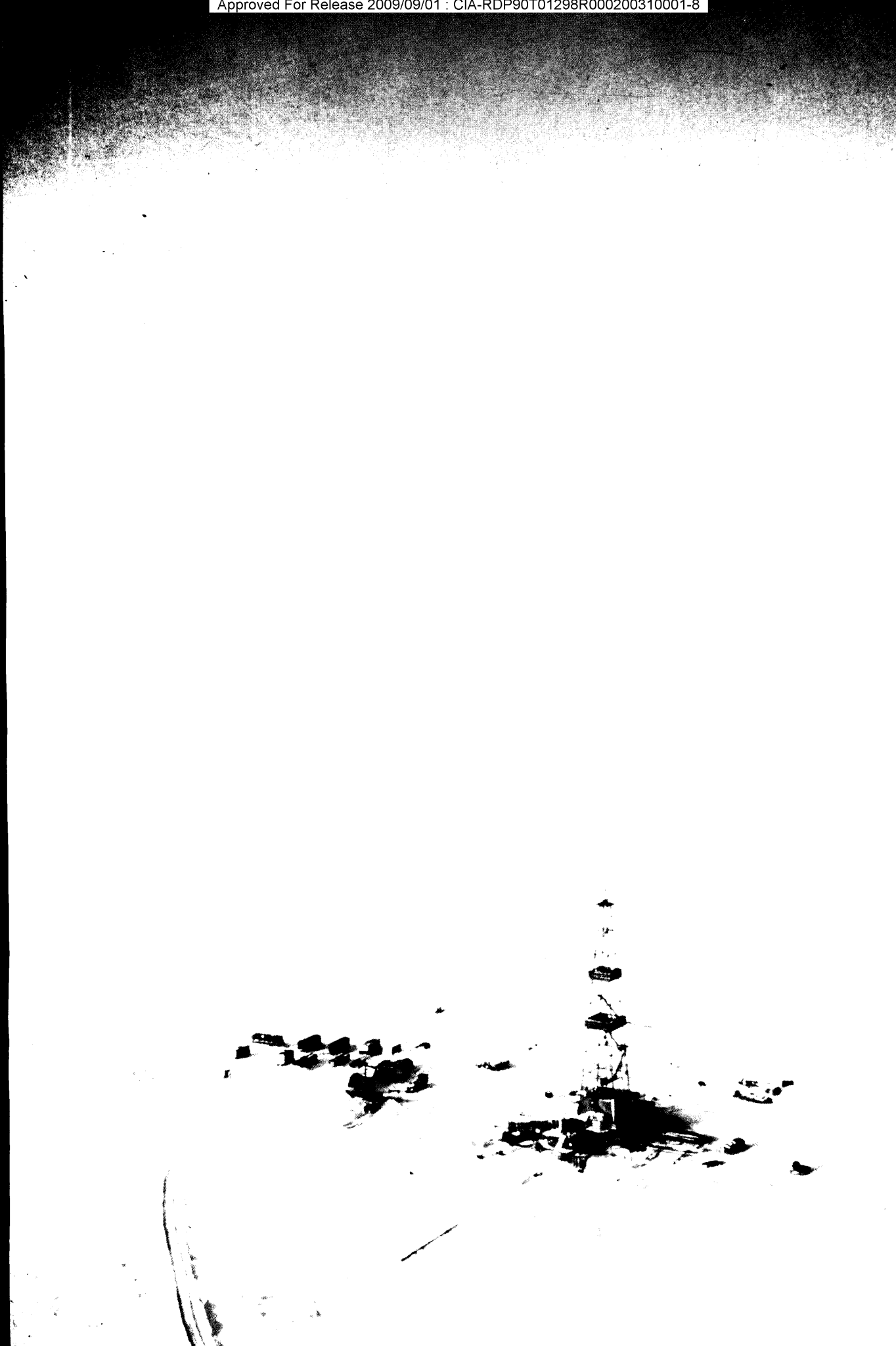
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## Preface

The USSR is the largest country in the world and the second-largest producer and consumer of energy. Its vast landmass and adjacent continental shelves contain enormous energy resources. Only in recent years, however, has the extent of the exploration and development of its fuel resources spanned the entire country.

A nationwide quest for new energy sources has rapidly outdated Soviet energy maps. Names like Samotlor, Fedorovo, Urengoy, Kansk-Achinsk, and Ekibastuz have become as well known to Soviet energy planners as Baku, Romashkino, Orenburg, and Donetsk were a decade or two ago. Likewise, the construction of oil and gas pipelines, electric transmission lines, roads, railroads, and towns has required extensive development of remote areas of Central Asia, Kazakhstan, Siberia, and the Far East.

Soviet energy is a strategic issue that transcends international boundaries. Soviet oil and gas exports have increasingly become available to Western buyers since the 1970s, and the Soviets also import large amounts of Western equipment and technology to upgrade the capabilities of the domestic energy industry.

This atlas uses a wide variety of information to portray many aspects of Soviet energy. Maps, graphics, photographs, and text provide a general understanding and appreciation of the major Soviet energy resources—oil, gas, coal, and primary electricity—as well as minor fuels and alternative energy sources.

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# USSR: Energy Overview

The USSR is better endowed with energy resources than any other country in the world. It is the world's largest oil producer and has the largest oil reserves outside the Persian Gulf region. Soviet gas reserves are the largest in the world, and the USSR is also the world's leading gas producer. Coal resources are enormous, although most are unfavorably located at great distances from consuming centers. Electric power output, generated largely from thermal sources, ranks second to the United States.

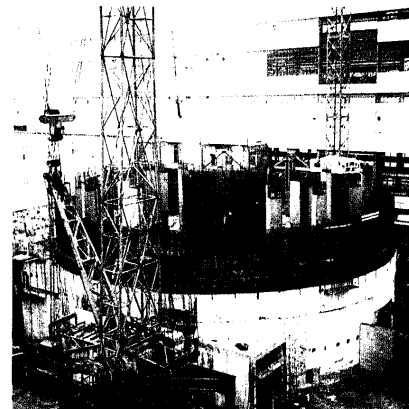
Moscow's desire to maintain steady economic growth requires an expanding energy resource development program as reflected in the 11th Five-Year Plan (1981-85). The focus of the current effort is to continue the expansion of West Siberian oil and gas development, accelerate nuclear power plant construction in the European USSR, and further exploit vast Central Siberian coal resources. In addition, the Soviets hope to increase the efficient use of these primary fuels through new programs for energy conservation and fuel substitution.

Energy exports are the principal source of Soviet hard currency earnings. Revenues from exports to Western countries permit the acquisition of equipment and technology for a variety of Soviet activities; particularly important are energy efforts to increase oil recovery, transport natural gas, and exploit offshore energy resources.

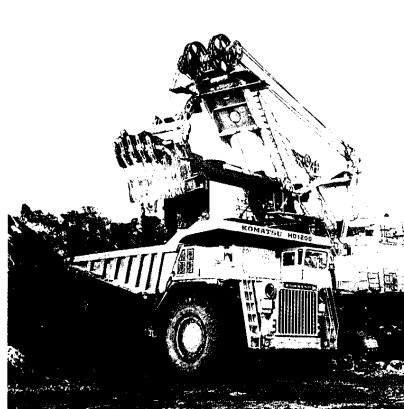
Energy investment is surging as the Soviets attempt to meet growing energy demand through investments in new production areas and maintenance and enhancement of production from established regions. Costs are rising as exploration and production move into the more remote eastern regions of the USSR and operating conditions become more difficult.



*Oil and gas exploration in Tyumen' Oblast, West Siberia.*



*Construction of nuclear power reactor in the Ukrainian SSR.*



*Foreign equipment being used to mine Central Siberian brown coal.*

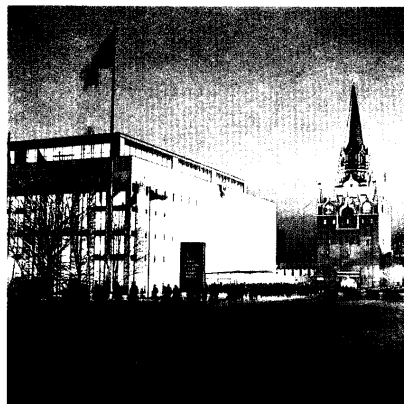


*Offshore drilling technology is acquired from energy export revenues.*

## Domestic and International Issues

### Energy Decisionmaking

The driving force behind Soviet energy policy is Moscow's desire to remain self-sufficient in energy while increasing hard currency earnings from energy exports. As the Soviets themselves have often noted, "The Soviet Union is currently the only highly developed country in the world meeting all of its own fuel and energy needs from its own resources." In 1983 the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) adopted a long-range energy program that provides guidelines for energy resource development and exploitation until the year 2000. Its emphasis is on: attaining an optimal energy mix through substitution of natural gas, nuclear power, and coal for oil; developing new sources of energy, such as geothermal, solar, wind, and tidal; improving and expanding the energy infrastructure; continuing the development of oil and gas in West Siberia and their transport to the European part of the country; and increasing fuel and energy conservation by means of technological improvements and improved utilization of existing resources.



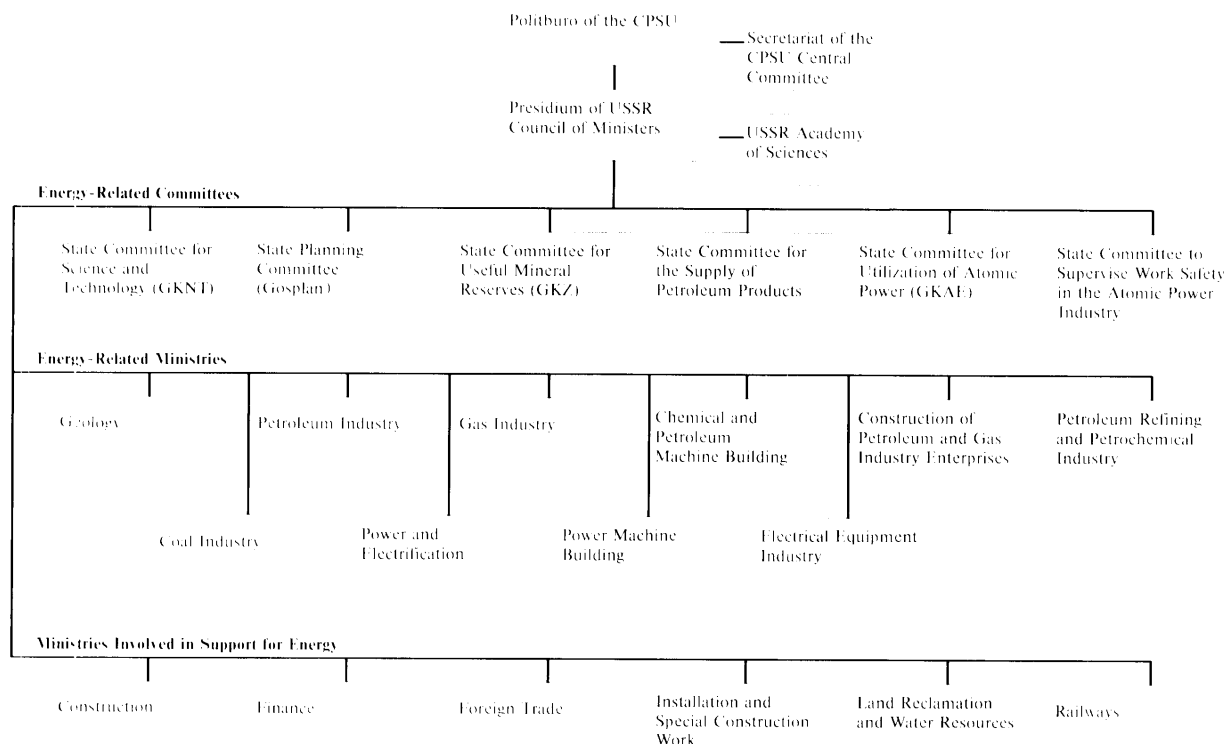
*Kremlin Palace of Congresses, Moscow.*

Responsibility for energy matters in the USSR is shared among a number of key party and government organizations. The Politburo of the CPSU, the highest decisionmaking body in the USSR, determines the country's basic energy

research, development, and production policies. In the face of severe problems, the Politburo can act unilaterally to redirect energy policy or shift the allocation of resources necessary for its implementation. Much of the formulation of these energy policies actually occurs in the Presidium of the Council of Ministers, the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the CPSU, and the USSR State Planning Committee (Gosplan). These three groups advise the Politburo, provide guidance on energy policy and management to lower levels, and collectively serve as a high-level forum for discussions of alternative strategies. Like the Politburo, they are concerned with integrating energy policy into a broader economic and political framework.

A significant contribution to the decisionmaking process is made by the state committees and ministries directly involved in implementing energy policies. These organizations possess a level of technical expertise that is largely missing at higher levels. They provide assessments of resource issues and production capabilities and give continuity to energy policies.

## Energy Decisionmaking in the Soviet Union



## Organizations With Primary Responsibility for Energy Production and Management

**USSR Academy of Sciences.** Oversees research on new energy sources and development of new methods of energy resource production.

## Energy-Related Committees

**State Committee for Science and Technology (GKNT) (A-U).** Sets energy research and development priorities; evaluates research and development proposals from the Academy of Sciences and the production ministries; assists in acquisition of foreign technology; administers scientific and technical exchanges with foreign countries.

**State Planning Committee (Gosplan) (U-R).** Coordinates five-year plans in all fields, including energy; makes and oversees plans for energy-related departments, including geology and mineral resources, coal, petroleum and gas industries, power and electrification, and transport; serves as a consultant on energy policy.

**State Committee for Useful Mineral Reserves (GKZ) (A-U).** Reviews geologic data from exploratory wells to certify reserves and reservoir properties; establishes coefficients of extraction (rates of recovery) for petroleum and condensate; classifies petroleum and gas reserves; has final approval for field drilling plans submitted by Ministry of the Petroleum Industry; maintains reserve stocks of petroleum and fuels.

**State Committee for the Supply of Petroleum Products (U-R).** Oversees the procurement, storage, and distribution of petroleum products including those destined for export; administers petroleum pipelines and storage bases; monitors industrial use of petroleum products.

**State Committee for the Utilization of Atomic Power (GKAF) (A-U).** Administers civilian atomic energy programs; conducts joint research projects with foreign countries.

**State Committee To Supervise Work Safety in the Atomic Power Industry (A-U).** Establishes and enforces standards for nuclear power plant safety and radioactive waste disposal.

## Energy-Related Ministries

**Ministry of Geology (U-R).** Conducts exploration for new oil, gas, and coal deposits; monitors contracts with foreign firms for energy resource exploration in USSR; directs development of new prospecting techniques, equipment, and methods of mineral analysis.

**Ministry of the Petroleum Industry (A-U).** Manages production drilling, extraction, transportation, and sales of petroleum; shares responsibility with Ministry of Geology for exploratory petroleum drilling and extraction and processing of gas condensate.

**Ministry of the Gas Industry (A-U).** Oversees the extraction, processing, underground storage, and transportation of natural gas from established fields; directs offshore oil and gas exploratory drilling and production; participates in onshore gas exploration, gas condensate processing, and geothermal energy production.

**Ministry of Chemical and Petroleum Machine Building (A-U).** Oversees the manufacture and supply of extraction and production equipment to the petroleum, gas, and petrochemical industries.

**Ministry of Construction of Petroleum and Gas Industry Enterprises (A-U).** Constructs petroleum and gas pipelines and field processing plants; has primary responsibility for compressor station construction.

**Ministry of the Petroleum Refining and Petrochemical Industry (U-R).** Oversees all aspects of petroleum refining and petrochemical processing, as well as the production of synthetic rubber, aromatic hydrocarbons, lubricants, fuels, liquid paraffins, chemical feed additives, and chemical reagents for enhanced oil recovery.

**Ministry of the Coal Industry (U-R).** Manages coal and oil shale extraction and equipment production; participates in the development of technologies for solid fuel liquefaction and gasification.

**Ministry of Power and Electrification (U-R).** Directs the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of hydroelectric, thermal, and atomic power plants; participates in tidal, solar, geothermal, and wind energy production as well as research and development of techniques for solid fuel liquefaction and gasification.

**Ministry of Power Machine Building (A-U).** Provides heavy equipment for thermal, nuclear, and hydroelectric power stations; manufactures gas turbines, pumps, and superchargers for pipeline compressor stations and heat recovery equipment for the petroleum refining industry; operates the nuclear reactor manufacturing plants located in Volgogradsk and Kolpino.

**Ministry of the Electrical Equipment Industry (A-U).** Directs research, development, and manufacture of electrical generation and distribution equipment.

## Ministries Involved in Support for Energy

**Ministry of Construction (U-R).** Performs basic construction for energy production industries.

**Ministry of Finance (U-R).** Allocates financial resources for energy production, research, and development.

**Ministry of Foreign Trade (A-U).** Oversees trade in petroleum, gas, and coal products, as well as energy resource extraction, processing, and transportation equipment.

**Ministry of Installation and Special Construction Work (U-R).** Constructs installations and buildings for the coal, petroleum, and nuclear power industries; assists in construction of refineries, pipelines, and drilling rigs; conducts some drilling and blasting work.

**Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources (U-R).** Participates in construction of hydroelectric plants, in the control of pollution from thermal power plants, and in the management of windpower facilities; also involved in construction of petroleum and gas pipelines.

**Ministry of Railways (A-U).** Transports coal, petroleum products, and other fuels.

All U (non-A-U) organizations have no regional counterparts, and non-republic (U-R) organizations operate locally through corresponding organizations on the republic level.

## Energy Balances

The Soviet Union produces nearly one-fifth of the world's primary energy and is currently the leading energy exporter and the largest producer of oil and natural gas. The USSR is third after the United States and China in coal production.

Domestic production accounts for 99 percent of total Soviet energy use; imports are more a matter of geographic convenience than necessity. The USSR consumes approximately 85 percent of the primary energy it produces and relies on oil, gas, and coal for the bulk of its energy needs.

The overall production rate of primary energy, after expanding rapidly for two decades, has slowed considerably during the early 1980s. The 4.5-percent annual growth rate of the 1970s dropped to about 2.5 percent a year during 1981-82. Soviet plan goals suggest that this slower rate may continue during the remainder of the 11th Five-Year Plan. In addition to the depletion of the most easily exploitable reserves, the slower rate of production is because of inadequate technology and equipment, insufficient capital investment in some sectors of the energy industry, and poor logistic coordination of materials and supplies.

## The Energy Mix

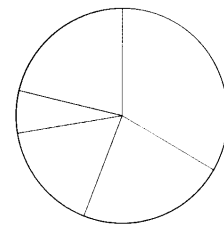
Production of major fuels (oil, natural gas, and coal) accounts for more than 90 percent of the Soviet energy mix. Oil production has begun to level off after three decades of steady growth. Output in 1983 was 12.33 million barrels per day (b/d), just 300,000 b/d more than in 1980. The production of natural gas, important both as a substitute for oil domestically and as a source of hard currency export revenues, has experienced impressive growth since 1970. Gas output rose from 3.3 million b/d oil equivalent in 1970 to 8.9 million b/d oil equivalent in 1983. Coal output, although increasing 28 percent since 1960 in terms of energy content, continues to comprise a decreasing share of primary energy production.

The shares of different fuels in total Soviet energy consumption have also shifted significantly over the past two decades. Whereas natural gas provided only 8 percent of Soviet energy requirements in 1960, it accounted for 29 percent in 1982. During the same period, oil's share rose from 24 to 37 percent. This growth in oil and gas occurred at the expense of coal. In 1960 the Soviets relied on coal for more than one-half of their total energy needs; in 1982 it provided only 26 percent.

### World: Oil, Gas, and Coal Production

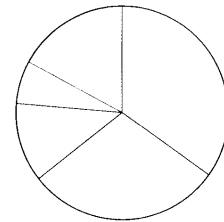
Oil, 1983<sup>a</sup>

	Million barrels per day	Percent of total
OPEC <sup>b</sup>	17.55	33.4
USSR	11.82	22.5
United States	8.68	16.5
Western Europe	3.39	6.4
Other	11.15	21.2
Total	52.59	100.0



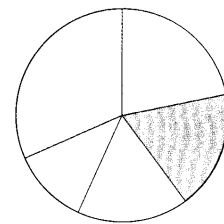
Gas, 1983

	Billion cubic meters	Percent of total
USSR	535.7	34.9
United States	452.3	29.5
Western Europe	183.4	12.0
OPEC <sup>b</sup>	100.2	6.5
Other	262.0	17.1
Total	1,533.6	100.0



Coal, 1983

	Quadrillion (10 <sup>12</sup> ) Btu	Percent of total
United States	17.29	21.8
China	14.39	18.1
USSR	13.44	16.9
Western Europe	9.18	11.6
Other	25.12	31.6
Total	79.42	100.0



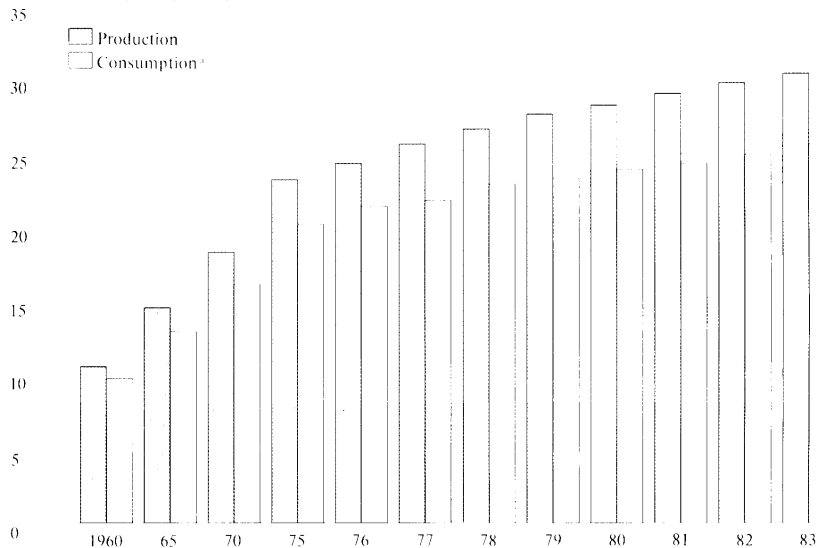
<sup>a</sup> Excludes natural gas liquids.

<sup>b</sup> Includes Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, and United Arab Emirates.

Source: Energy Information Administration, US Department of Energy

### USSR: Primary Energy

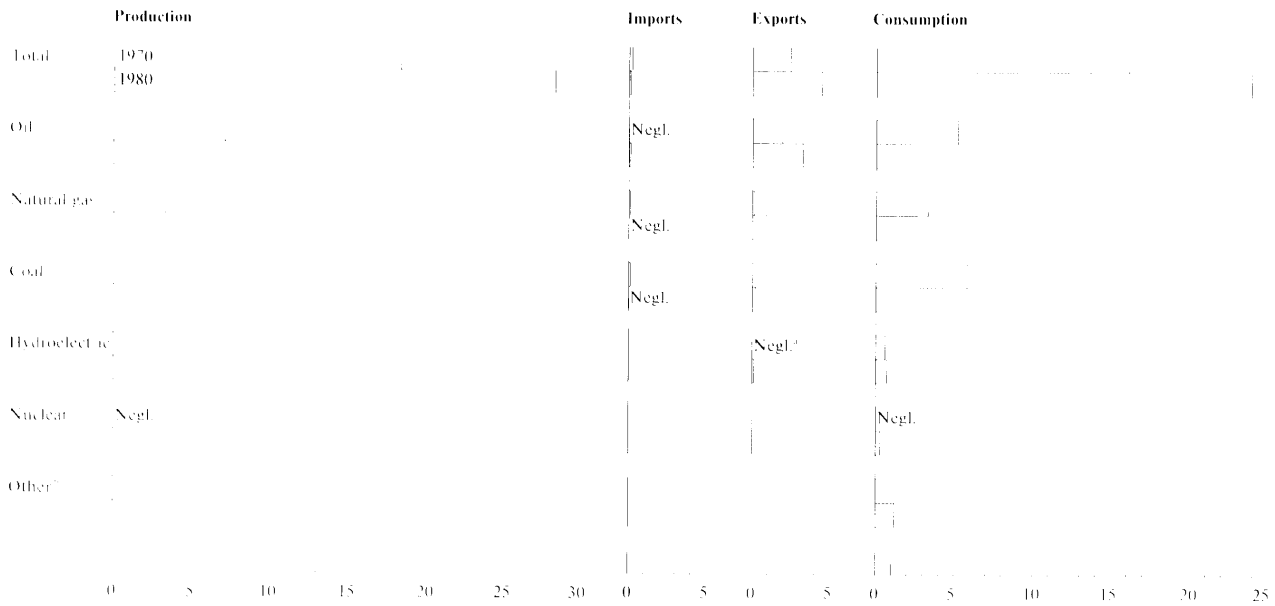
Million barrels per day oil equivalent



<sup>a</sup> Including changes in stocks.

**USSR: Energy Balances**

Million barrels per day oil equivalent



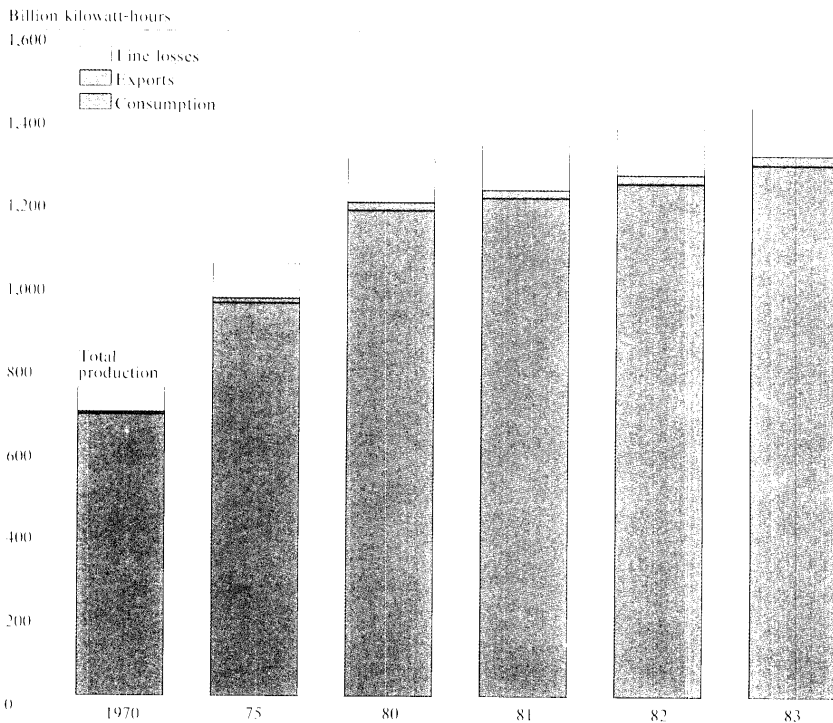
<sup>1</sup>Including electricity exports.  
<sup>2</sup>Including peat, oil shale, fuelwood and other renewable energy resources.

**Conservation and Substitution**

Rising costs of energy production have led, as in the West, to a growing interest in curbing demand through conservation. But by most standards, the Soviet economy remains energy inefficient. Many of the barriers to improving energy efficiency are endemic to the Soviet system. Centralized planning and resource allocation, artificially low energy prices, and incentives geared toward meeting quantitative output goals do not reward innovation or efficient use of resources. Moreover, despite official goals and pronouncements about saving energy, the requisite capital and other resources have been allocated to energy production rather than conservation.

One of the best opportunities the Soviets have for reducing the growth of oil demand is by substituting natural gas for oil in electric power plants and large boilers. Such a program requires the construction of long-distance natural gas transmission pipelines, conversion of older plants to burn gas, completion of new gas-fired power plants, and expansion of lateral gas distribution lines and storage facilities. Aside from reduced use of oil in power plants and industrial boilers, the prospects for substitution are limited. Oil use for transportation and agriculture is not readily amenable to gas substitution, so that efforts to hold down oil use in these sectors of the economy must depend largely on conservation.

**USSR: Electricity Balances**



## Foreign Markets

For most of the past decade, Soviet earnings from energy exports have been increasing, partly as a result of rising prices for oil and gas. The recent expansion of Soviet exports to the West has been responsible for important increases in hard currency earnings necessary for the development of new energy resources. The Soviets have used much of the new revenue to purchase Western equipment and technology for oil and gas exploration and production.

Although Soviet increases in oil exports to Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CEMA) partners have slowed in recent years, the continuation of a steady flow of energy resources to Eastern Europe and Cuba remains a high priority for Moscow. Except for Romania and Poland, CEMA countries are dependent on the USSR for large shares of their energy supplies.

## Hard Currency

Before the 1973 Arab oil embargo, Soviet hard currency earnings from energy exports comprised only 20 percent of the USSR's total yearly commodity export earnings. Some 85 to 90 percent of these energy-derived earnings

came from oil. By 1977 the share of hard currency earned from oil and gas sales to the West had grown to more than 50 percent. In 1981 a soft world oil market forced the Soviets to reduce exports and temporarily settle for diminished earnings. Nevertheless, in 1982 Moscow achieved a record 28-percent increase in oil exports to non-Communist customers, largely through restrictions on deliveries to soft currency customers.

Oil continues to be the most important source of hard currency earnings for Moscow, but natural gas trade with the West is growing. In 1975 gas provided only 3 percent of hard currency earnings, but by 1982 natural gas earnings had risen to almost 14 percent of the total. The Soviets anticipate even greater increases in revenues from natural gas exports with the large-scale gas deliveries through the new Siberia-to-Western Europe pipeline.

## Trading Partners

### CEMA

For nearly two decades, the USSR has been the principal supplier of energy for its East European CEMA allies, Cuba, and Vietnam. During the 1970s the Soviets provided as much as three-

fourths of the oil consumed by the East Europeans and almost all of the crude oil used by the Cubans. Most—though not all—of these sales were soft currency or barter deals. To help ease the economic burden of oil price increases, Moscow delayed raising the price of oil to its CEMA partners. Thus, for a number of years after OPEC's sharp price increases in the 1970s, the economies of the Soviet allies benefited from below-world-market prices. During this time, however, the Soviet Union kept encouraging its CEMA partners to reduce their dependence on oil and increase consumption of substitutes such as gas, coal, and nuclear energy. Moscow also took steps, including a five-year-moving-average pricing formula, to discourage future increases in East European imports of Soviet oil unless the extra oil was purchased with hard currency. Finally, in 1982 the Soviets began an actual cutback in oil deliveries to some CEMA members.

Historically, the Soviet Union and the East European CEMA members have worked closely to develop Soviet energy resources. Thus far, the gas pipeline from the Orenburg field, also known as the Soyuz (Union or Alliance) pipeline and completed in 1978, has been their largest joint project. The East Europeans provided labor, equipment, and hard currency support in exchange for future supplies of natural gas.

## Soviet Oil Exports, 1983



The production of Soviet nuclear reactors has also involved substantial East European cooperation. A recent agreement between these countries and the USSR calls for the other CEMA countries to specialize in the production of Soviet-designed reactor components to be used in an integrated electrical power system. The increased nuclear power capacity of the Soviet Union and the joint USSR-CEMA projects now under way to improve and enlarge the power transmisson system should significantly increase Soviet capability to export electricity in the future.

Cuba, with limited domestic oil resources, has been heavily dependent on the Soviets for virtually all of its petroleum needs. The construction of a Soviet-designed nuclear power station in Cuba will improve Cuban energy self-sufficiency and decrease reliance on Moscow for oil.

### Western Europe

Soviet energy trade with Western Europe was limited until the mid-1970s. Since then, the share of sales from the principal exported com-

modities, oil and gas, has become increasingly important. Currently, the Soviet Union's largest West European energy customers are West Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Sweden, and Finland.

Between 1978 and 1981, the rapid growth in oil sales to Western Europe came to an abrupt halt as conservation efforts - "aided" by an oil-fueled recession - by the West Europeans started to take hold. Beginning in 1982 the Soviets partially compensated for the reduced hard currency earnings from long-term contracts by increasing their spot market sales of oil at major West European oil terminals.

In the mid-1970s the West Europeans turned to the Soviet Union in an effort to diversify their energy sources. Existing gas contracts from the late 1960s were expanded. This also led to a number of new joint projects, of which the most notable is the Siberia to Western Europe natural gas pipeline. The terms of many of these contracts usually include compensation agreements, involving either a form of barter, counterpurchase, or product payback arrangements,

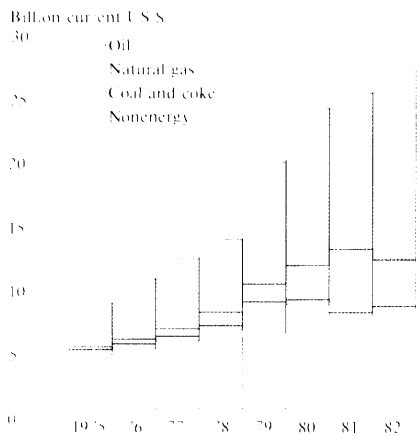
in which future sales or delivery of a Soviet product are linked to an advance sale or delivery of Western equipment or technology. In exchange for providing technological help in constructing the Soviet gas pipeline system, the Europeans receive guaranteed supplies of natural gas.

### Japan

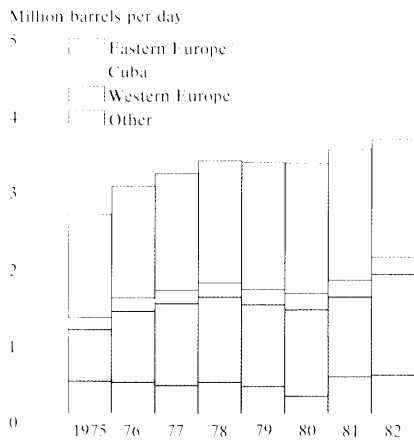
Energy trade with Japan will play an important role in the development of East Siberian resources. Joint Soviet-Japanese development of Sakhalin Island oil and gas and of East Siberian coal reserves is now under way. Progress has been slow, however, as a result of financial problems and harsh climatic conditions. Currently, Japan is the primary hard currency importer of Soviet coking coal.

In addition to the hard currency, technology has been a significant part of Soviet-Japanese energy trade negotiations. The Japanese are a major supplier of energy technology; Soviet purchases account for approximately 15 percent of Japanese energy equipment and technology exports.

### USSR: Hard Currency Exports

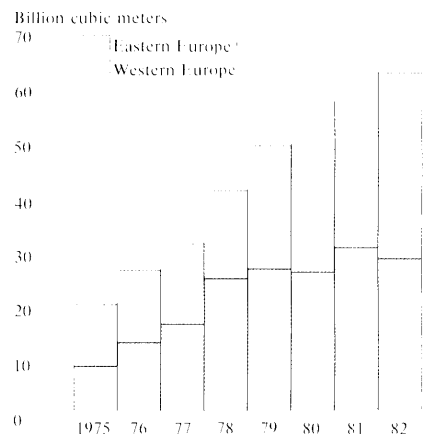


### USSR: Oil Exports



<sup>1</sup>Including Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia

### USSR: Natural Gas Exports

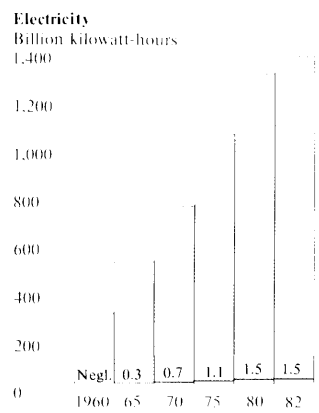
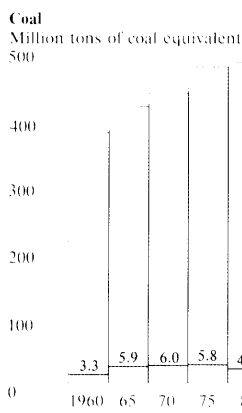
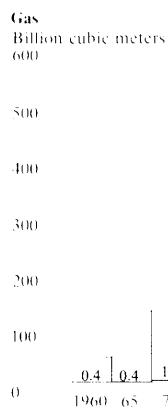


<sup>2</sup>Including Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia

### USSR: Energy Production Exported



Exports as a percent of total production





## International Energy Projects

During the 1970s the Soviet Union entered into several foreign contract negotiations associated with domestic energy development. The principal motivation for these cooperative international ventures was Soviet desire to increase hard currency earnings and to acquire essential Western technology and equipment necessary for resource development. Of the many cooperative ventures negotiated with Western countries, three projects—the Siberia to Western Europe natural gas pipeline, the South Yakutia coal project, and Sakhalin oil and gas development—have recently received considerable world-wide publicity.

Two widely publicized liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects of the mid-1970s were the North Star project to ship Urengoy gas to the US east coast and the joint USSR-US-Japanese venture to develop Yakutia gas. Although both projects have lost US support, the Japanese still have some interest in Yakutia gas development.

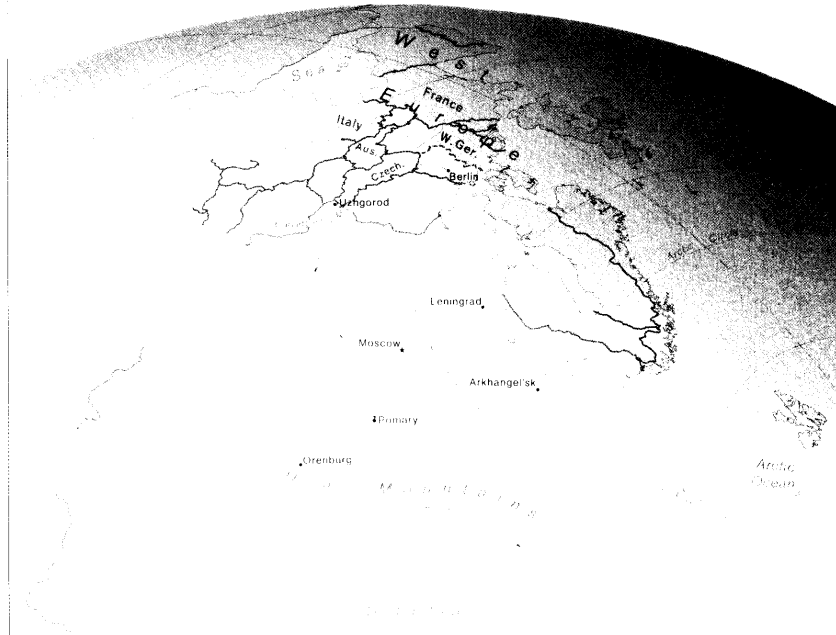
### Siberia-to-Western Europe Natural Gas Pipeline

The Siberia to Western Europe natural gas pipeline is the largest international trade project the Soviets have undertaken to date. Negotiations for the pipeline began in 1979, and Moscow signed gas purchase agreements in late 1981 with West German and French utilities, in June 1982 with Austria's Ferngas, and in May 1984 with Italy. Included in the pipeline negotiations were contracts for Soviet purchases of large-diameter pipe, turbine compressors, and related equipment from the major West European countries and Japan. Installation of the pipeline in the Soviet section was completed in September 1983; all compressors were to be in place in 1984. Plans call for partial deliveries of gas to start in 1984 and full deliveries to begin in 1987.

The Soviet Union has been exporting gas to Western Europe since the early 1970s. Between 1968 and 1975 Moscow concluded several "gas for pipe" agreements with Austria, France, Italy, and West Germany. Under these agreements, the USSR purchased large quantities of large-diameter pipe and other gas-related equipment with long-term, government-backed credits. To repay the loans and earn foreign exchange, the USSR contracted for long-term deliveries of natural gas to Western Europe.

The USSR will be able to use a combination of the existing Soyuz (Orenburg) pipeline, domestic trunklines, and East European transit lines to supplement the initial throughput of the export pipeline which began in early 1984. With the completion of the new 32-billion-cubic-meter-capacity export pipeline, total Soviet deliveries to Western Europe eventually could reach 60 billion cubic meters per year. They were almost 29 billion cubic meters in 1983.

### Siberia-to-Western Europe Natural Gas Pipeline



Imported large-diameter pipe sections at Leningrad port.



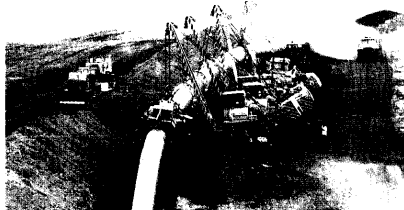
Pipe sections are transported by trucks from railyards to the construction site.



Soviet-made excavator being used to dig pipeline trench.



Pipe sections being welded by manual, arc-welding technique.



Welded pipe is coated, wrapped, and positioned within the prepared trench.



Concrete blocks are used in areas of swamp and permafrost to support the pipeline.

### The Pipeline Route

Geographically, the Soviet portion of the pipeline runs 4,451 kilometers from Urengoy in the northern portion of the West Siberian basin to Uzhgorod at the Czechoslovak border. The pipeline route traverses some 700 kilometers of swamp and marshland, 2,000 kilometers of forest, and 550 kilometers of rocky terrain including the Ural and Carpathian mountain ranges. The construction route also crosses nearly 600 rivers and streams including the Ob' in West Siberia and the Volga, Don, and Dnepr in European USSR. The 2.5-kilometer Volga River crossing is the widest waterway on the route.

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In the European USSR, the pipeline route crosses several of the country's most heavily populated and industrialized regions. Interconnecting the region's existing gas pipeline network with the export pipeline enables the Soviets to better respond to changing demand for gas.

Sakhalin's offshore petroleum resources. The agreement calls for SODECO --a consortium of Japanese petroleum and trading companies and one US firm, Gulf Oil--to finance the exploration and development of the offshore reserves through credits extended by Japan's Export-Import Bank. In return, SODECO is to receive Soviet oil and gas at preferential prices.

### Sakhalin Oil and Gas Project

The USSR reached a general agreement with Japan in 1975 for the joint development of

The joint Soviet-Japanese venture to exploit Sakhalin offshore oil resources is similar in many respects to the Siberia to Western Europe natural gas pipeline project. It includes the purchase of Western petroleum equipment financed through credits guaranteed by Western governments in exchange for Soviet repayment through the transfer of energy resources. In addition, the project will boost Soviet hard currency earnings.

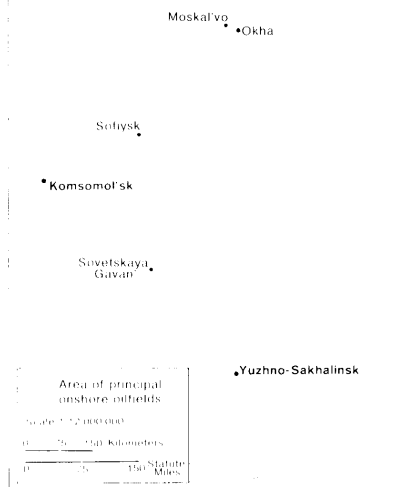
Moscow will also acquire offshore experience and technology that could be extremely useful should the Soviets begin intensive exploitation of the potentially rich hydrocarbon deposits of the Barents and Kara Seas. The Sakhalin project will give the Japanese an opportunity to further diversify their oil and gas sources.

Work on the Sakhalin project has not met the projected plans. Exploration, already hampered by the short, ice-free drilling season, has also been delayed by equipment shortages and decisions to drill convenient but unproductive structures. Thus far, two fields --Odoptu and Chayvo--have been discovered off the northeast coast of Sakhalin Island.

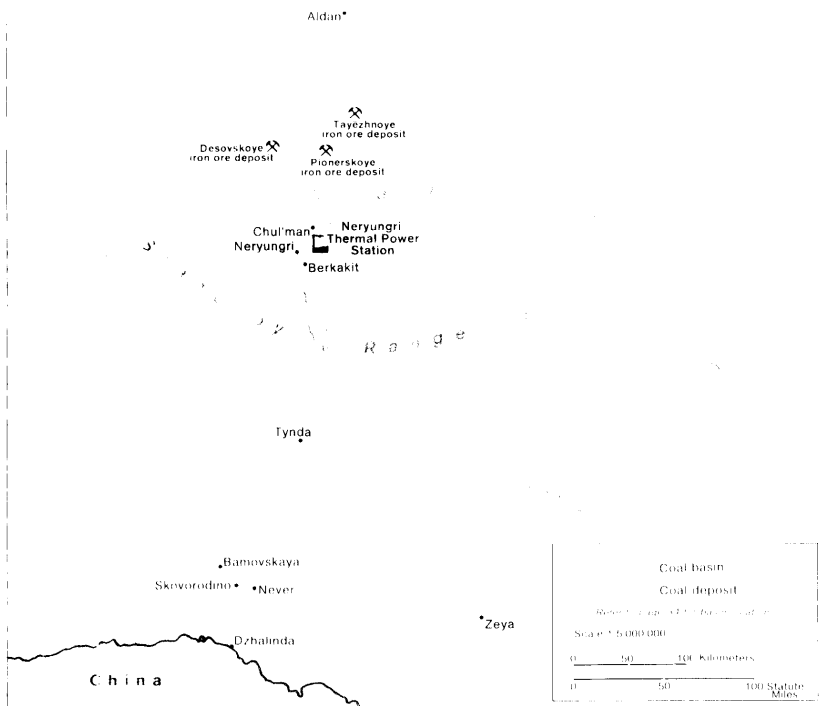
#### The Pipeline at a Glance

Length	4,451 kilometers (Urengoy-Uzhgorod)
Capacity	32 billion cubic meters per year
Pipe	2.7 million tons, 1,420-mm diameter
Operating pressure	75 atmospheres
Compressor stations	41 (40 with three 25-MW gas-turbine compressors each; one with five 10-MW gas-turbine compressors)
Total cost	\$22 billion (\$7 billion in hard currency)
Completion	1983 (pipelaying) 1984 (compressor stations)

#### Sakhalin Oil and Gas Region



### South Yakutia Coal Region



### South Yakutia Coal Project

A third major Soviet energy development facilitated by international investment and cooperation is the South Yakutia coal project. Terms of this cooperative venture with Japan, which began in 1975, call for the Japanese to receive specified percentages of the 9 million metric tons of annual coking coal production as repayment for their financial and technical investment.

The first stage of the South Yakutia coal project includes development of the Neryungri strip mine, installation and operation of imported mining equipment, a coal concentration facility to treat exported coal, and the first section of the Neryungri Thermal Power Station, where the first 210-MW generator started up in late 1983. The project, made possible by the construction of the Bamoyskaya-Tynda-Berkakit (Little BAM) railroad, is scheduled for completion in 1985, nearly two years behind schedule. Limited coal production began in late 1978 when the Little BAM reached the mine. Production has grown from 400,000 tons in 1979 to more than 5 million tons in 1983.

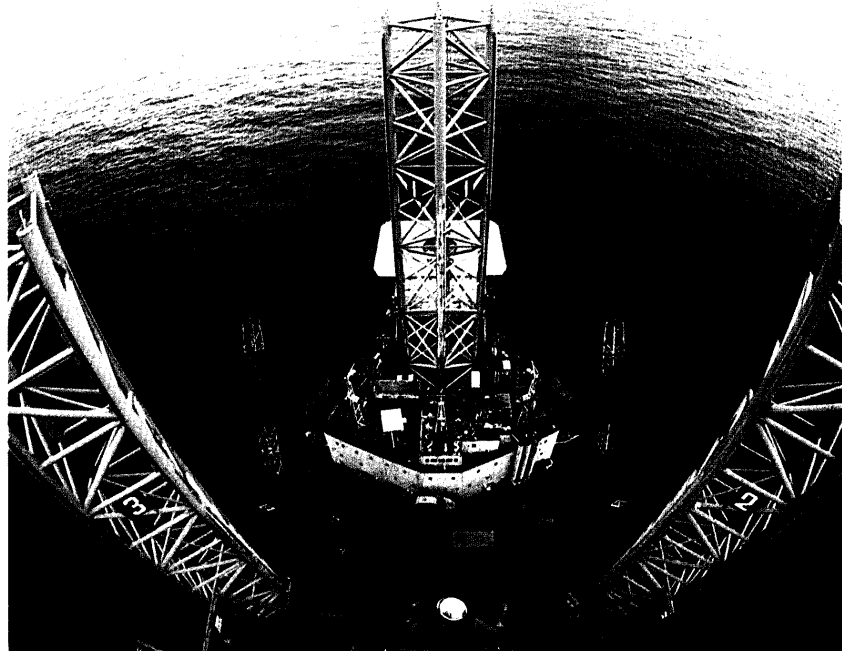
The Soviets are hopeful the new Siberian town of Neryungri, in addition to being the major industrial city and energy hub of the South Yakutia region, will become one of the largest industrial complexes in Eastern Siberia. Because of the high quality of Yakutia's coking coal and the availability of nearby Aldan iron ore deposits, Neryungri is also being considered as a possible location for steel manufacture.

# Fuel Resources

Until recently, the Soviet Union has been able to find, extract, transport, and process its vast fuel resources at a rate sufficient to support rapid economic growth. But, beginning in the late 1970s, supplies of oil and coal, which together contribute nearly two-thirds of Soviet primary energy production, have suffered setbacks. Energy costs are rising because of the growing remoteness and lower quality of the newly discovered resources. Reports of fuel shortages and a growing energy conservation campaign attest to growing fuel supply problems. A current slowdown in the growth rate of oil production, uncertainty about the future world market for natural gas despite long-term contracts with the West Europeans, and stagnating coal output are major causes of concern for Soviet energy planners.

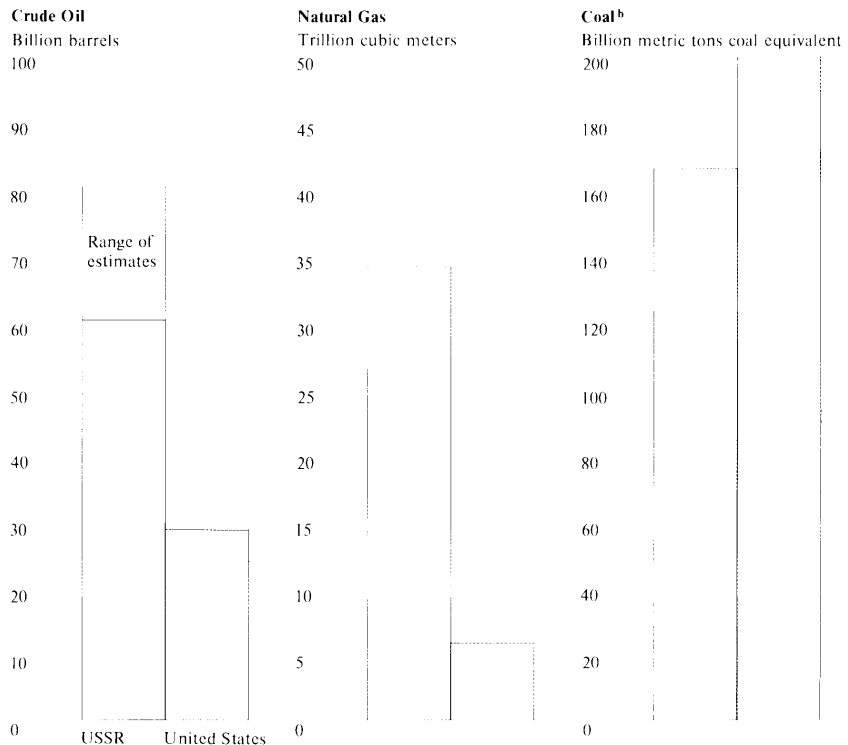
Historically, the large urban and industrial centers west of the Urals were almost totally dependent on plentiful nearby fuel resources. These western resources now provide only about 50 percent of the energy needs of the European USSR; the rest come from newly discovered reserves in Central Asia, Kazakhstan, the Urals, and Siberia. Although the Soviets have significant oil, gas, and coal resources in these southern and eastern regions, with the exception of natural gas they have been unable to develop them fast enough to keep pace with the expanding economy and replace the rapidly depleting and more accessible reserves near the consuming centers of the European USSR. Development of these new energy resources has been slow for a variety of reasons, ranging from the need for specialized equipment and technology to the requirement for enormous additional investment. Additionally, geographic constraints—climate, terrain, and distance—have compounded the problems associated with exploiting and transporting these resources.

The Soviet system of reserve classification for both major and minor fuel resources is very different from that used in the West. The Soviet reserve categories—A, B, C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>, and D<sub>2</sub>—are based primarily on the degree of exploration and delineation drilling that has been carried out and cannot be directly equated to the Western categories of proved, probable, and possible reserves, which are based on prevailing economic and technological factors.



Overhead view of mobile jack-up drilling platform, Okha, near Sakhalin Island.

## USSR/US: Reserves of Major Fuels, Yearend 1983<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> The portion of total resources assessed as exploitable under local economic conditions and available technology.  
<sup>b</sup> Yearend 1980.

**Soviet Union: Reserve Classification System**

**Soviet Reserve Classification**

Explored Commercial Reserves A + B + 30% of C
A
B
C (30%)
Prospective Reserves The remaining 70% of C plus C <sub>2</sub> + D <sub>1</sub> + D <sub>2</sub>
C <sub>1</sub> (30%)
C <sub>2</sub>
D <sub>1</sub>
D <sub>2</sub>

**Western Reserve Classification**

Proved
Probable
Possible

**"A" Category**

- Geologically and geophysically examined in detail
- Delineated by exploration and production over the whole deposit
- Engineering data demonstrate recoverability
- Represent reserves in current production

**"B" Category**

- Geologically and geophysically examined in detail
- Evaluated by drilling to a degree adequate for development planning
- Engineering data demonstrate recoverability
- Represent on-hold reserves or unused producing capacity

**"C" Category**

- Represent reserves adjacent to "A" and "B" categories
- Geologically and geophysically evaluated
- Verified by minimal drilling
- Engineering data demonstrate partial recoverability, and average 30 percent will shift to "B" and then "A" categories

**"C<sub>1</sub>" Category**

- Presumed to exist, based on favorable geologic and geophysical data analogous to that for areas containing verified reserves
- Some will shift to higher categories

**"D<sub>1</sub>" Category**

- Speculative reserves presumed to exist on the basis of geologic analogy to reference areas
- Some will shift to "C<sub>1</sub>" category

**"D<sub>2</sub>" Category**

- Speculative reserves presumed to exist on the basis of geologic analogy to reference area
- Less geologically and geophysically evaluated than "D<sub>1</sub>" category
- Some will shift to "D<sub>1</sub>" category

**Proved**

Reserves which geological and engineering or drilling data demonstrate to be recoverable under existing economic and operating conditions

**Probable**

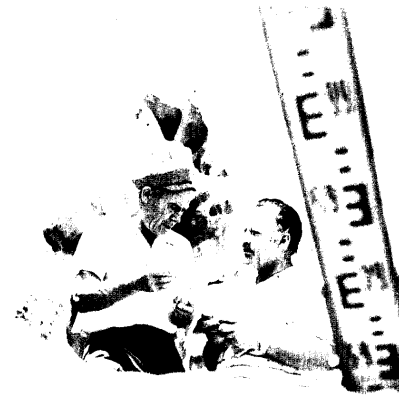
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- As extensions of endowed areas
- In undiscovered areas within known resource-bearing geologic trends
- Recoverable under existing economic and operating conditions

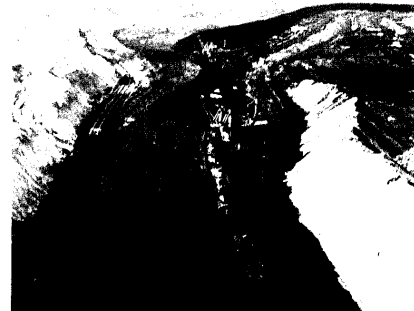
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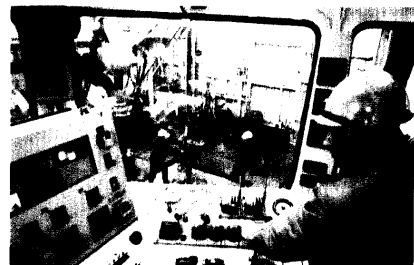
- In undiscovered areas analogous to other known resource-bearing areas
- Recoverable under existing economic and operating conditions



*Oil and gas exploration on Mangyshlak Peninsula, North Caspian.*



*Extraction of lignite from a Kansk-Achinsk surface mine, Central Siberia.*



*Central control room of exploratory drill ship Viktor Muravlenko.*



*Construction workers study blueprints for Urengoy gas turbines.*

## Oil and Gas

The Soviet Union, abundantly endowed with energy resources, is now the world's leading oil and natural gas producer and a substantial net exporter of both fuels. As Soviet planners have become aware of their abundant supplies of these resources over the past three decades, they have relied heavily on them to meet the growth in demand. Oil and gas have fueled national economic growth, and the expansion of key sectors of the economy is tied to their availability. The Soviets' rich resources of oil and gas have allowed Moscow to provide the CEMA countries and other client states with low-cost energy and to export crude oil, natural gas, and petroleum products to the West in exchange for hard currency. Oil and gas have also become essential elements in the USSR's strategic position and a symbol of national pride.

Oil and gas resources are widely scattered throughout the Soviet Union but, by and large, are poorly located with respect to areas of demand. With the exception of the Volga-Urals oil region and the Ukrainian SSR gas region, both now on the decline, the economic and population heartland in the west contains mostly minor oil- and gas-bearing basins. The large sedimentary basins containing the main reserves that will provide the USSR with most of its oil and gas for the rest of this century are in the once virtually unpopulated West Siberia region, where severe environmental conditions, inadequate economic infrastructure, and high development costs will hamper exploitation.

The rapid increase in Soviet oil and gas production is a testament to the size of the reserve base, which by most estimates is among the largest in the world. The Soviets' strong position in oil and gas production should continue into the next century since a number of major potential hydrocarbon-bearing regions remain virtually unexplored and exploration of offshore areas other than the Caspian is just beginning.

## Oil Reserves

Since 1947 Moscow has treated the size and location of its oil reserves as a state secret, publishing only occasional, fragmentary, and inconsistent data. Most US and West European oil experts believe that Soviet proved reserves are in the range of 60-80 billion barrels, about 10 to 12 percent of the world's total. Reserves in geologically promising but unexplored areas such as the Barents and Kara Seas and East Siberia could significantly raise the overall amount of proved reserves, putting the USSR in an enviable position compared to other industrialized nations.

Potential oil reserves, however, hold little significance for the Soviet oil supply during the 1980s and into the 1990s. Current production will depend almost entirely on hydrocarbon-bearing structures already discovered whose reserves can be rapidly exploited. As the Soviets have been forced to move their search for new deposits into more remote parts of West Siberia, they have encountered smaller fields, lower production levels, and increased development costs.

Baku, on the shores of the Caspian Sea, was the earliest center of extractive activity, but it declined rapidly after World War II. The Soviets then moved in the 1950s and 1960s to the north and east into their "second Baku," the Volga-Urals basin. The Volga-Urals was the focus of Soviet oil activity for two decades and is still the second-largest producing area. Production from this region is now declining as major fields and reserves are being depleted.

In the early 1960s large new reserves were discovered in the remote and environmentally hostile West Siberian basin, which contains the richest known hydrocarbon deposits in the country. This prolific basin provided most of the growth in oil output during the 1970s and early 1980s and, according to Soviet statements, will remain the leading producing region into the 1990s.

Although West Siberian oil production is expected to increase for several more years, the rate of growth has slowed. Some oil industry officials are now arguing openly that the Soviets must search more aggressively for new reserves in virgin regions of the country such as East Siberia and offshore basins in the Kara and Barents Seas. The Soviets acknowledge, however, that production from these areas will not begin during this decade.

## Oil and Gas Regions



## Natural Gas Reserves

Unlike the policy for oil reserves, the Soviets do not publish information about the size and location of their enormous natural gas reserves. In January 1983 the Soviet Union had explored reserves of about 34 trillion cubic meters, 40 percent of the world's total and enough to sustain rapid growth in production for several decades. Although the rate of discovery of new reserves has slowed considerably since the mid-1970s, total reserves probably will continue to rise for the near term. The location of these reserves, however, has created serious production and transportation problems because most are concentrated in remote Arctic regions. The northern part of Tyumen' Oblast in West Siberia contains about 80 percent of the Soviet gas reserves.

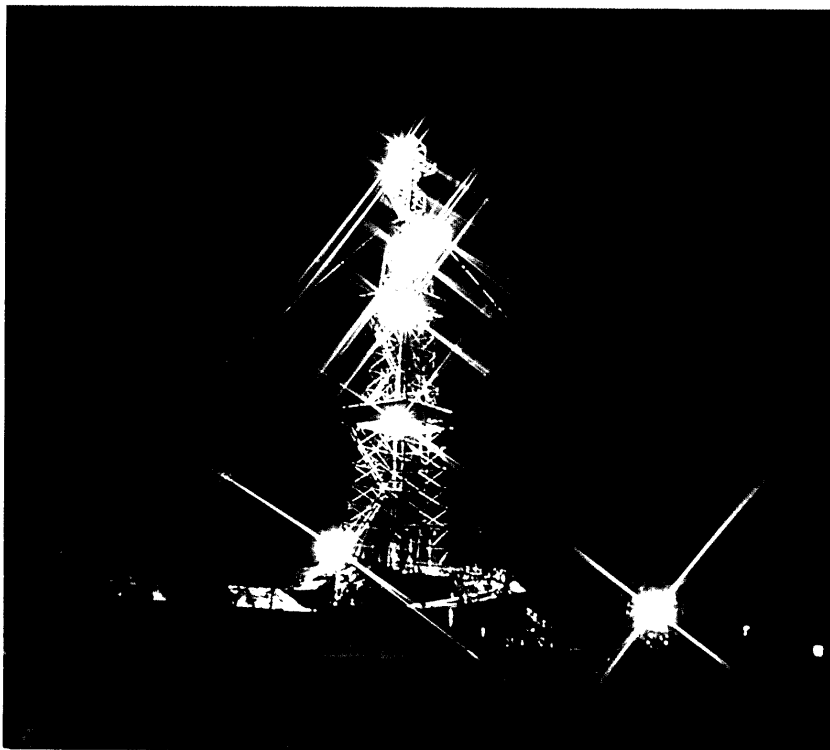
Soviet natural gas production, like that of oil, has increased through the successive development of newly discovered reserves. By the time the North Caucasus region, which was predominant in the early postwar years, reached its peak in the late 1960s, the Ukrainian gasfields had been developed and accounted for most of the growth in production until the early 1970s. Subsequently, gasfields in Central Asia, the Orenburg region of the Volga-Urals, and the Komi ASSR were developed and provided much of the growth during the mid-1970s. Growth in these regions has slowed, and West Siberia is now the primary Soviet gas-producing area. Six northern Tyumen' fields—Urengoy, Yamburg, Zapolyarnoye, Medvezh'ye, Kharasavey, and Bovanenkoye—together hold more than three-fourths of West Siberia's reserves. Urengoy, with reserves of almost 8 trillion cubic meters, is the world's largest gasfield.

No new, large natural gas region is being developed as a successor to West Siberia, but its enormous reserves are believed to be large enough to support sustained growth into the next century. Long-term future expansion is likely to depend on finding new gas reserves in East Siberia, the Soviet Far East, and offshore areas such as the Barents and Kara Seas.

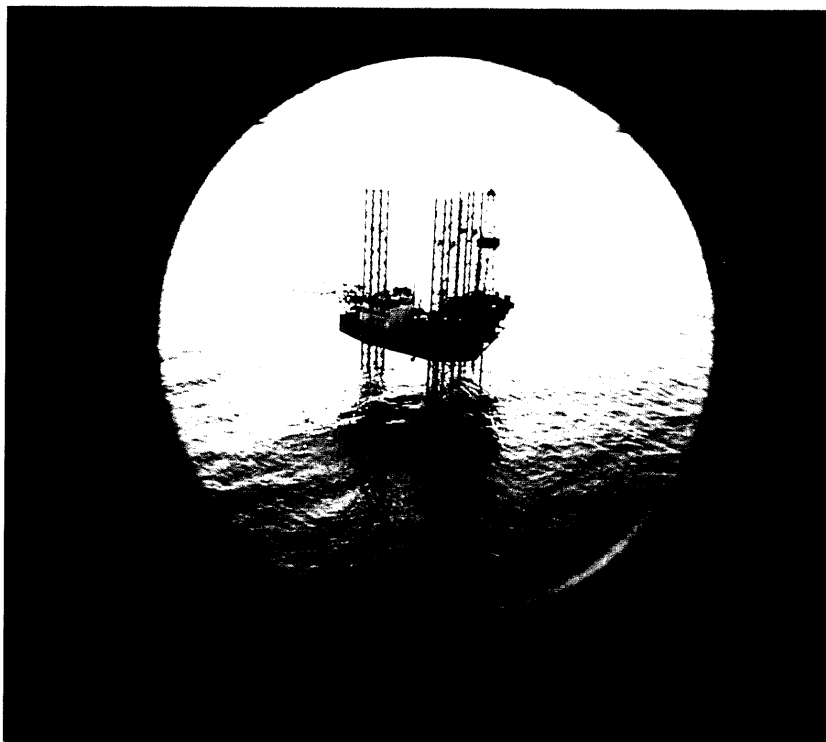
## Gas Condensate

In addition to crude oil and gas, the Soviet Union possesses large reserves of condensate—the liquid hydrocarbons that condense from associated and nonassociated gas when it is extracted from the reservoir—which are included in oil production statistics. Out of a total oil output of 12.33 million barrels per day (b/d) in 1983, about 600,000 b/d are believed to be gas condensate. Although Moscow has never published official reserve totals for gas condensate, limited data from the gas ministry suggest that the condensate reserve base is more than large enough to support current and future output requirements well into the next century.

Reserves of gas condensate are widely distributed in many parts of the USSR, with numerous deposits in West Siberia, Komi ASSR, Central Asia, and the Ukraine. West Siberia may contain as much as two-thirds of all USSR condensate resources, primarily at Urengoy and the large oilfields of the middle Ob' region. The remaining portion of the known condensate re-



*Night drilling in the Komi ASSR.*



*Reserves in geologically promising but unexplored areas such as the Barents and Kara Seas and East Siberia could significantly raise proved reserves.*

serve base is located at a relatively small number of large fields such as Orenburg in the southern Urals, Vuktyl in the Komi ASSR, and the high-sulfur gasfields of Central Asia.

## The West Siberian Oil and Gas Region

Although it possesses one of the Earth's most forbidding and difficult environments, West Siberia produces 60 percent of the nation's oil and roughly 50 percent of its natural gas, having surpassed the declining Volga-Urals region in oil output in 1978 and Soviet Central Asia in gas production in 1979. To meet Soviet domestic and export needs for these fuels by 1985, the region, according to the current five-year plan (1981-85), will have to produce 63 percent of the nation's oil (8 million b/d are planned) and increase its share of natural gas production to 57 percent (357 billion cubic meters). As production moves farther north in West Siberia, the average cost per unit of output will rise because of higher operating and investment outlays required for exploration, extraction, and transportation.

The oil and gas region is in the West Siberian lowland, one of the world's largest and flattest plains, and, consequently, one of the most poorly drained and flood prone. More than half of the land area of West Siberia is swamp or marshland. In the spring, flood waters of the Ob' and Irtysh Rivers, flowing from the south, are jammed by ice that has not yet melted in the north, and broad areas are inundated.

In addition, severe winter temperatures and cold winds make the West Siberian oil and gas region one of the harshest environments in which to work in the world. Before the discovery of oil and gas in 1960, the entire area was uninhabited wilderness except for hunters and trappers. All endeavors entail a struggle against the environment and result in sharply increased costs to exploit West Siberia's valuable hydrocarbon resources.

All seasons in some way seriously impair the effectiveness of men and machines in northern Siberia. The severe cold in winter as well as the swampy conditions in summer reduce the service life of vehicles and machinery. Average winter temperatures of  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  and below substantially reduce workers' productivity; Soviet work regulations prohibit outdoor work when temperatures reach  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and wind speeds exceed 15 meters per second. This produces a windchill effect comparable to  $-110^{\circ}\text{F}$  and causes bare skin to freeze in less than 30 seconds. Moreover, swarms of flies and mosquitoes, which saturate the region during the warm season, take an additional toll on worker efficiency and health.

### Geologic Setting

Occupying an area of more than 3 million square kilometers, the West Siberian basin is the largest structural-sedimentary basin in the world. Favorable geologic conditions have also made it, in the estimation of most petroleum geologists, one of the better locations in the world for the accumulation of hydrocarbon deposits.

Geologically, the basin deepens to the north, where the sediments generally range up to 6 to 8 kilometers in thickness. In the southern and central parts of the basin, the sediments are 3 to 5 kilometers thick. The sedimentary cover of the basin consists of marine and continental deposits of the Jurassic, Cretaceous, and Paleocene ages, overlain by more recent glacial, lake, and stream deposits.

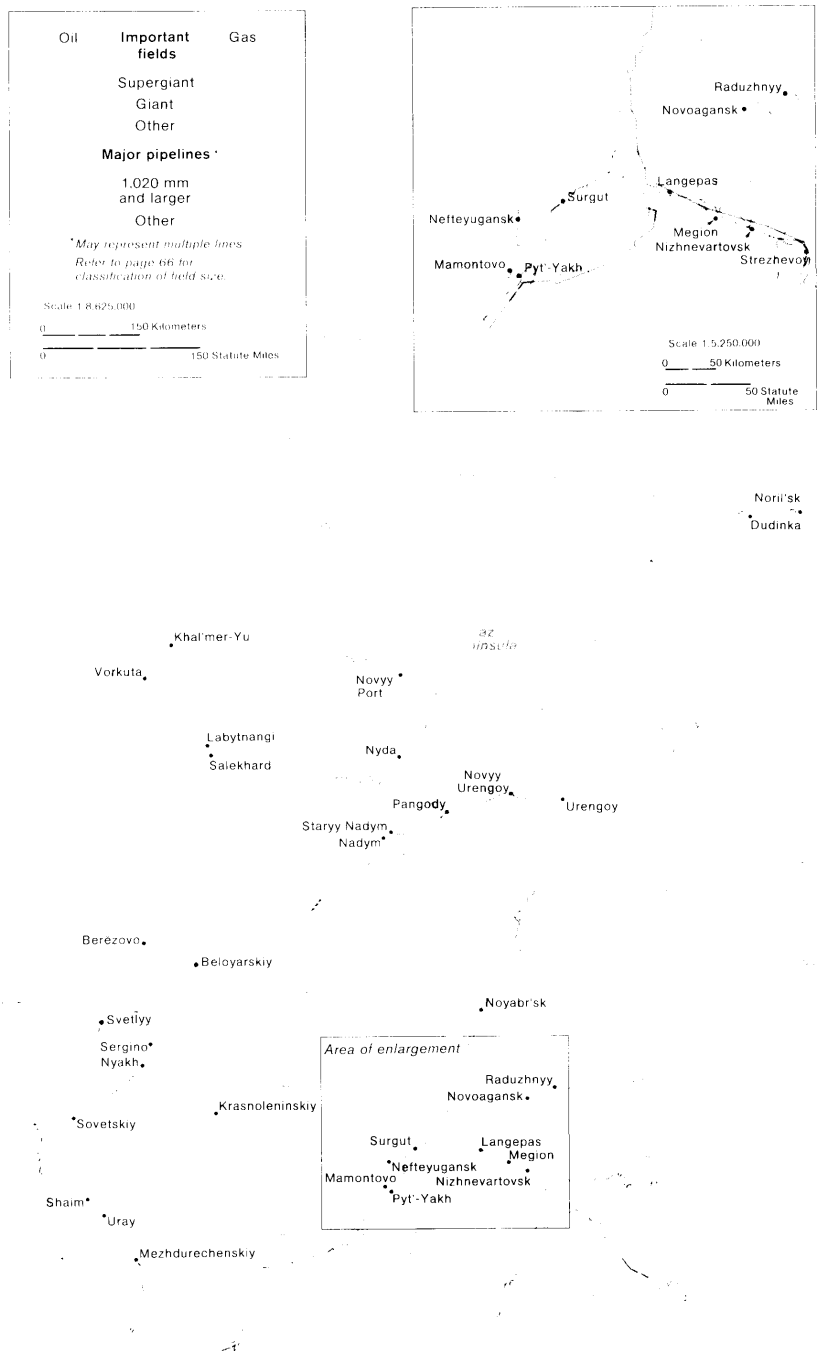
Surface elevations seldom exceed 100 meters above sea level except on an east-west line of low glacial hills that divides the region into two

parts. To the south of this divide, where the main oil deposits have been found, rivers flow southward to the middle Ob' River; to the north, where the region's natural gas is found, they flow northward to the lower Ob' and the Arctic Ocean.

### Development

Following the initial discovery of gas at Berezhovo in the mid-1950s and oil at Shaim in 1960, the search for hydrocarbons shifted to the mid-

## West Siberian Oil and Gas Region



dle Ob' region. Here, during the 1960s, the Soviets discovered and began developing a number of oilfields with relatively high-quality reservoirs.

The immense Samotlor oilfield was discovered in the middle Ob' region of Tyumen' Oblast in 1965 and put into production in 1969. The supergiant Samotlor field near Nizhnevartovsk was soon recognized as one of the largest oilfields in the world. During the 1970s Samotlor

**Key Settlements**

Mos. Key West Siberian settlements developed along major waterways as ports and supply bases for the region's early exploration and development. Many became major supply and housing centers on the road and rail systems that later penetrated the region. They now serve as the focuses of the region's expanding pipeline and petroleum processing facilities.

**Balytmangi** (66° 39' N, 66° 21' E) Population: est. 11,000. From this railhead on the lower Ob', cargo is transferred to rivercraft bound for gas exploitation areas.

**Mamontovo, Pyl-Yakh** (60° 46' N, 72° 47' E, 60° 48' N, 72° 50' E) Population: est. 10,000. Housing and storage areas at Mamontovo settlement and the adjacent Pyl-Yakh rail station support Mamontovo oilfield.

**Megion** (61° 03' N, 76° 06' E) Population: est. over 10,000. Megion provides housing and logistic support for surrounding oilfields. All-weather roads lead to these fields and to Nizhnevartovsk.

**Nadym** (65° 32' N, 72° 32' E) Population: est. 50,000. One of the largest urban centers in the northern gas development area has schools, stores, and community services for workers of the surrounding gas region. Its population is expected to increase to about 150,000.

**Nefteyugansk** (61° 56' N, 76° 38' E) Population: est. 72,000 (1984). This is the primary port and supply base for the Mamontovo and Ust-Balyk oilfields. It is linked to them by all-weather roads.

**Nizhnevartovsk** (60° 56' N, 76° 38' E) Population: est. 178,000 (1984). Nizhnevartovsk supports the Samotlor oilfield and smaller fields nearby. It has extensive port facilities on the Ob' River, a rail tie with Surgut, all-weather roads, and an airport.

**Novoagansk** (61° 57' N, 76° 41' E) Population: est. 7,000. Located at the western edge of the Var'eygan oil-producing area, Novoagansk is a support base for oil exploitation and transport.

**Novyy Urengoy** (66° 06' N, 76° 35' E) Population: est. 52,000 (1984). Novyy Urengoy, served by rail and air, is the main support city for the Urengoy natural gasfield. Industries and high-rise apartments are under construction.

**Novyabr'sk** (63° 08' N, 78° 22' E) Population: est. 55,000 (1984). Novyabr'sk, a new urban center for the Kholmogory oilfield and other oil and gas exploitation, has a rail-served storage area covering 3.5 square kilometers.

**Pangody** (65° 51' N, 74° 30' E) Population: est. 6,000. Pangody is the supply base of the Medvezh'ye gasfield.

**Raduzhnyy** (62° 06' N, 77° 31' E) Population: est. 5,000. Raduzhnyy supports nearby oilfields and is the terminus of an all-weather road from Nizhnevartovsk, 140 km to the south.

**Sergino** (62° 30' N, 68° 48' E) Population: est. 6,000. Sergino is a rail terminus where cargo is transferred to rivercraft or to tracks plying the winter road to the Urengoy gasfield.

**Staryy Nadym** (65° 35' N, 72° 42' E) Population: est. 2,000. This expanding port serves the city of Nadym (13 km southwest) and the Medvezh'ye and Urengoy gasfields.

**Strezhnevyy** (60° 42' N, 77° 34' E) Population: est. 10,000. This port, 60 km southeast of Nizhnevartovsk supports the Sovetskoye oilfield and may support new oil exploration along the Yakh River.

**Surgut** (61° 14' N, 73° 20' E) Population: est. 188,000 (1984). Surgut is the key housing, industrial, and supply center of the middle-Ob' oil region; it has large mechanized port facilities, an all-weather airport, and rail facilities.

**Uray** (60° 05' N, 64° 48' E) Population: est. 20,000. Uray, which supports an oil exploitation area west of the Ob', is served by rivercraft and an all-weather airport; a dirt road connects to a railhead at Mezhdurechenskiy.

**Urengoy** (65° 58' N, 78° 25' E) Population: est. 9,000. Development of Urengoy gasfields stimulated construction of port facilities and storage areas. These facilities are expanding along the left bank to the site of the railroad and protected city of Ikhly.

surpassed Romashkino to become the Soviet's premier oilfield and was singularly responsible for the rapid growth in Soviet oil output during that decade. By 1980 Samotlor was yielding about 25 percent of total Soviet oil production and accounted for about 50 percent of West Siberian oil output. Production at Fedorovo, West Siberia's second-largest oilfield, started in 1973 and began to grow rapidly following the intensification of drilling in the late 1970s as output from Samotlor was beginning to level off. In 1982 Fedorovo accounted for approximately 6 percent of Soviet national output.

Explored natural gas deposits in West Siberia are concentrated in the Arctic regions of the Tyumen' Oblast. Production from Medvezh'ye, which began in 1972, and from Urengoy, which began in 1978, is to be followed by Yamburg and ultimately extend to other supergiants Zapolyarnoye, Kharasavey, and Bovanenko.

**Permafrost**

North of 64 degrees N latitude, West Siberian oil and gas exploration and extraction are affected by frozen ground or permafrost—a phenomenon that occurs where mean annual temperatures are below freezing. Permafrost complicates all oil and gas activity and seismic exploration; special drilling muds and concretes are necessary to avoid alternate freezing and thawing problems, and well casing has to be carefully insulated to prevent collapse. Maintenance of facilities is often more expensive than their initial construction since seasonal freezing and thawing cause the ground to heave, cracking foundations and collapsing structures.

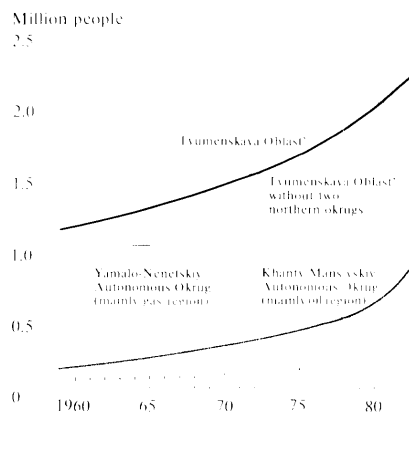
In the northernmost areas, permafrost is generally continuous and lies within 1 or 2 meters of the surface, creating surface drainage problems. Only a shallow layer of soil thaws each summer. Southward, the surface layer that freezes and thaws seasonally becomes deeper and the underlying permafrost becomes discontinuous. At its southernmost limits, permafrost is reduced to sporadic patches, as in the Surgut and Nizhnevartovsk areas.

**Population and Settlement**

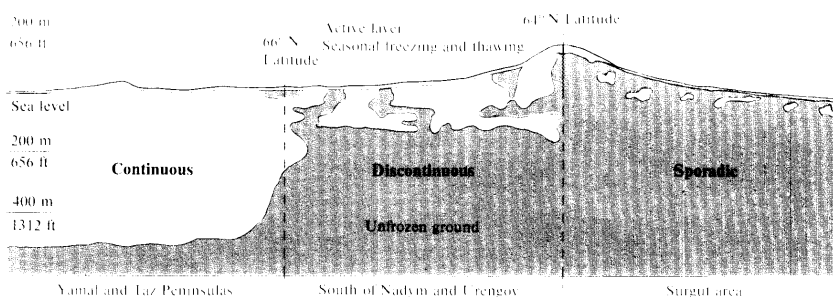
Population growth—particularly urban—has been dramatic during the two decades since oil and gas exploitation began in West Siberia. In the two administrative subunits of Tyumen' Oblast where energy development is now concentrated, the population increased from 186,000 in 1959 to 1.2 million in 1983, or from one-tenth to one-fourth of West Siberia's total. Whereas urban residents comprised less than half of the population in 1959, in 1984 four-fifths of the total lived in 44 urban settlements. Of the 44 urban places, 38 were founded after 1960 and 26 of these are oil and gas related; the largest are Surgut and Nizhnevartovsk.

The rapid and large population influx into West Siberia has required the construction of a network of settlements—with attendant housing, stores, schools, clinics, utilities, and related industrial installations. Lack of comfortable housing and amenities is the primary reason that four-fifths of the 500,000 migrants who arrive yearly soon leave the region.

**Population Trends in Tyumenskaya Oblast'**



**Variations of Permafrost**





### Administration of West Siberian Development

The buildup of the region has involved the efforts of 26 ministries and state agencies pursuing their own plans. Concerned about the poorly coordinated management of the region, Moscow in 1981 established the unique, interdepartmental Territorial Commission for the Development of the West Siberian Oil and Gas Complex. Headquartered in Tyumen', this group includes 31 major directors and heads of organizations responsible for development in West Siberia. Representatives from the State Planning Committee (Gosplan) and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR also participate. The commission has no authority of its own and must submit its proposals and recommendations for regional development directly to Gosplan.

### Transportation Systems

The construction and maintenance of a reliable transportation network are essential in developing West Siberian resources, which are located thousands of kilometers from material suppliers and markets. Nearly all construction material,

equipment, and consumer goods are imported into the West Siberian oil and gas region, and transport systems are severely strained.

The Trans-Siberian Railroad crosses the West Siberian plain a few hundred kilometers south of the oil and gas region. In addition, only one trunk railroad extends into the main oil and gas region—a single-track, diesel-traction line from the Urals, via Tyumen', to Surgut, Nizhnevartovsk, and, in 1983, northward to Novyy Urengoy. The oilfields west of the Ob' are served by a rail line from the Urals. Another line brings freight to Sergino for transfer to ships and barges on the Ob' or, in winter, to trucks for long hauls via winter roads to the northern gasfields. A rail line to Labytnangi on the Ob' also brings freight to be transferred to the river fleet. A temporary gasfield rail line shuttling freight from the river port at Staryy Nadym to the Medvezh'ye and Urengoy gasfields is now being converted to a regular railroad extending the line that reached Novyy Urengoy in 1983.

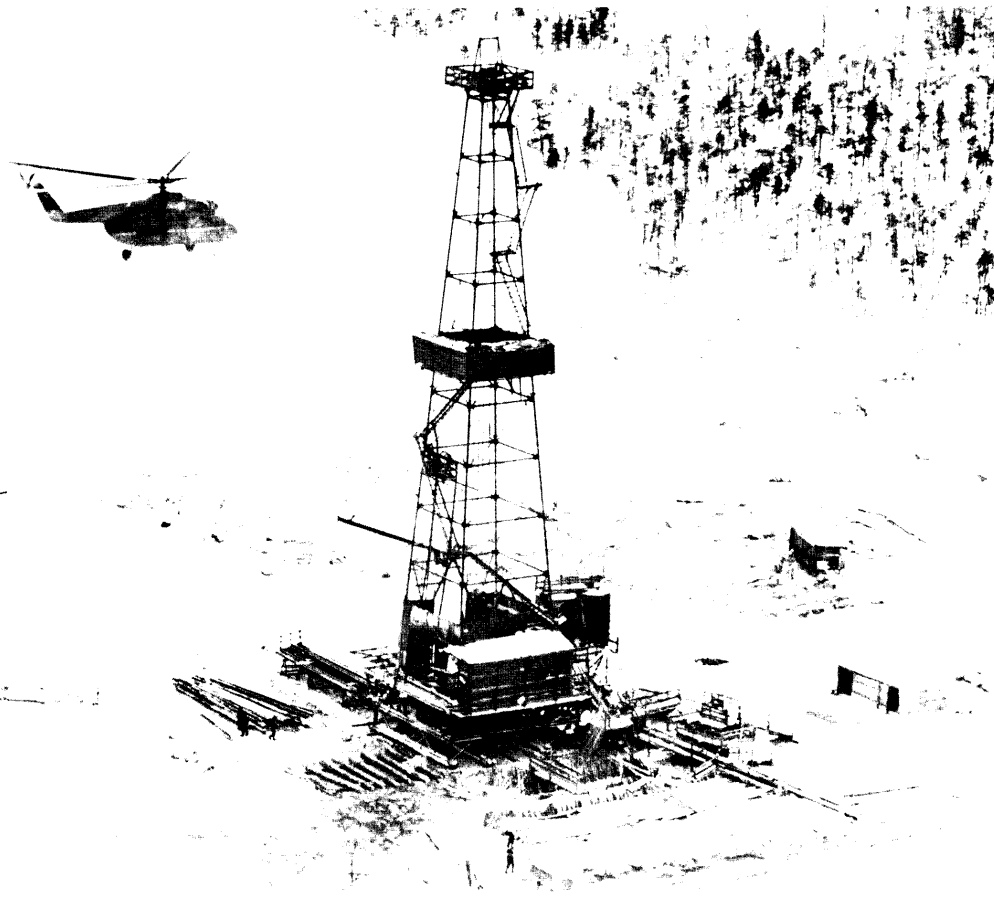
After 20 years of building, the region's road network is still poorly developed, and the demand for roads grows faster than they are built. The situation is similar to the one faced by the United States in exploiting Alaska's energy

resources. There are few all-weather (paved or gravel) roads, and most others are often impassable between May and September. In winter, however, cross-country travel is accomplished on ice roads built by spreading water over the ground or on snow roads built by compacting snow.

Without passable roads through the swamps, many supply and construction activities must wait until winter. Winter roads are vital to early exploitation of new fields and for pipeline construction and maintenance. An impressive example that serves both these purposes is a 700-kilometer winter road linking the Sergino rail terminus to Novyy Urengoy.

Despite the short navigation season caused by long and severe winters, waterways play a key role as links between railroads and the roads serving the fields. Most river freight to the oil and gas region is routed downstream (north) from rail/river junctions at Omsk, Novosibirsk, Tobol'sk, and Tyumen' to the sub-Arctic ports such as Surgut and Nizhnevartovsk on the middle Ob'.

The navigation season ranges from five months (late May to late October) at Surgut to less than

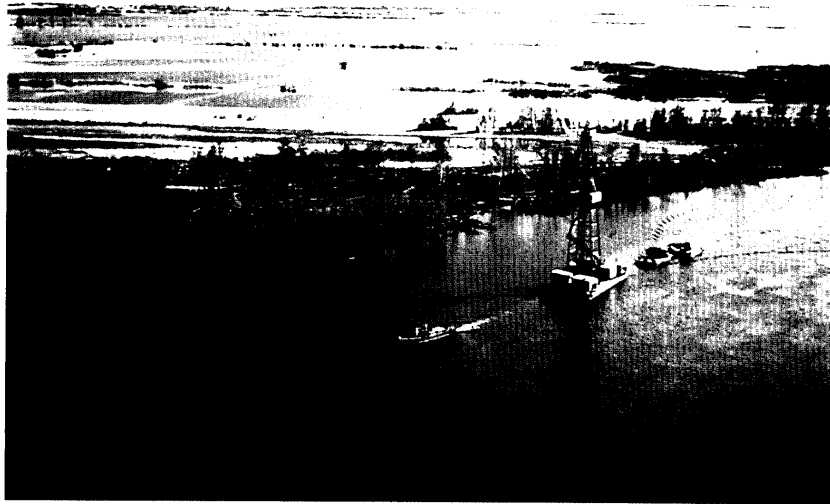


*Air transport, particularly by helicopters, is commonly used to augment road, rail, and water transport in West Siberia.*

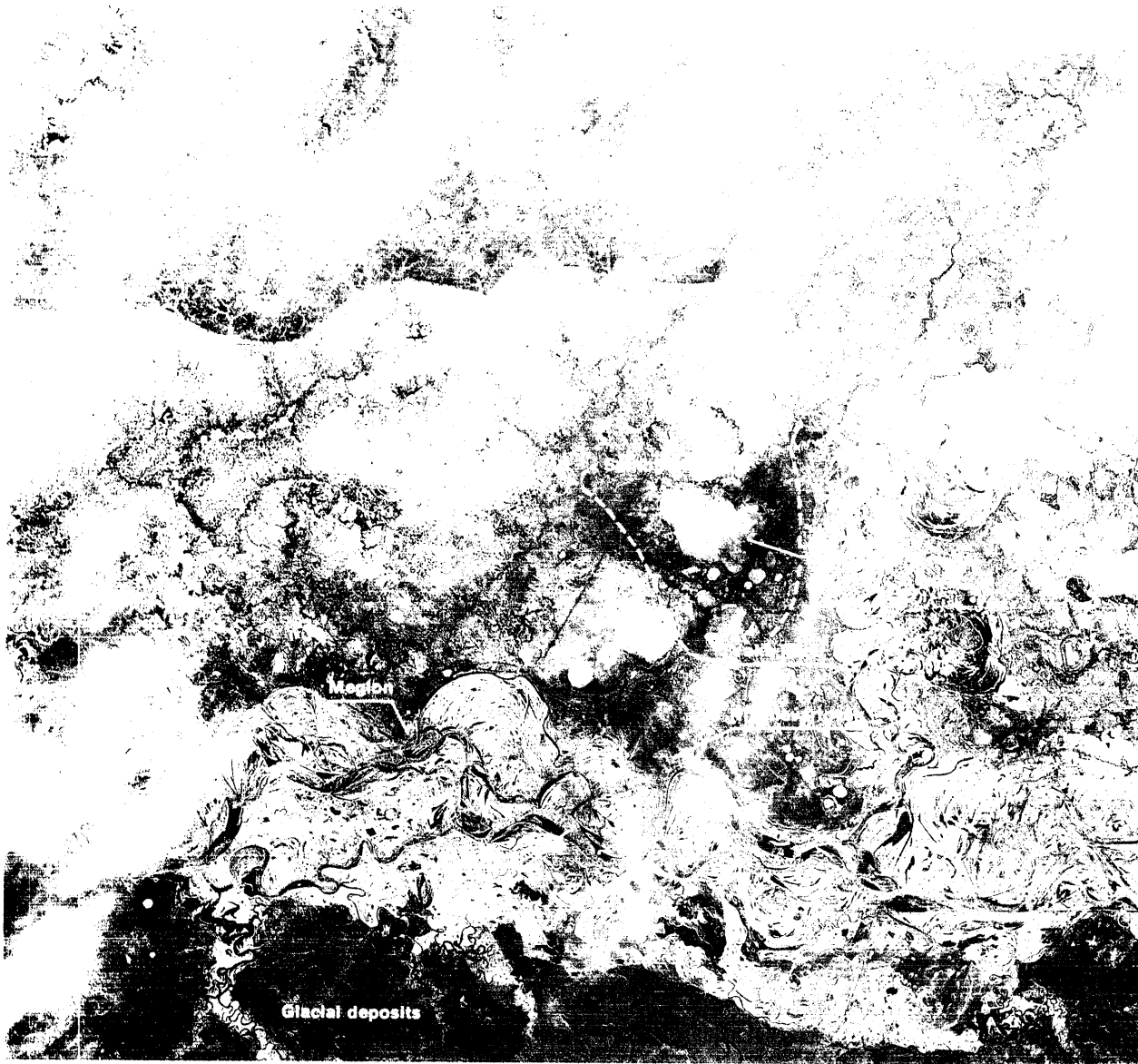
one month at the extreme northern port of Nyda. During this season, much of the freight is transferred to small ships and barges for transport up small rivers, such as the Agan in the middle Ob' region and the Nadym and Pur farther north.

While air transport provides only a small percentage of the cargo moved into the region, it is particularly important because it can be used when other modes of transportation are unavailable. Year-round air links have been established between major Soviet cities, such as Moscow and Chelyabinsk, and the larger cities of the region—Surgut, Nefteyugansk, Nizhnevartovsk, Strezhevoy, Novyy Urengoy, and Nadym.

Helicopter pads are located at almost every settlement and drilling area. Helicopters are used in laying pipe, building compressor stations, hauling supplies, delivering field crews, and constructing powerlines.



*During summer, river barges are frequently used to transport rigs to new drilling sites.*



*Samotlor oilfield and nearby Ob' River as seen from Landsat.*

## Other Major Oil and Gas Regions

### Volga-Urals

The Volga-Urals oil-producing region covers about 500,000 square kilometers between the Volga River and the Ural Mountains. It produces 25 percent of the USSR's oil—second only to West Siberia. The region includes the Tatar, Bashkir, and Udmurt Republics and the Kuybyshev and Perm' Oblasts. Other oblasts usually associated with the region are Orenburg, Saratov, and Volgograd.

Production in the "second Baku" began in the 1930s, but growth in oil output did not start to accelerate until the 1950s, when the supergiant Romashkino and Arlan fields and several other major deposits were developed. The Volga-Urals was the leading oil-producing region from the 1950s until it was surpassed by West Siberia in 1978.

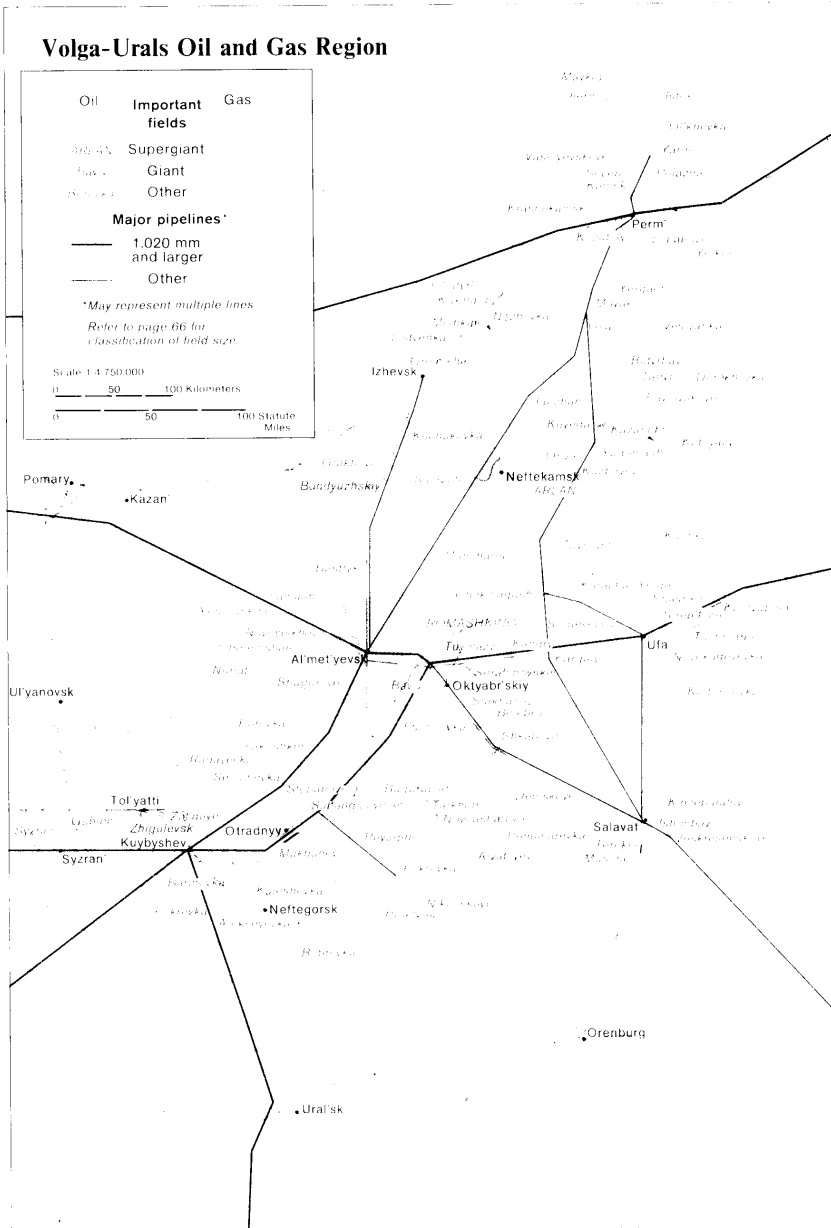
Output from all major producing areas of the Volga-Urals has been declining since it peaked at 4.5 million b/d in 1975. Many fields have been producing for 20 to 30 years and their easily obtainable reserves are nearly depleted. Production wells are lifting increasing amounts of water with the remaining oil. Even with deeper drilling efforts and expanded use of secondary and enhanced oil recovery techniques, the region's share of national output has been steadily declining. It is doubtful that production from newer fields in the Udmurt ASSR and elsewhere in the region will be sufficient to slow the overall decline of the Volga-Urals.

Significant gas production in the Volga-Urals began with the development of the giant Orenburg field, southwest of the Ural Mountains, in the late 1960s. Most of Orenburg's gas has been exported since the CEMA nations completed the Orenburg or Soyuz pipeline to Eastern Europe in 1978. An additional large gas deposit is being developed at Karachaganak, south of Orenburg in Kazakhstan.

### Timan-Pechora (Komi ASSR)

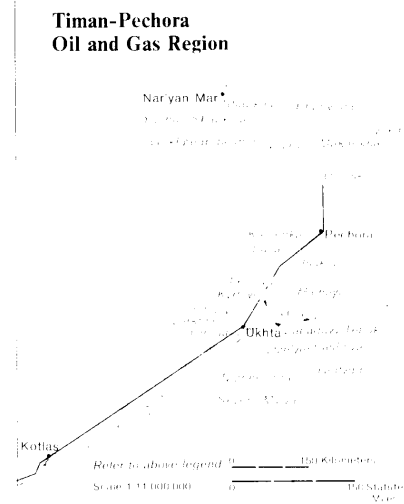
The Timan-Pechora basin is a sedimentary basin of 350,000 square kilometers in the northeastern part of the European USSR. It is part of two administrative subdivisions: the Komi ASSR and the Nenets Autonomous Okrug. Development of the petroleum basin occurred in two phases. The first phase was from the early 1930s to the 1950s when the area south of the Pechora and Usa Rivers was explored and small oil and gas fields were put into production. The second phase began in the early 1960s with the exploration of Arctic areas nearer the Barents Sea. Two fields—Usinsk which was discovered in 1963, and Vozey, in 1972—accounted for more than 60 percent of Komi oil production in 1982.

Komi ASSR, one of the two oil regions outside West Siberia, has shown no significant growth in oil production since 1979. Although the region appears to have substantial oil resources,



development has been slowed by the extreme Arctic environment and by the heavy and paraffinic oils that are characteristic of the region. Nevertheless, the Soviets hope to increase oil output from the region again.

Komi ASSR gas production was insignificant until the giant Vuktyl gas deposit was developed in the late 1960s. While there are more than 30 gasfields in Komi ASSR, none of the others approaches the size of Vuktyl, which in 1982 accounted for nearly all of Komi ASSR's approximately 18-billion-cubic-meter production. Vuktyl gas production was responsible for the construction of the Northern Lights pipeline from Komi ASSR to Eastern Europe.



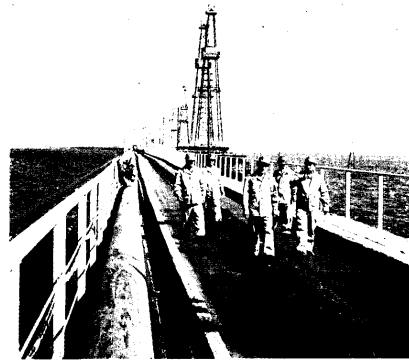
**North Caucasus-North Caspian**

The North Caucasus-North Caspian oil and gas region follows a productive geologic trend more than 1,500 km from the Ukraine eastward across the Caspian Sea into Kazakhstan.

The North Caucasus region, situated west of the Caspian Sea, has been a petroleum producer for more than 60 years. In the late 1950s, as output from early producing wells began to decline, many deeper wells were drilled to increase production. Output in the North Caucasus peaked at about 740,000 b/d in 1971 and then declined to 400,000 b/d in 1980 as production fell rapidly in the most productive area, the Chechen-Ingush ASSR. Oil production in the region's other areas—Stavropol' Kray, Krasnodar Kray, and the Dagestan ASSR—is also declining.

East of the Caspian, Kazakhstan's oil development is primarily located in three areas: the Mangystlak Peninsula, dominated by the giant Uzen' field; the Buzachi Peninsula, with several deposits of heavy oil; and the Emba region, the source of early Kazakhstan production.

Natural gas production in the North Caucasus-North Caspian has been declining since the late 1960s. A recently discovered field north of Astrakhan' on the lower Volga, however, may prove to be as large as the giant Orenburg field. Astrakhan' gas is high in sulfur and carbon dioxide (sour gas), and the USSR is acquiring Western technology and corrosion-resistant equipment to develop the field and remove the impurities from the gas.



Caspian Sea oil workers.

**Transcaucasus-Central Asia**

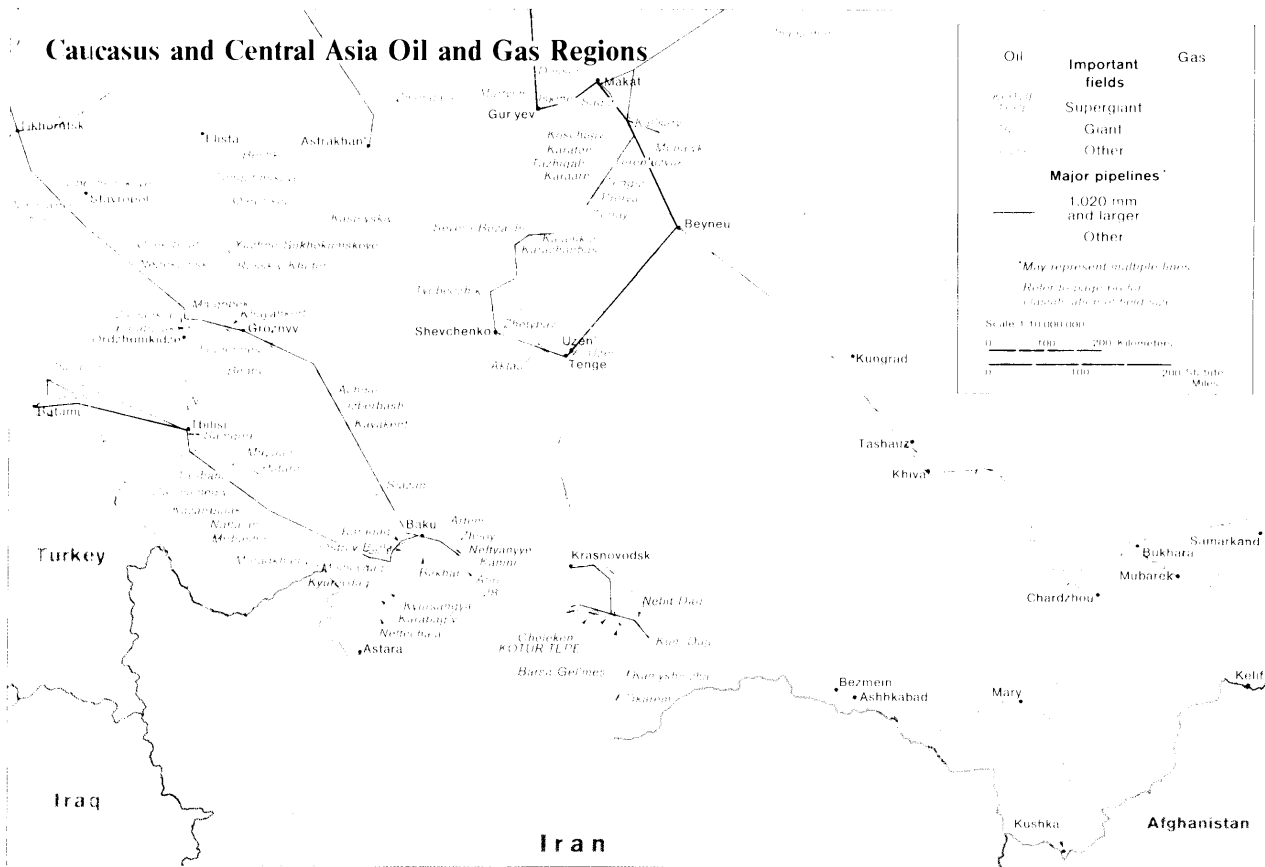
The Transcaucasus-Central Asia oil and gas regions extend from the Georgian and Azerbaijan SSRs in the Caucasus Mountains under the southern Caspian Sea across Central Asia's Turkmen and Uzbek SSRs.

Oilfields near Baku, in Azerbaijan, began producing in the 19th century. They accounted for half of the world's oil production in 1900 and more than 70 percent of Soviet oil output in 1941. Azerbaijan's oil industry declined during World War II and, although it never regained prewar production levels, again rose until 1966, accounting for 8 percent of total Soviet production. Postwar growth was spurred mainly by

offshore wells in the Caspian Sea, which now account for more than 70 percent of Azerbaijan's output. Transcaucasus oil development extends from Baku westward into the Georgian SSR, where oil production, though relatively small, is rising. Georgia's output—about 60,000 b/d in 1980—is primarily from the Sangori field near Tbilisi.

Central Asia played a crucial role in Soviet natural gas production during the late 1960s and early 1970s by offsetting declining growth in the European USSR during West Siberia's early development. From 1973, when output surpassed that of the Ukraine, to 1979, when output was in turn surpassed by that of West Siberia, Central Asia was the leading gas-producing region in the USSR. During this period it accounted for more than 30 percent of total USSR production. Turkmenistan has recently replaced Uzbekistan as the major gas-producing area in Central Asia. Despite outputs from West Siberia's supergiant gasfields, surplus gas from both sparsely populated Central Asian republics continues to be integrated into the vast Soviet domestic and export pipeline network.

Future petroleum growth in the Transcaucasus and Central Asia regions will probably come from deeper drilling in the Caspian Sea rather than from the current oil and gas exploration efforts in western Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan. Any new discoveries would require nearly a decade before they would make a significant contribution to Soviet oil production.



## Production and Consumption

### Oil

For 30 years after World War II, oil production in the Soviet Union grew at enviable rates. During the mid-1970s the USSR became the world's leading oil producer. In 1983 the Soviet oil industry reported an average daily production rate of 12.33 million barrels of crude oil and gas condensate, about 20 percent more than the United States.

The rapid growth in production was largely the result of the discovery and exploration of a series of large, giant, and supergiant fields. In the 1950s and 1960s, the Soviets developed the Volga-Urals and the massive fields of Romashkino and Arlan. By the 1970s, just as production growth from the western USSR was beginning to taper off, the Soviets received a boost in production from the mammoth fields of the West Siberian basin—Samotlor, Fedorovo, and Mamontovo.

Soviet oil growth has begun to slow. The Soviets failed to make either the original or revised production targets for 1980 and have not equaled or exceeded an original annual target since the early 1970s. Plans have been revised downward to the point where the 1985 plan goal of 12.6 million b/d is no higher than the original target later revised downward for 1980. The present 1985 goal, already lowered from the upper limit of 12.9 million b/d, a provisional output goal, represents planned growth of less than 1 percent per year.

These small increases have been possible only because the Soviets have been able to keep West Siberian production growing—from 6.2 million b/d in 1980 to an estimated 7.4 million b/d in 1983. West Siberia's share of national output is now 60 percent. Outside West Siberia, only two lesser oil-producing regions of the USSR are currently able to raise output—the Komi ASSR, in the north European USSR, and Kazakhstan, on the eastern shore of the Caspian Sea. These three growth areas, together with the declining Volga-Urals region, produce more than 90 percent of Soviet oil and will largely determine Soviet output in the 1980s.

Oil production in all other major Soviet producing regions has leveled off or is declining. Volga-Urals production has declined by 1.2 million b/d or 25 percent since its peak in 1975. The drop was largely the result of a decline at the supergiant Romashkino oilfield, the leading producer in the region and the second-largest field in the USSR.

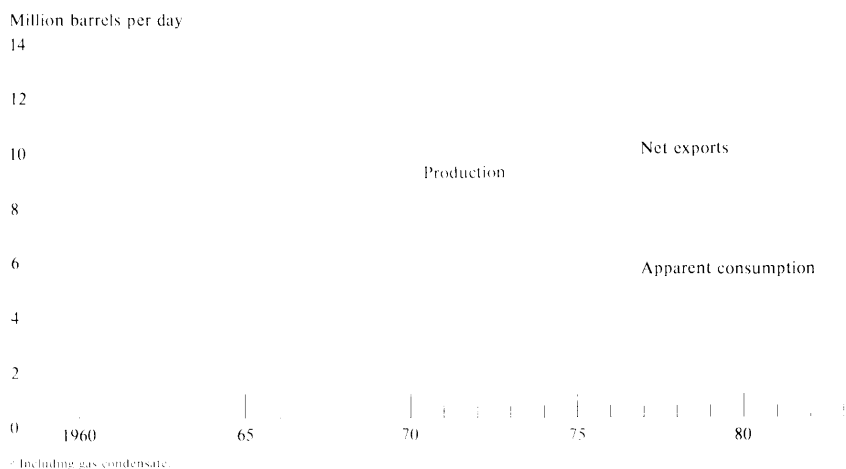
The USSR's first-place position in world oil production is primarily the result of its abundant resource base, massive investment, and sheer persistence rather than of any unique technical and managerial effort on the part of its oil industry. Although accorded high-priority status in the civilian economy, the oil industry is troubled by many of the same problems that afflict other Soviet industries—equipment shortages, technology shortcomings, and lagging productivity and efficiency. Moscow has been at-

tempting to rectify this with substantial foreign equipment purchases and domestic technology enhancements.

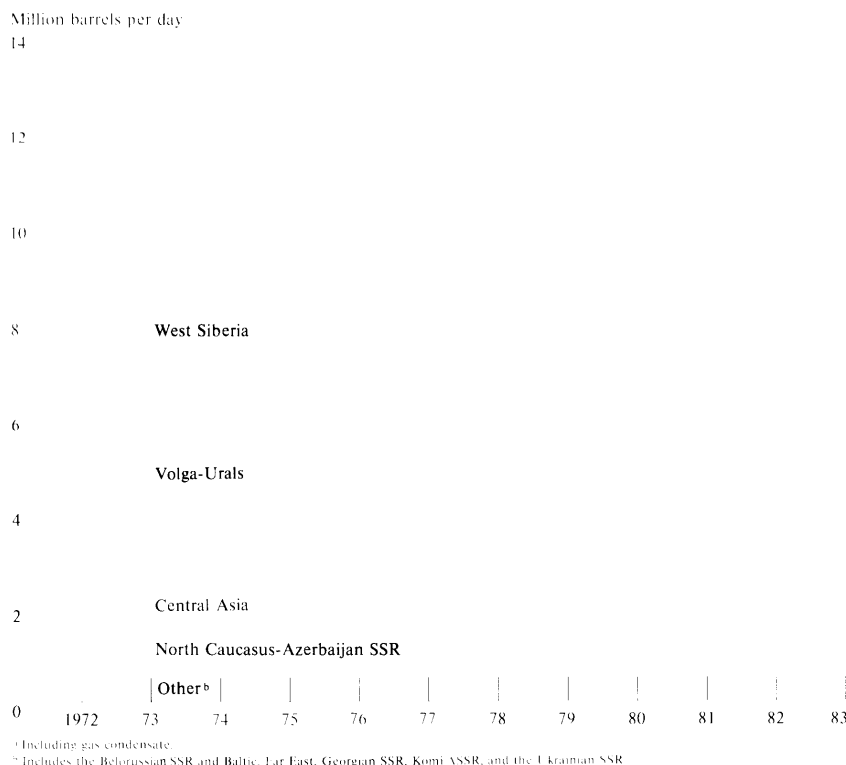
Some 70 percent of oil consumption in the Soviet Union takes place in three sectors of the economy: electric power, transportation, and industry. Although Soviet oil consumption during the last 25 years has consistently grown faster than total energy consumption, in recent years the rates of both have been declining as

overall economic growth has decreased. In the first half of the 1970s, oil consumption grew about 7 percent annually (compared with 4.7 percent for total energy), but during the period 1976-80 growth in oil use fell to 4 percent per year (versus 3.5 percent for total energy). Soviet efforts over the last five to 10 years to slow the growth of domestic oil consumption, except in the industrial sector, have been minimal. Domestic oil consumption in 1983 is estimated at 9.0 million b/d.

### USSR: Oil Production\* and Apparent Consumption



### USSR: Oil Production by Region\*



**Natural Gas**

Natural gas, rather than oil, has paced the growth in Soviet energy production in recent years. Not only is Moscow turning to gas to satisfy a large part of its increasing internal demand for energy in the 1980s, it is also relying on gas as an important source of hard currency revenue.

In 1983 the USSR surpassed the United States as the world's largest producer of natural gas. Soviet gas output of 536 billion cubic meters in 1983 compared with 450 billion cubic meters for the United States. Even if the Soviets fall short of their 630-billion-cubic-meter gas production goal for 1985, they are expected to remain in first place.

The European USSR—primarily the North Caucasus and the Ukraine—supplied 85 percent of natural gas produced in 1965. Following the discovery of the Orenburg field in the late 1960s, the Volga-Urals and Central Asia fields paced Soviet production growth during the 1970s. By 1983 West Siberia was providing nearly all of the gas industry's growth and accounted for one-half of the nation's gas production.

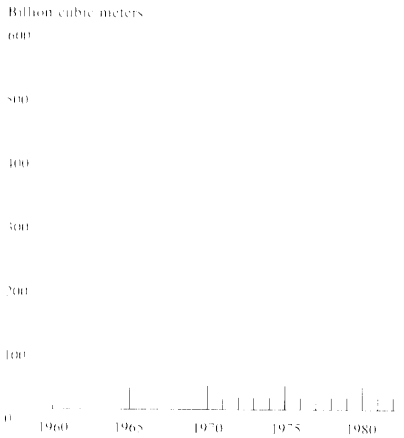
The first gasfields to be developed in West Siberia were located along the lower Ob' River, near Berezhovo, where production began in 1966. The center of the West Siberian deposits, however, is located much farther to the north and east near the Arctic Circle. Of the six large fields there—Medvezh'ye, Urengoy, Yamburg, Zapolyarnoye, Kharasavey, and Bovanenko—only Medvezh'ye and Urengoy have been developed. The opening of Medvezh'ye in 1972 marked the beginning of West Siberia's rapid growth in gas production, and by 1978 it supplied about three-fourths of the region's total output.

West Siberia's Urengoy gasfield, brought into production in 1978 along with the smaller Vyn-gapur field, is currently being intensively developed and will account for virtually all the growth in Soviet gas production during the next several years. In 1982 Urengoy's production of 117 billion cubic meters was less than one-half the field's planned annual production for the mid-1980s. The supergiant Urengoy field, with reserves of 7.8 trillion cubic meters, is the largest gasfield in the world. Additionally, the Soviets are making preparations to start developing the adjacent Yamburg gasfield to the north in the late 1980s.

Since natural gas production increments in West Siberia exceed declines in the older regions, the total USSR output continues to increase. Furthermore, West Siberia has become a principal supplier of natural gas to Europe through several long pipeline systems that extend as far as France.

Currently, natural gas provides four-fifths as much domestic energy as oil, compared with only 63 percent in 1970. Gas output has grown an average of 8 percent per year since 1970. The Soviets plan to raise the share of natural gas in total primary energy production from 26 percent in 1980 to 32 percent in 1985.

**USSR: Natural Gas Production**



**Gas Condensate**

Gas condensate, also called natural gas liquids, is a hydrocarbon occurring either in natural gas or oil reservoirs. Condensate is normally in the vapor phase at reservoir temperatures and pressures, but condenses either at lower reservoir pressures or at the surface during extraction. Condensate can be processed to yield fractions usable as petrochemical feedstock, motor gasoline, "bottled gas," and raw materials for other industrial uses.

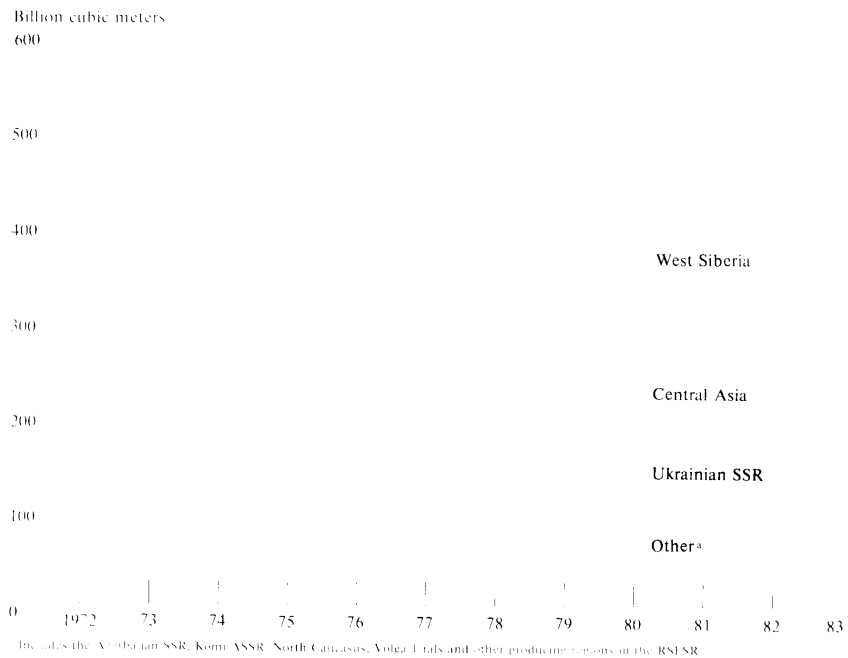
Significant production of condensate was not achieved until the early 1970s, when the Soviets

first began to add condensate totals to their crude oil production output. By 1975 production had risen to 250,000 b/d with some 155,000 b/d coming from two condensate fields—Vuktyl in Komi ASSR and Orenburg in the southern Urals. Since that time national and regional condensate production figures have not been published by the Soviets. But 1983 output is estimated at 600,000 b/d out of 12.33 million b/d of combined crude oil and gas condensate.

Growth has been steady, but the Soviets have encountered numerous problems in expanding condensate output. Condensate development has long taken a backseat in investment allocations, with the oil and gas ministries preferring to concentrate instead on easier and more rewarding oil and natural gas production. Consequently, a large percentage of both oil-associated condensate and condensate available from gas production has been lost because of inadequate processing capacity and inefficient field recovery techniques. Until very recently the Soviets have lagged badly in developing their gas-processing facilities and increasing their condensate recovery totals.

The USSR is now attempting to upgrade the capabilities of its condensate industry and has set ambitious production goals for the 1980s. Substantial production increases from West Siberia, Central Asia, western Kazakhstan, and possibly Komi ASSR can be expected. The Soviets hope to recover about 100,000 b/d from the Urengoy field alone by 1985 and to transport it by a major condensate pipeline to Surgut which, according to some reports, will extend westward to the Volga-Urals. Two other major gas condensate fields, Astrakhan' on the Volga River and Karachaganak in northwestern Kazakhstan, are slated to provide together some 80,000 to 100,000 b/d of condensate by 1985.

**USSR: Natural Gas Production by Region**



## Exploration

Exploration and discovery of new hydrocarbon reserves—oil, gas, and gas condensate—are a slow but critical process that will largely determine the Soviets' ability to meet future oil and gas production goals. Soviet energy planners are actively developing a wide range of plans to locate and evaluate both onshore and offshore petroleum reserves. In addition, they are upgrading their exploration capabilities through purchases of equipment from the West, reproduction of Western designs, and strengthening domestic manufacturing capability.

Historically, Soviet exploration philosophy has been to concentrate on one hydrocarbon-bearing province at a time. The bulk of Soviet exploration is currently being conducted in West Siberia in the vicinity of the oil-producing areas of the middle Ob' and the large gasfields in northern Tyumen' Oblast. Exploration there will, by necessity, be moving farther from the developed infrastructure into the more remote regions of the Tyumen' and Tomsk Oblasts.

At the same time, the Soviets have begun limited surveys of the country's remaining 20 unexplored basins for a successor to West Siberia—the third "Baku." Onshore, East Siberia and western Kazakhstan are scheduled for comprehensive regional investigation. Offshore, exploratory drilling has been under way since 1977 in waters near Sakhalin in a cooperative venture with a Japanese consortium. Soviet exploration in the Barents Sea is beginning despite the lack of engineering and technical experience in the Arctic offshore environment. Limited exploration has also started in the Baltic and Black Seas and the Sea of Azov.

Almost all of these basins, both onshore and offshore, are located away from economic and population centers. Some Soviet oil experts have been suggesting that, instead of exploring these remote areas, the search for new oil should be concentrated in the deeper zones of the older Volga-Urals, the North Caspian basin, and the developed areas of the West Siberian basin. Any major program to explore these deeper and more difficult targets would require a significant upgrading of Soviet drilling equipment and technology.

Exploration planning for new hydrocarbon reserves in the Soviet Union is the joint responsibility of the Ministry of Geology, the Ministry of the Petroleum Industry, and the Ministry of the Gas Industry. The Ministries of Geology and Petroleum Industry are tasked with onshore oil exploration; the gas ministry is responsible for all gas exploration as well as offshore oil exploration.

Plans for petroleum exploration are drawn up by these ministries with the assistance of the Academy of Sciences. The various plans are submitted to the State Planning Committee (Gosplan) for approval, after which they are announced at the beginning of each five-year plan period. During the current plan (1981-85) Soviet oilmen were expected to discover and delineate oil and gas reserves that will be translated into production during the late 1980s and 1990s.

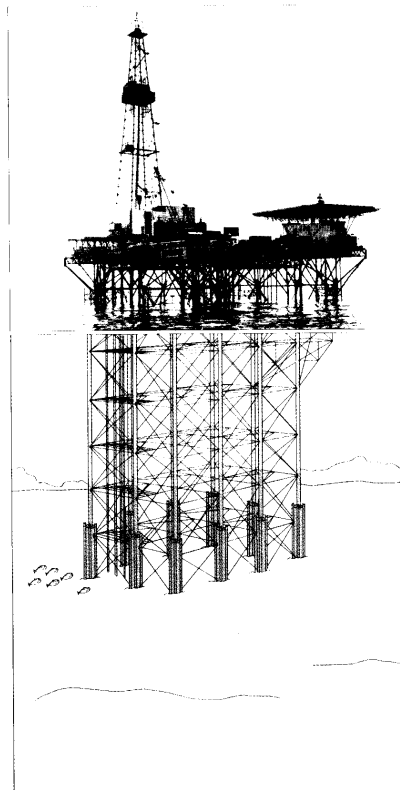
## Technology and Equipment

Soviet geologists, faced with searching millions of square kilometers of unexplored territory, are using every available technique to locate new hydrocarbon reserves and to decrease the time lag between discovery and the onset of production. Foremost among these is the use of space technology to minimize mapping and select areas for detailed exploration. Research for this effort was centralized in 1978 in Aerogeologiya, a geologic institute which applies space photography to terrain analysis to pinpoint promising areas for seismic surveys.

The Soviets employ standard reflection and refraction seismic techniques in exploration but



Exploration for oil and gas in the Soviet Arctic.

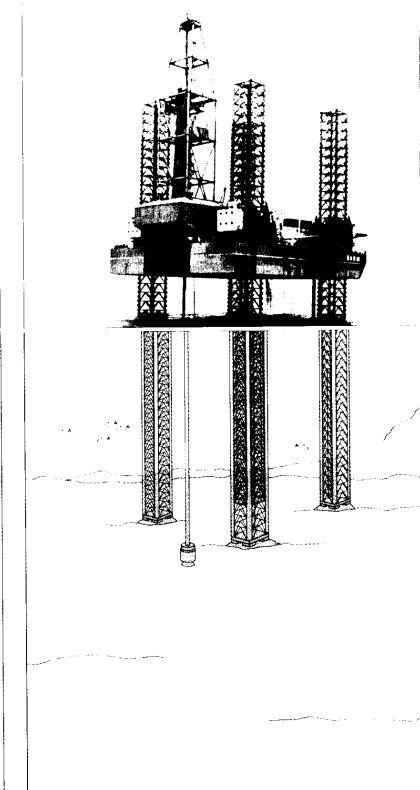
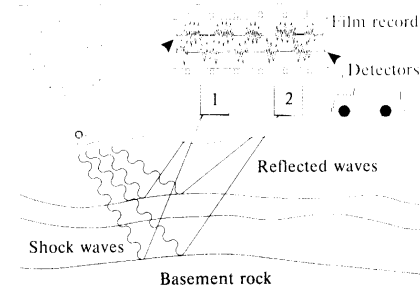


Fixed drilling platform in the "April 28" oil-field, Caspian Sea.

are hampered by technology shortcomings. Refraction studies can locate large amplitude structures—like Romashkino or Samotlor—but lack the higher resolution to identify smaller deposits. Seismic equipment in the USSR is rated to depths of about 3,000 meters, and there is little chance that this equipment will be able to detect deeper deposits or the more subtle stratigraphic traps.

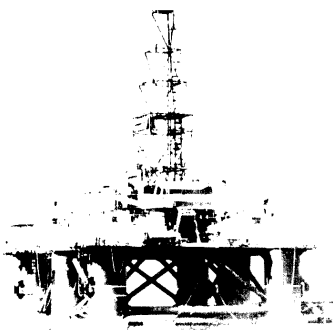
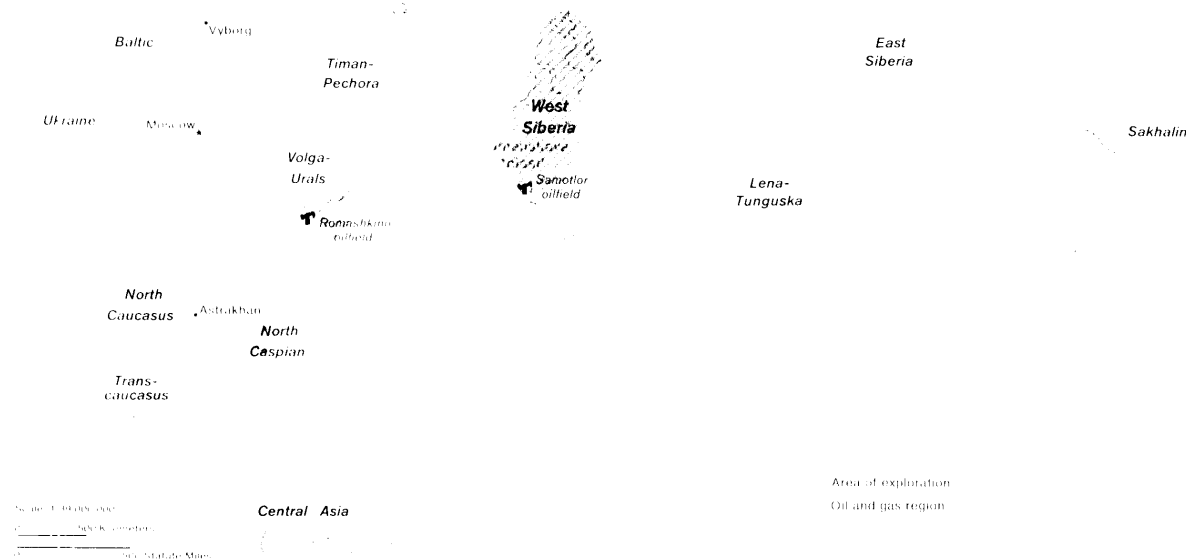
The Soviets made significant strides in offshore exploration technology during the 1970s, but they fell far short of their original goals. They had intended to have 10 mobile jack-up drilling platforms in operation in the Caspian and Black Seas by 1980, but only four were operating in that year. Efforts to obtain Western offshore

## Seismic Exploration

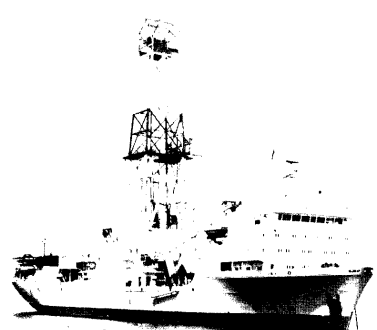


"Baky" mobile jack-up drilling platform in the Caspian Sea.

## Areas of Current Oil and Gas Exploration



"Shelf 2" semisubmersible drilling platform in the Bay of Baku.



The floating drill ship "Mikhail Mirchink" is one of three built by Finland for the Soviets.

equipment and technology were delayed by prolonged discussions and negotiations which postponed actual deliveries.

The USSR plans to concentrate offshore exploratory drilling for the next few years in the Caspian Sea, the Sea of Okhotsk near Sakhalin, and the Barents and Baltic Seas. Fabrication yards at Astrakhan' on the Caspian and Vyborg on the Gulf of Finland are now producing mobile offshore drilling platforms. The first Soviet-built, semisubmersible platform—Shelf 1—began Caspian operations in early 1982. A second semisubmersible platform—Shelf 2—was completed in 1982. As of mid-1984 the USSR had 11 mobile offshore drilling platforms in operation—eight jack-ups and three semisubmersibles. Three semisubmersible and one jack-up drilling rig are being constructed at Astrakhan' and Vyborg. To begin exploration of the Arctic offshore region, the Soviets have bought three drill ships from Finland.



## Drilling

The past three decades have seen a fourfold increase in Soviet oil and gas drilling in terms of meters drilled. In an effort to maximize output between 1965 and 1980, the Soviets emphasized development drilling rather than exploration drilling. Plans now call for even more rapid growth in development drilling and a substantial increase in exploration drilling.

In the USSR, development drilling within oil and gas fields follows specific phases. After a discovery, several confirmation wells are drilled to learn more about the dimensions and geologic parameters of the new field and to obtain early well production data. Based on the results from early production, as well as on information from

exploration wells, a field development plan is designed to establish the optimal initial well spacing for the entire field. Finally as the initial development plan is completed and more details are learned about field characteristics, infill drilling (which creates a denser network of wells) is begun to produce the hydrocarbons that cannot be produced from existing wells or to produce them at a faster rate in the near term.

## Technology and Equipment

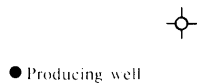
Although Soviet drilling technology lags considerably that of Western countries, most of the drilling equipment, including rigs, pipes, casing, and bits, is produced in the Soviet Union. The Soviets rely on Western imports to fill specific

needs such as additional drill pipe, high-pressure blowout preventers, and offshore drilling and logging equipment.

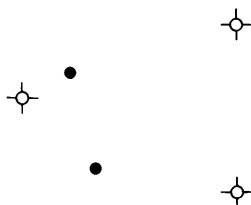
The USSR produced oil and gas drilling rigs of all types at a rate of about 500 per year in the last decade. The average service life of a Soviet rig is about six to 10 years, compared with 15 to 20 years for rigs built in the United States. Until recently, nearly all Soviet rigs were built at two plants—the Barrikady Plant in Volgograd and the Uralmash Plant in Sverdlovsk. Some 75 percent of the production has been at the Uralmash Plant. A new drilling rig plant was built in 1981 in Verkhnyaya Pyshma, north of Sverdlovsk. Productivity has risen during the past decade as improvements have been made in Soviet rig design, but there are chronic com-

### Stages in Field Development

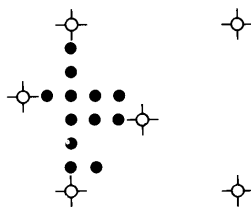
#### Exploration Drilling



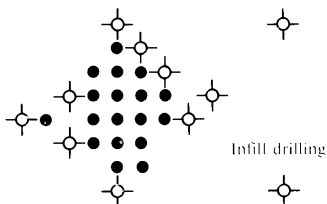
#### Confirmation Drilling



#### Delineation Drilling



#### Development Drilling<sup>a</sup>



### Drilling Methods

#### Turbo

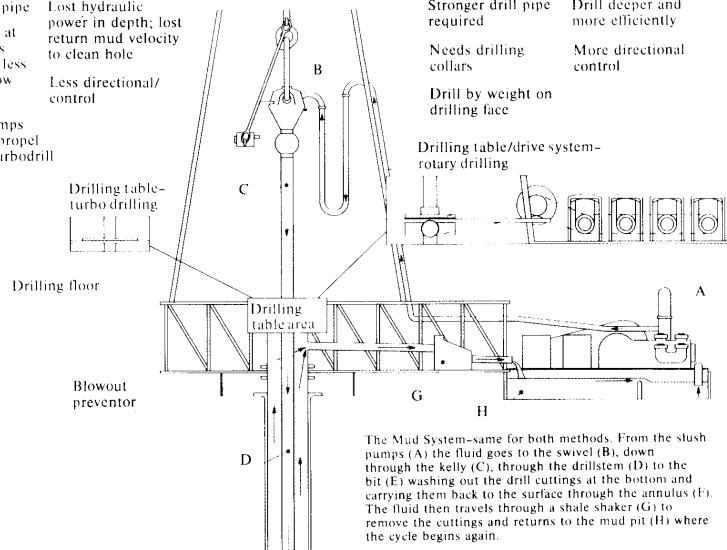
Lighter drill pipe  
Turbo motor at bottom limits drilling rate; less efficient below 3,000 m.  
Stronger pumps required to propel mud, turn turbodrill

Lost hydraulic power in depth; lost return mud velocity to clean hole  
Less directional/control

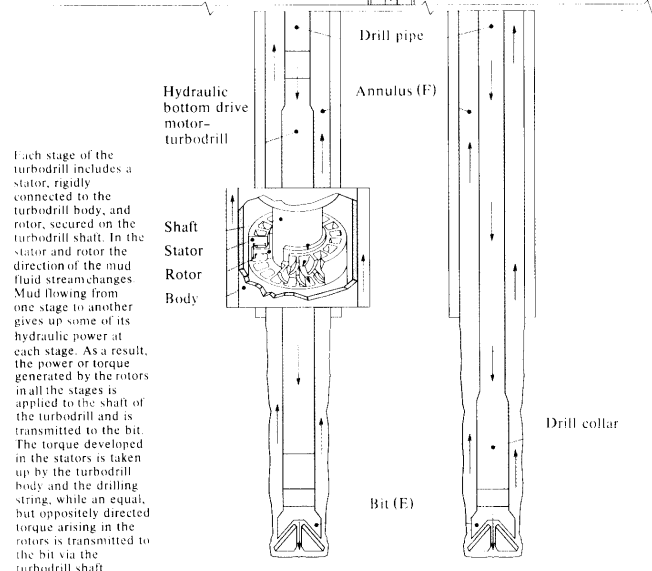
#### Rotary

Stronger drill pipe required  
Needs drilling collars  
Drill by weight on drilling face

Drill deeper and more efficiently  
More directional control



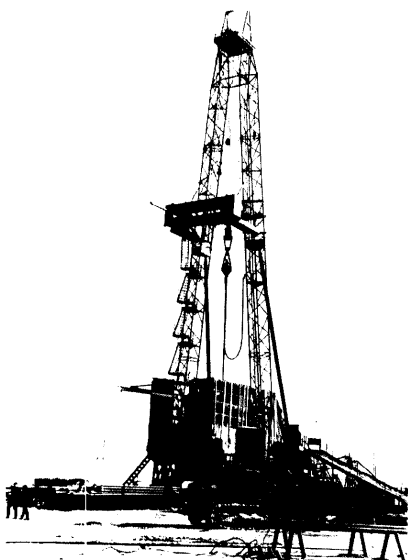
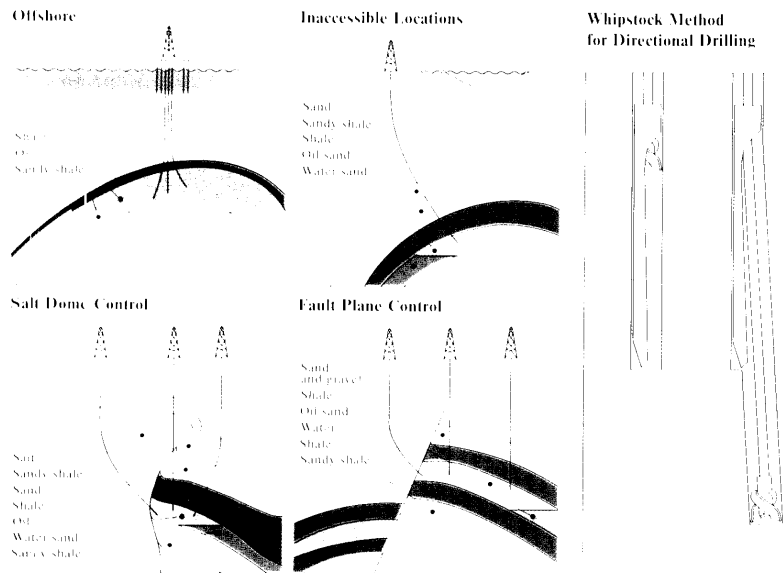
The Mud System—same for both methods. From the slush pumps (A) the fluid goes to the swivel (B), down through the Kelly (C), through the drillstem (D) to the bit (E) washing out the drill cuttings at the bottom and carrying them back to the surface through the annulus (F). The fluid then travels through a shale shaker (G) to remove the cuttings and returns to the mud pit (H) where the cycle begins again.



Each stage of the turbodrill includes a stator, rigidly connected to the turbodrill body, and rotor, secured on the turbodrill shaft. In the stator and rotor the direction of the mud fluid stream changes. Mud flowing from one stage to another gives up some of its hydraulic power at each stage. As a result, the power or torque generated by the rotors in all the stages is applied to the shaft of the turbodrill and is transmitted to the bit. The torque developed in the stators is taken up by the turbodrill body and the drilling string, while an equal, but oppositely directed torque arising in the rotors is transmitted to the bit via the turbodrill shaft.

<sup>a</sup> Based on field development plan

## Directional Drilling



A turbodrilling rig at Zhetybay oilfield, Mangshlak Peninsula, North Caspian.

plants that the mix of rig types is inadequate; especially lacking are portable rigs for use in northern climates.

Turbodrills are used for more than 80 percent of the oil and gas drilling in the Soviet Union. The turbodrill uses a downhole turbine powered by drilling mud that turns only the attached bit and not the entire drill string as does the rotary method used in the West. Turbodrills have been effective in developing the shallow, hard-rock formations in the Volga-Urals basin and for directional drilling from the cluster drilling pads in West Siberia. The original appeal of the turbodrill was that it enabled Soviet drillers to avoid many potential problems associated with

the use of low-quality domestic drill pipe and tool joints that could not withstand the stresses of rotary drilling operations. Turbodrilling eliminates torque on the drill string; consequently, it reduces the amount of time lost as a result of broken drill pipe. In addition, the turbodrill is characterized by a high rate of bit rotation which increases the initial rate of penetration. The higher rate of bit rotation in turbodrilling, however, causes a drastic shortening of bit life (meters drilled per bit), reducing the rate of penetration in deep drilling. Lost productivity caused by frequent bit changes in deep drilling increases dramatically as the drilling depth increases. The USSR now produces about 9,000 turbodrill motors annually.

The quality of Soviet drill pipe is generally adequate for drilling shallow wells (less than 2,000 meters). At greater depths, the poor-quality steel cannot withstand the torque required for rotary drilling and often fails. Even with turbodrilling, pipe inadequacies are often severe. Problems relating to the quantity and quality of drill pipe and casing produced in domestic plants have been cited as factors in the failure to meet recent West Siberian drilling targets. Moscow has been negotiating with Western firms to purchase a turnkey plant to manufacture drill pipe and casing.

The Soviet Union's output of drill bits, including standard, diamond, and experimental hard alloy types, is about 1 million per year. Although the quality and performance of Soviet drill bits improved during the 1970s, they are still much less efficient than those produced in the United States.

In 1978 the Soviets bought a turnkey drill bit plant from the United States for installation at Kuybyshev. The plant, which began operating in January 1982, is capable of producing upward of 100,000 tungsten carbide insert bits per year. At the high rotational speeds of Soviet turbo-

drills, the bits from the new Kuybyshev plant should operate for significantly longer periods than conventional Soviet-made bits, increasing productivity because of reduced downtime for bit replacement.

## Administration and Organization

Three ministries—geology, oil, and gas—are responsible for drilling exploration wells. Of these, the oil and gas ministries are normally responsible for the detailed assessment of field size and potential and the drilling of development wells.

National drilling efforts by the oil and gas ministries are coordinated by Administrations for Drilling Operations. In addition, drillers are supported by research institutes in Moscow, Tyumen', and other cities. The gas ministry controls offshore drilling for both oil and gas.

The basic production unit in the Soviet oil and gas industry is the regional production association, which oversees all aspects of drilling activity including rig assembly and well completions. Drilling is conducted by drilling brigades, usually comprising 24 men, who generally operate in four teams on a single rig in shifts of up to 12 hours' duration around the clock.

## Offshore Drilling

Soviet offshore drilling began nearly four decades ago in the shallow waters of the Caspian Sea. As oil and gas fields were discovered, development wells were drilled from small wooden platforms connected to the shore by trestles to facilitate movement of equipment and supplies to the drilling sites. The Caspian Sea is still the Soviet center for offshore drilling and production technology. Currently, nine of the 11 Soviet-owned and -operated mobile offshore drilling rigs are operating in the area. Offshore oil output in the Caspian is estimated at 200,000 b/d, more than three-fourths of Azerbaijan SSR's production.

By 1985 the USSR plans to boost offshore drilling activity 50 percent above the level attained in 1980. New drill ships and platforms from foreign yards and new construction in Soviet yards are part of a major effort to explore the offshore Arctic and Far East. Much of this increased emphasis on offshore drilling was stimulated by geologists' reports that potential oil-bearing sedimentary rock covers more than two-thirds of the Soviet shelf area. Development of the offshore oil potential will be important to the Soviets if they plan to maintain oil production at high levels in the 1990s. Western equipment and technology will be essential for successful development of offshore areas.

## Recovery

During the past decade the Soviets have found it increasingly difficult to locate new oil reserves, to increase development drilling, and to undertake offshore exploration. As a result, the rapid production growth of the postwar period began to slow in the late 1970s. Essentially, all of the important oil-producing regions in the country are confronted with difficulties: major oilfields have been intensively exploited and have reached peak production or are in decline, new fields are less productive and more difficult to develop, and discovery of new reserves has not kept pace with the growth of oil production.

Although the Soviets produce most of their own petroleum equipment, domestic manufacturers have been unable to meet the accelerating demand of the oil industry for more and better equipment and techniques to improve oil recovery. The lack of sufficient high-quality equipment and technology has hampered efforts in several areas, including drilling in West Siberia, and the enhanced oil recovery program.

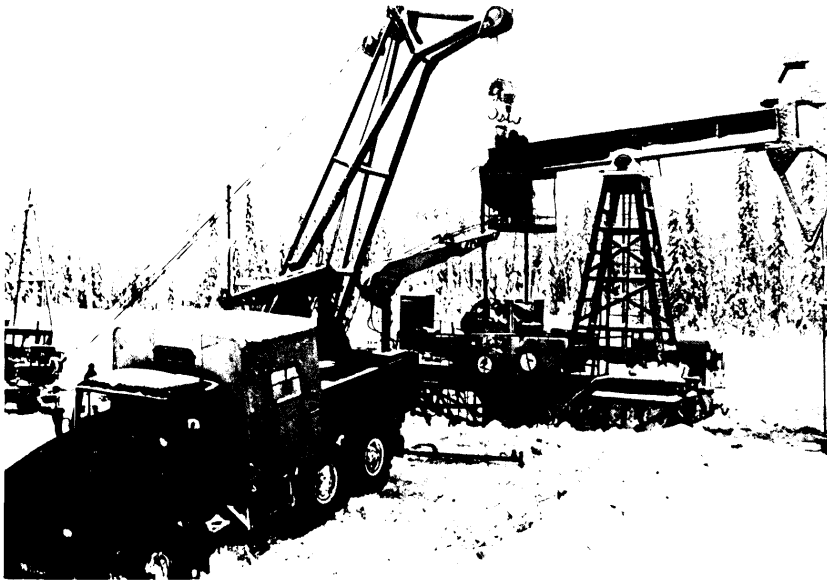
As a result of domestic production inadequacies, the USSR made selective purchases of Western equipment and technology in the 1970s. Among those oil recovery items imported were high-capacity electric submersible pumps; gas-lift equipment, including compressors and treatment units; well completion units; steam generators; and associated insulated tubing.



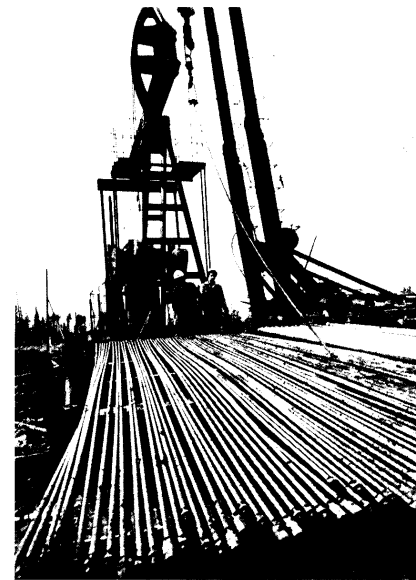
*Various secondary and enhanced recovery techniques are necessary to offset declining production at all major Soviet oilfields.*



*Mechanical pumping units are commonly used to offset low reservoir pressures and lift well fluids.*



Periodic servicing is required to maintain mechanical sucker rod or beam pumping units.



Workmen waiting to lower sucker rods into well.

## Recovery Methods

Primary recovery is the initial production of fluids from the reservoir using natural sources of energy to produce oil and gas. Once this method can no longer cause the oil and gas to flow through the porous rocks into the wells, various secondary methods including waterflooding, mechanical pumps, and gas lift are used to recover additional amounts of oil.

In the Soviet oil industry, waterflooding is applied at a very early stage of a field's producing life to maintain reservoir pressure and to increase oil recovery. As a result, in 1980 the water content amounted to 55 percent of fluids recovered. More than 85 percent of Soviet oil output is recovered by waterflooding. The high percentage of water in the oil has increased the demand for artificial lift equipment—submersible pumps, sucker-rod pumps, and gas-lift units—to maintain or increase oil production.

Pumping units—rod or beam pumps and electric centrifugal pumps—are brought on line as wells stop flowing because of low reservoir pressure or as the amount of water in the produced fluid becomes too high. Rod pumps are used for low-flow-rate wells, while the high-capacity centrifugal pumps are used to lift large volumes of fluid. During the 1970s the USSR purchased more than 1,200 high-capacity, downhole submersible pumps from the United States. In 1983 about 60 percent of all producing wells in the Soviet Union were on rod pumps, and 20 percent were on submersible pumps.

Gas lift—a process of lifting fluids from a well by a downhole injection of gas to lighten the fluid column so that the natural reservoir energy can lift the fluid—is an alternative to high-capacity, submersible pumps, although it costs considerably more to install. Soviet petroleum officials have become more interested in the use of the gas-lift process for lifting fluids in the oilfields because of the high frequency of repairs on downhole pumping equipment. In 1969 US

gas-lift equipment was installed for the first time at the Pravdinsk field in West Siberia. As a follow-on, the Soviets installed gas-lift equipment at the Uzen' oilfield in Kazakhstan and at the supergiant Samotlor and Fedorovo oilfields in West Siberia.

The Soviets are also interested in using hydraulic pumps in their artificial lift program. These pumps are submerged and are driven by high-pressure fluid from equipment at the surface, instead of being powered by electricity as are conventional submersible pumps. Although the Soviet oil industry did not use hydraulic pumps in 1980, plans call for the use of 300 such pumps by 1985.

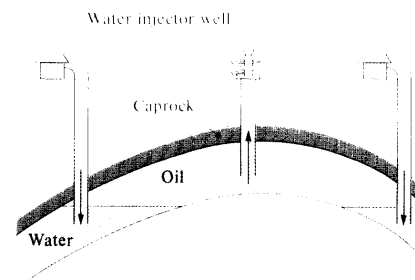
Enhanced oil recovery (EOR) refers to recovery of oil from a petroleum reservoir beyond that economically recoverable by conventional primary and secondary methods. Three general categories of EOR are chemical flooding, carbon dioxide miscible flooding, and thermal methods.

The Soviets have expressed high hopes for EOR techniques to increase oil recovery from older fields and to produce undeveloped fields that contain heavy oil. Although they have experimented with EOR programs in many fields and tested most of the available methods, only about 60,000 b/d can be attributed to enhanced recovery at present. This yield has primarily come from the application of steam or hot water injection and in situ combustion.

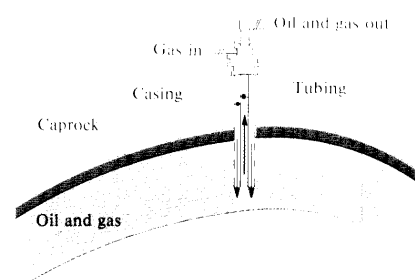
Soviet EOR efforts have been hampered by severe shortages of equipment and chemicals. The Soviets have not as yet been able to build the steam generators needed for thermal recovery or to produce sufficient amounts of surfactants or polymers for chemical and polymer flood programs. Continued efforts are being made to acquire Western technical assistance and equipment to promote EOR.

## Recovery Methods

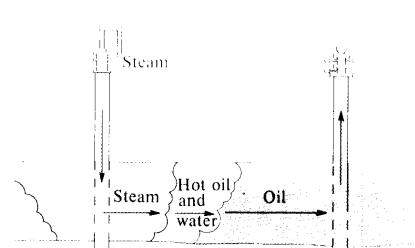
### Waterflooding



### Gas Lift



### Steam Flooding



## Oil Refining and Gas Processing

The rapid growth of oil and gas production in West Siberia during the 1970s has required major increases in Soviet crude-oil-refining and gas-processing capacity. Moscow is constructing new oil refineries and adding crude oil distillation units to existing refineries. A major effort is also under way to speed construction of gas-processing facilities to prepare increasing quantities of gas for domestic use and export. Although Soviet professional journals contain few production statistics, they occasionally have diagrams, flow charts, photo illustrations, and design capacities of crude oil distillation and gas-processing units.

### Oil Refining

In January 1983 there were 53 oil refineries operating in the Soviet Union. Although the Soviets do not publish the total crude oil distillation capacity of these refineries, it is believed to be in the neighborhood of 10.5 million b/d, second only to the approximately 16-million-b/d

capacity of the 220 operating refineries in the United States. Four-fifths of the Soviet refineries are located near population and industrial centers west of the Ural Mountains. Many of these refineries are also located within large petrochemical-refinery complexes and provide feedstocks directly to the chemical processes.

Before the mid-1950s the Soviet petroleum industry consisted of about 30 refineries with small crude oil distillation units of less-than-20,000-b/d capacity. The only secondary processing units of consequence were thermal crackers designed to break down heavy oils. Between the mid-1950s and mid-1960s a concentrated effort was made to upgrade the industry, both in crude oil distillation capacity and in secondary processing. Several standardized crude oil distillation units with capacities of 20,000 to 60,000 b/d were constructed as well as a wide variety of secondary processing units such as catalytic crackers and reformers, delayed cokers, and hydrogen treating and lubricating oil units.

With the development of the Volga-Urals oil resources in the 1950s, the Soviets stopped

concentrating refineries in the crude oil production areas and began locating them near points of regional consumption, such as Omsk, Kirishi, Kremenchug, and Angarsk. The refineries receive more than 90 percent of their crude oil from pipelines; most of the remaining is delivered by rail. Conversely, only about 10 percent of the refined products are transported by pipelines; about 90 percent are delivered by rail, water, and tank truck.

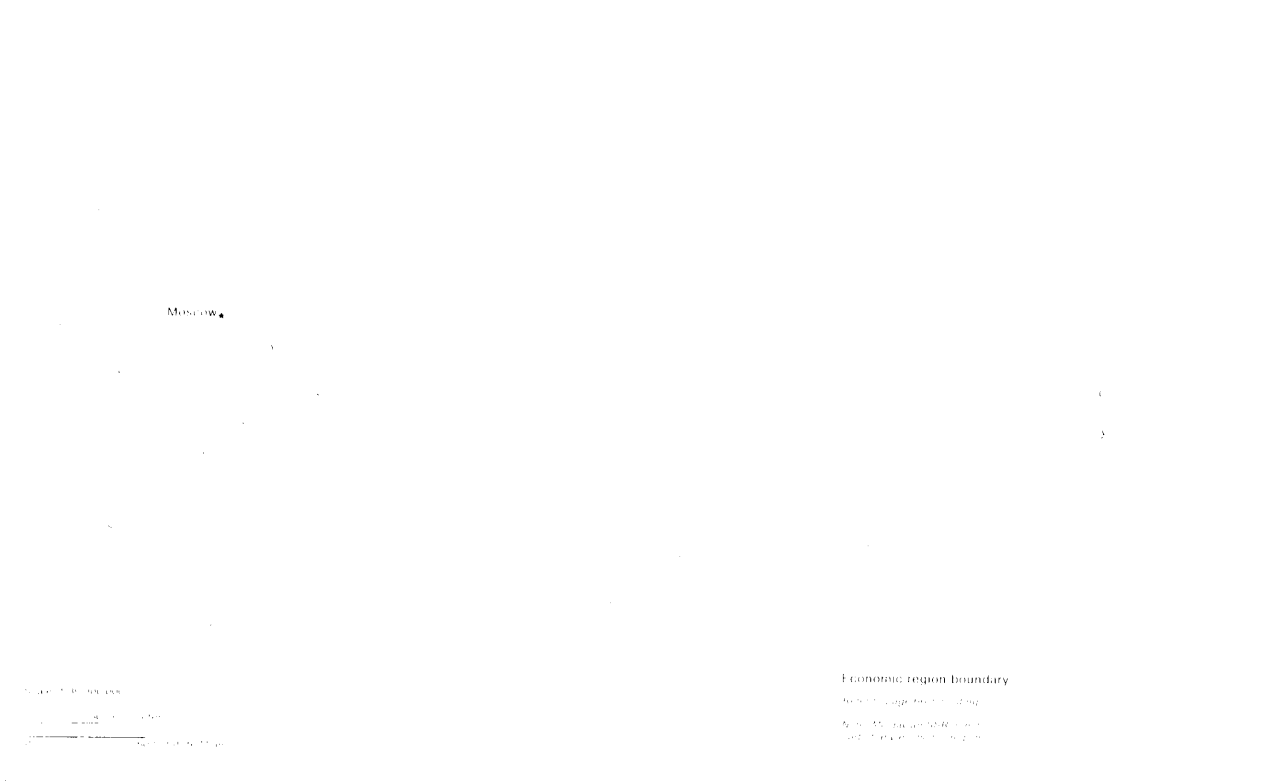
Since 1970 required increases in primary distillation capacity have been obtained through modernization or expansion of existing refineries and the construction of at least five new refineries. Modernization of refineries has included the dismantling of old, small refining units and replacing them with larger, more efficient units to upgrade and improve both the output and product mix.

The Soviet refining industry is reported to have major problems in areas such as sophistication of refining processes, variety of product mix, and quality of individual petroleum products. Specifically, Soviet refineries lack adequate processing units—especially cracking units,



Section of Baku No. 2 Oil Refinery, Azerbaijan.

## Oil Refineries



which break down heavier fuels into lighter fuels such as gasoline and kerosene.

The lack of adequate heavy-oil conversion capacity makes it difficult for Soviet refineries to produce high-octane gasoline and high-grade diesel fuel in the increasing volumes needed to meet growing domestic demand. Moreover, since a large share of the rising volume of heavy fuel oils cannot presently be further refined, they are primarily burned in electric power plants, thereby slowing Soviet attempts to balance fuel consumption by converting these plants to coal and natural gas.

All crude oil processed by refining must pass through an initial or primary distillation process where it is separated into gases, gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuels, and heavy fuels (mazut). These products are used as fuels or are further refined through secondary processes to produce lubricating oils, higher quality fuels, and other finished products.

Soviet refineries contain three basic types of crude oil distillation units. They range from early-design shell stills, through one-stage atmospheric pipe stills (AT), to current technology, two-stage atmospheric vacuum pipe stills (AVT). Some of the one- and two-stage units contain their own desalting section (ELOU), and some are built in combination with other types of units. The standard crude oil distillation units currently being constructed have a design capacity of 120,000 b/d.

Secondary refinery units provide a higher yield of light products and upgrade product quality after primary distillation. The most important secondary processes include reforming, catalytic cracking, hydrogen treating, hydrocracking, alkylation, and lubricating oil production. Other types of secondary processes produce specialty products, recover refinery byproducts, or treat crude oil prior to distillation or refined products prior to shipment.

### Natural Gas Processing

The processing of natural gas is becoming an important subsector of the Soviet oil and gas industry after many years of neglect. In an effort to reduce the wasteful flaring of gas that is a byproduct of oil production called associated gas, the USSR is vastly expanding its capacity to produce valuable natural gas byproducts such as propane, butane, sulfur, and stable condensate. These products are useful not only as fuels but also as feedstocks in the petrochemical industry.

The rapid development of West Siberia's oil fields—especially Samotlor—outstripped the USSR's ability to process the associated gas. Flaring of the region's excess gas probably reached its peak in 1975 when about 20 billion cubic meters had to be burned off. Recently completed gas-processing plants in the Tyumen' oil region have helped reduce flaring and raised associated gas-processing capacity to nearly 20

billion cubic meters in the region during 1982. Large gas-processing facilities have been constructed at Nizhnevartovsk, Belozersk, Surgut, Yuzhno-Balyk, and Lokosovo. New processing plants in the gas-producing regions of Orenburg and Central Asia have significantly increased sulfur removal capabilities, enabling output from high-sulfur fields to replace the region's declining low-sulfur gas production.

Processing of nonassociated gas by the Ministry of the Gas Industry has grown substantially since 1970 when only 3 billion cubic meters of gas were processed. The current five-year plan calls for processing about 75 billion cubic meters of natural gas, the production of about 1.6 million tons of sulfur, and more than 20,000 b/d of gas condensate in 1985.

Natural gas is processed by several gas ministry plants located throughout the gas-producing regions. The largest and newest facility is located at Urengoy. Whether because of technological deficiencies or simply a lack of domestic production capacity, much of the gas-processing equipment is imported from the West.

## Pipelines

The USSR has greatly expanded its pipeline network in recent years to transport oil and natural gas. The total length of oil and gas pipelines grew from fewer than 70,000 kilometers in 1965 to more than 231,000 kilometers by the end of 1983. During this period an average of about 6,000 kilometers of natural gas pipelines and 2,600 kilometers of oil pipelines were constructed each year.

The development of major new oil and gas fields at great distances from the economic heartland and increased gas exports are largely responsible for the massive Soviet pipeline construction program. Moscow has given high priority to the construction of pipelines from West Siberia to the industrialized areas of the USSR and to its border with Eastern Europe. At present 12 natural gas pipelines and five oil pipelines transport oil and gas from the producing areas of West Siberia.

Most pipelaying in West Siberia is accomplished when the ground is frozen during October through May. The Soviet press has emphasized the necessity of year-round pipelaying, but construction in swampy areas during the summer has been achieved only on a small scale. Activity in summer is primarily limited to areas of hard ground.

Relatively few pipelines have been built in the area of continuous permafrost. These few — the gas pipelines from the Medvez'ye and Urengoy

fields to Nadym and from Messoyakha to Noril'sk — are being built above ground to avoid trenching in permafrost and to prevent disruption of the permafrost by heat from pipelines.

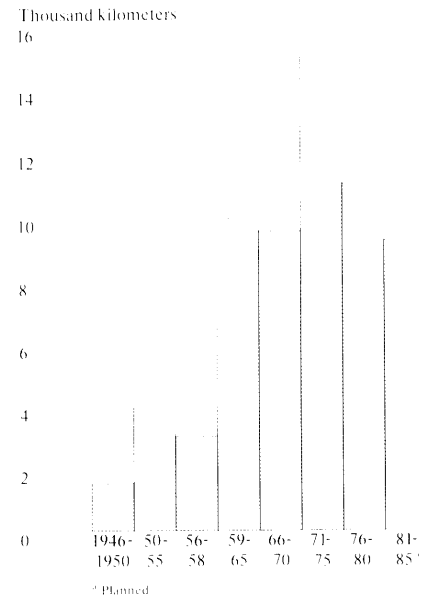
### Oil Pipelines

The USSR relies on pipelines to transport more than 90 percent of its crude oil production. About 83 percent of the Soviet Union's oil pipelines carry crude oil. The remaining pipelines transport refined products.

Most of the Soviet oil pipeline network is relatively new. Its growth has been dramatic — from 4,000 kilometers at the end of World War II to about 76,200 km in 1983 — with half of the growth occurring between 1970 and 1983. About 20,000 km, including nearly 80 percent of the large-diameter 1,020-mm and 1,220-mm lines, were built during the 1970-80 period.

Crude oil pipeline construction has slackened appreciably in the 1980s, primarily as a result of slower growth in oil production. Only 9,200 km are scheduled for completion in the 1981-85 plan, and just two of the 16 planned pipelines are large-diameter interregional oil transmission lines: one from Pavlodar to Chimkent, completed in March 1983, and one from Kholmogory to Kuybyshev, scheduled for construction in 1984. During 1976-80, in contrast, the Soviets laid a number of major interregional lines: Nizhnevartovsk to Kuybyshev, Krasnoyarsk to Irkutsk, Kuybyshev to Kremenchug, and Surgut to Po-

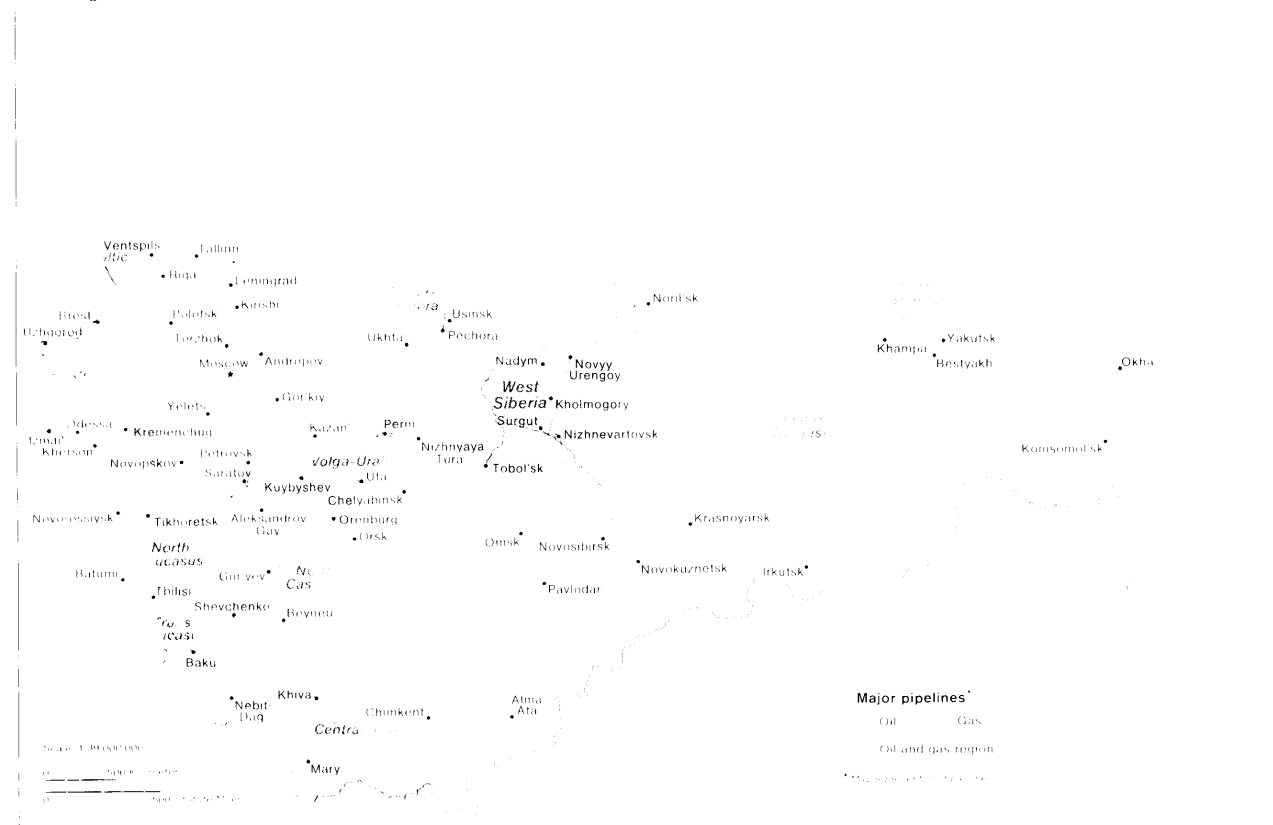
### USSR: Completion of Crude Oil Pipelines, by Plan Period



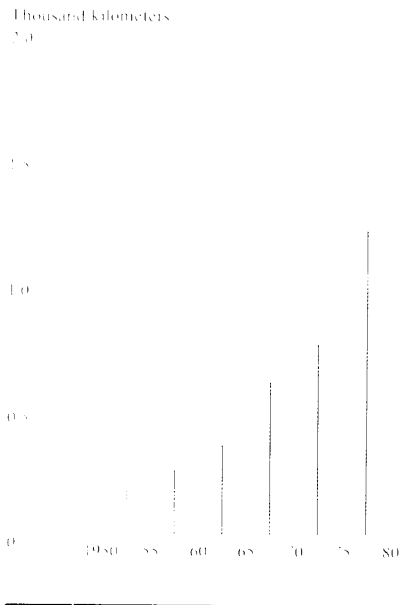
lotsk. All of these lines were 1,020 or 1,220 mm in diameter.

Unlike large-diameter gas pipeline construction, the Soviet oil pipeline industry is largely self-sufficient and does not depend on Western

## Major Oil and Gas Pipelines

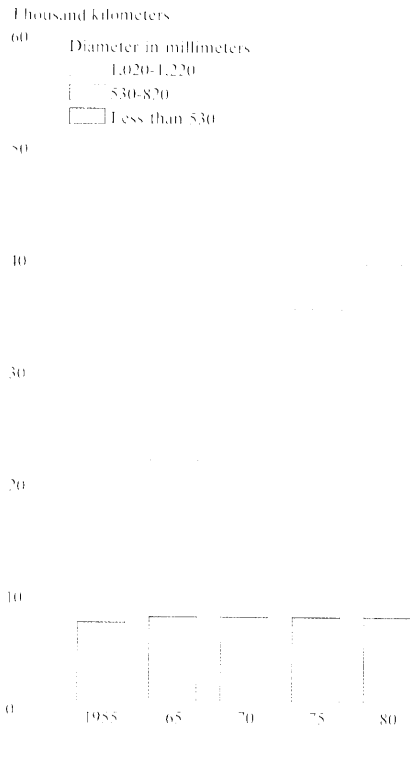


**USSR: Pipeline Transport of Crude Oil-Average Distance**

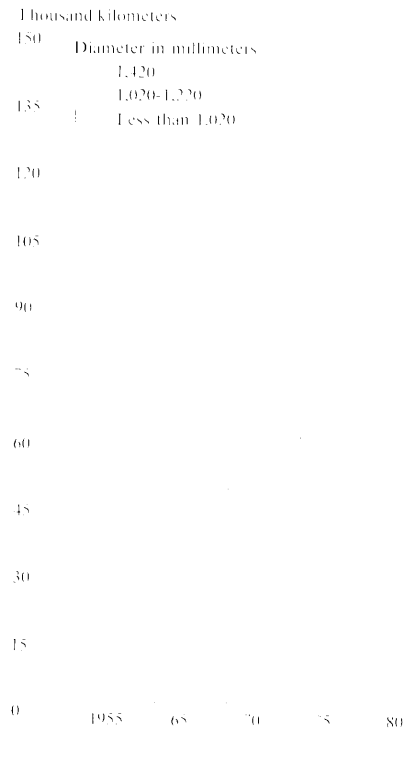


equipment and materials. Nevertheless, the Soviets do selectively import pipelayers, bulldozers, valves, and insulating materials to speed construction and to improve the operational capability and service life of their pipelines.

**USSR: Length of Crude Oil Pipeline Network, by Diameter of Pipe**



**USSR: Length of Natural Gas Pipeline Network, by Diameter of Pipe**



**Gas Pipelines**

Several major natural gas pipeline corridors link the gas-rich regions of West Siberia, Central Asia, and the southern Urals with the industrial centers of the European USSR. The geographic distribution and large capacity of these domestic trunklines also provide a flexible network for gas exports to the West. New pipelines under construction represent a major extension of the Soviet gas transmission system, which has grown rapidly from 2,300 km in 1950 to 155,000 km at the end of 1983. Additional gas pipelines are scheduled for completion during 1984-85.

During the current five-year plan (1981-85), four large-diameter (1,420-mm) natural gas pipelines from the Urengoy field in West Siberia have been constructed, and two more are scheduled for completion. The fourth line completed during the plan, the much-publicized Siberia to Western Europe export pipeline, was reportedly partially operational in early 1984, and pipelaying on the fifth domestic line is complete. The operation of the six pipelines will bring to 12 the number of large-diameter gaslines transporting gas from West Siberia.

The addition of the six new pipelines involved building some 20,000 kilometers of main trunk pipelines and will allow the Soviet Union to transport the more than 350 billion cubic meters per year of West Siberian gas production planned by 1985 (200 billion cubic meters more than in 1980). Also planned for completion during the 1981-85 period is a pipeline to transport gas condensate from Urengoy to Surgut.



*Pipe is welded at storage area welding bases along the pipeline by crews using either manual arc techniques or semiautomatic units.*

While the majority of the new large-diameter gas pipelines will be constructed with domestically produced pipe and compressor station equipment of less-than-desired quality and reliability, the gas network will still have a first-rate array of Western equipment. The ambitious Soviet plans to increase gas production and transport capabilities envisage reduced reliance on imported pipe and should benefit from the new multilayer pipe production plant at Vyksa, southwest of Gor'kiy.



*Every year the USSR lays gas pipeline twice as long as the trans-Alaskan oil pipeline.*



## Coal

Coal follows oil and natural gas as a primary energy source in the Soviet Union. The Soviet coal industry dates back to the early 19th century. It remained the cornerstone of the Soviet energy industry and provided the Soviets fuel for their economic development and industrial growth until well into the Khrushchev era, when it was gradually eclipsed by oil and gas—a phenomenon that was simultaneously occurring in the United States and Western Europe. Today, the Soviet coal industry still employs more than a million workers and provides nearly 40 percent of the fuel used to generate electricity.

Most experts agree that abundant reserves will keep the Soviet Union self-sufficient in coal for the near future. Internationally, the USSR is second only to the United States in reserves and annual production of coal. Most energy specialists believe that potential Soviet coal reserves are the largest in the world.

Although coal's share of Soviet primary energy production dropped from two-thirds in 1950 to just over 50 percent in 1960 and to only 22 percent in 1983, coal remains critically important to the Soviet economy. With the cost of oil production rising rapidly, Soviet energy planners have become aware that coal must play a greater role in the total Soviet energy balance. They acknowledge, however, that investment in the coal industry has recently been insufficient both to develop new coal basins and to forestall production declines in older basins. Although

substitution of coal for oil is a high Soviet priority, the Soviet coal industry will be poorly equipped to increase production sharply, at least through the 1980s.

### Coal at a Glance

<b>Reserves</b>	
Explored	281 billion metric tons
World rank	Second
<b>Production</b>	
Record year	1978—724 million metric tons
World rank	Third
1983	716 million metric tons
By coal rank	Hard coal (anthracite and bituminous), 78 percent; lignite, 22 percent
By type of mining	Surface, 40 percent; underground, 60 percent

### Resources and Reserves

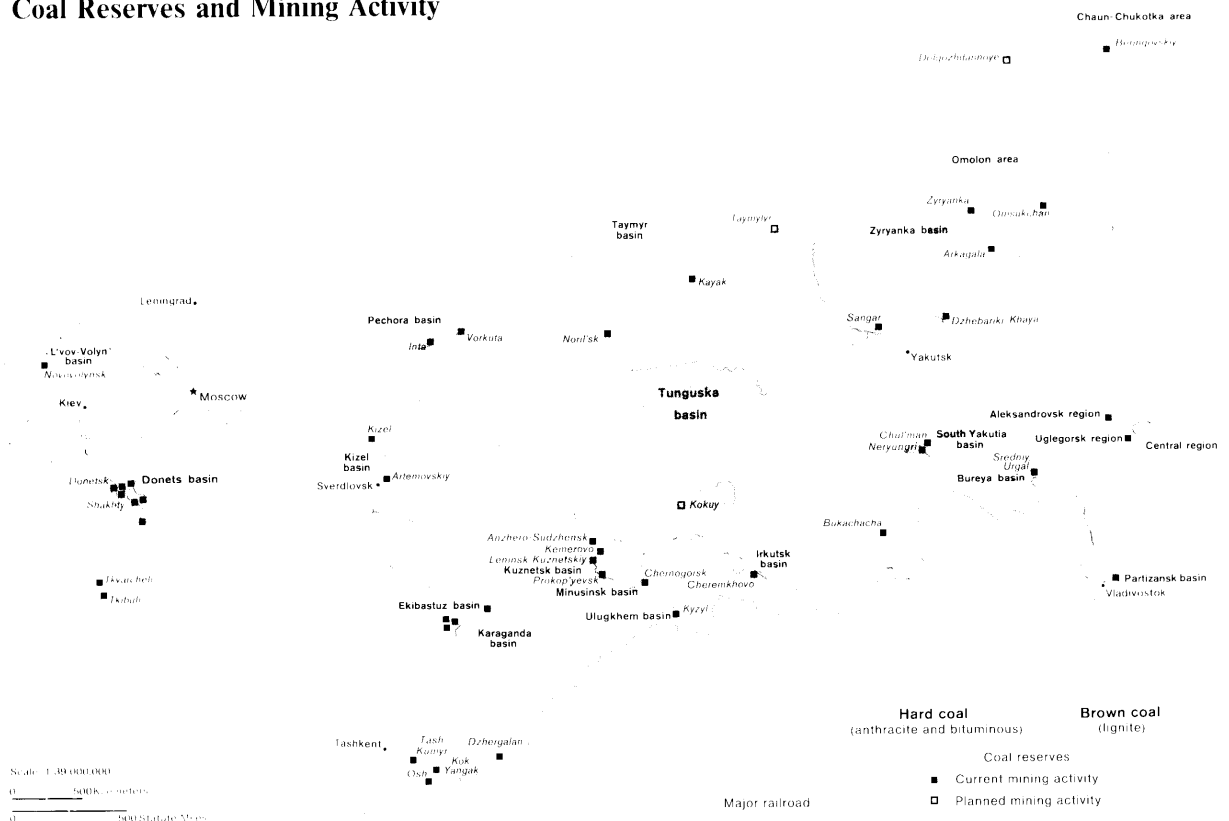
As of 1 January 1983 the Soviet Union estimated its coal resources at 6.8 trillion tons, about half of the world's total and nearly twice that of the United States. Only 4 percent of this total has been explored. Although the Soviets estimate the energy potential of their 281-billion-ton explored coal reserve to be four times greater than the combined potential of their oil and natural gas reserves, the easily accessible coal reserves of the European USSR have been

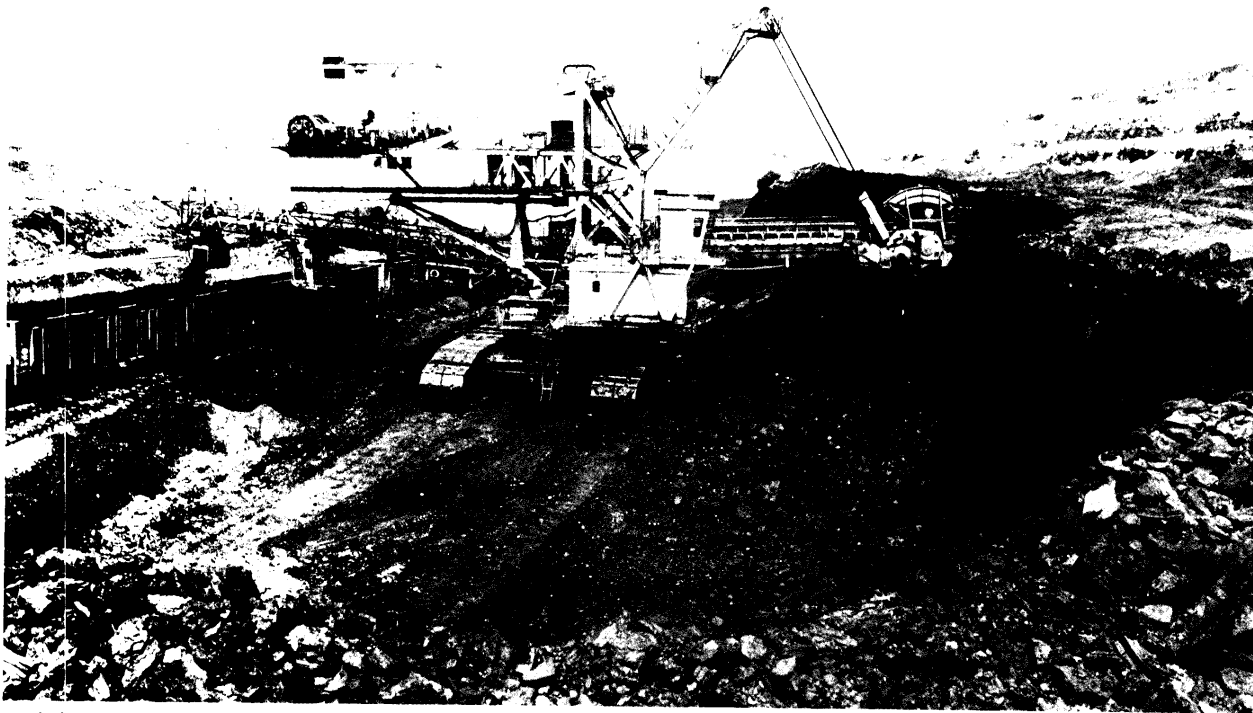
seriously depleted and the remote Siberian reserves are proving to be much more expensive to develop. The portion of total reserves comprised by coking coal is also enormous—estimated at 65-70 billion tons.

Soviet coal reserves are widely dispersed. In the European USSR, the Donets basin contains high-quality anthracite and bituminous coal, much of which is suitable for coking and is close to major blast furnaces. However, increasing mine depths, thinness of coal seams, and high methane concentrations are making the Donets reserves increasingly difficult to exploit. Although production has fallen as a result, the Donets basin still accounts for almost 30 percent of total Soviet coal production. The lignite reserves in the European USSR, although high in moisture, sulfur, and ash content, have, until recent years, been successfully exploited because of their closeness to centers of consumption. The Pechora coal basin, the northernmost basin in the European USSR, has also been extensively developed, despite the severe climate, because of its proximity to markets and the high quality of its bituminous coking coals.

Nearly 75 percent of the Soviet Union's explored coal reserves is located east of the Ural Mountains—thousands of kilometers from the major industrial and population centers of the European USSR. In addition to the costly mine-to-market transportation problems involved, the quality of many of these remote coal reserves is poor because of undesirable levels of ash, water, and sulfur.

## Coal Reserves and Mining Activity





Until plant at Krasnoyarsk is completed, continued acquisition of foreign-made automated surface mining equipment will be required for development of eastern coal reserves.

### Coal Resources

Billion metric tons

	Geological Resources	Economically Exploitable Reserves *	
		Probable/ Possible	Explored
<b>Total USSR</b>	<b>6,806</b>	<b>5,609</b>	<b>281</b>
Hard coal <sup>b</sup>	4,649	3,823	171
Lignite	2,157	1,786	110
<b>European USSR (including Urals)</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>76</b>
Hard coal	378	179	66
Lignite	95	39	10
Donets basin	141	108	56
Moscow basin	16	NA	NA
Pechora basin	265	61	NA
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>25</b>
Hard coal	65	37	16
Lignite	105	84	9
Ekibastuz basin	10	7	7
Karaganda basin	45	25	NA
Turgay basin	51	48	6
<b>Central Asia</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4</b>
Hard coal	37	33	1
Lignite	7	5	3
<b>Siberia and Far East</b>	<b>6,119</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>176</b>
Hard coal	4,169	3,574	88
Lignite	1,950	1,658	88
Irkutsk basin	77	33	7
Kansk-Achinsk basin	638	484	75
Kuznetsk basin	637	548	66
Lena basin	1,647	1,539	4
South Yakutia basin	44	40	4
Tunguska basin	2,299	1,967	2

\* With present technology.

<sup>b</sup> Includes anthracite and bituminous coal.

Source: *Zapiski Uglev Stran Mira*, Moscow, Nedra 1983, pp. 93-102.

Among explored reserves in the eastern USSR, Kuznetsk and Kansk-Achinsk in Siberia are the two largest basins, but Ekibastuz and Karaganda in Kazakhstan also contain relatively small but productive reserves. Siberia's Kuznetsk basin, the Soviet's second-largest producer after Donets--of both steam and coking coal, contains significant quantities of high-grade bituminous coal reserves with low ash and sulfur content. East of Kuznetsk and astride the Trans-Siberian Railroad, the Kansk-Achinsk basin contains huge lignite reserves. These coals, however, have a high moisture content and a low thermal energy content. Because the Kansk-Achinsk reserves are under shallow overburdens, they can be easily strip mined. The Soviets believe the Kansk-Achinsk deposit has the potential to become the USSR's largest coal-producing area by the year 2000.

Kazakhstan's coal reserves are concentrated in two basins, Ekibastuz and Karaganda. Although high in ash content, Ekibastuz subbituminous coal is an important source of steam coal for thermal power plants. Much of Karaganda's bituminous coal is used for coking.

In return for coking coal, Japan is helping the Soviet Union develop the smaller but higher quality and strippable reserves of the South Yakutia basin in Eastern Siberia. Exploitation of other large Siberian reserves will probably not begin in this century because of undeveloped rail transportation within the region and the inferior quality of the reserves. The huge Siberian coal-bearing areas of Lena and Tunguska basins represent unexplored reserves that will probably not be of commercial significance in the near future.

### Production and Consumption

Between 1950 and 1975 the Soviets were notably successful in raising coal production. Annual output normally increased by an average of 4 percent each year, and production had reached more than 700 million tons by 1975. From the mid-1970s into the early 1980s, however, the Soviet coal industry experienced a leveling off and, subsequently, an actual decline in coal production. The record 1978 coal output of 724 million tons slipped to 704 million tons in 1981, then rose again to 718 million tons in 1982, but fell back to 716 million tons in 1983.

With the notable exception of the Ekibastuz basin in northern Kazakhstan, coal production from all major Soviet basins has been stagnant or in decline during much of the past decade. Production in the Donets basin—the country's largest producer of high-quality steam and met-

allurgical grade coal—is declining despite repeated Soviet efforts to maintain output. Donets production dropped by 29 million tons from its record 1978 level to 196 million tons in 1983. Output also fell in the smaller basins near Moscow and in the Urals. Together, annual production in western coal basins fell by about 32 million tons between 1977 and 1983.

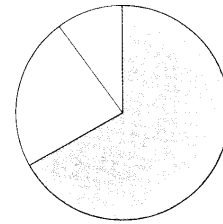
Soviet planners had not anticipated a decline in production from the older basins so soon. The 1976-80 plan called for production to increase at the Donets basin by 10 million tons and at the Kuznetsk basin by 25 million tons; scheduled production at the Moscow and Karaganda basins was to remain unchanged. The plan succeeded only at Karaganda. The Soviets clearly hoped that declines in aggregate production from the older coal basins could be forestalled at least until the late 1980s, when the new coal basins of the eastern USSR would begin produc-

### USSR: Coal Production Rank, 1980

Million metric tons/Percent

Anthracite<sup>a</sup> 70/10 Bituminous<sup>a</sup> 483/67

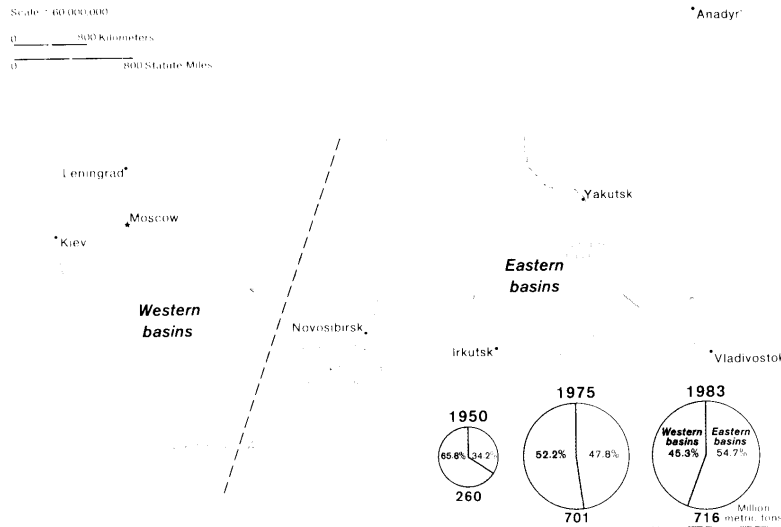
Lignite 163/23



Total—716/100

<sup>a</sup> Anthracite/bituminous breakdown is estimated.

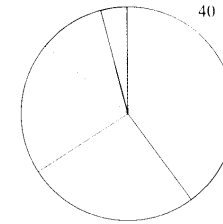
### Coal Production by Western and Eastern Basins



### USSR: Coal Consumption, 1980<sup>a</sup>

Percent

Export 4  
 Other heavy industry 10  
 Ferrous metallurgy 20  
 Light industry and household communal 26  
 Thermal power plants 40



<sup>a</sup> Estimated.

### Coal Production, by Basin<sup>a</sup>

Million metric tons.

Basin	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1981	1982	1983	1985 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>775</b>
<b>Western USSR</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>341</b>
Donets	95	141	188	206	217	223	204	198	200	196	210
Moscow	31	40	43	41	36	34	25	22	23	21	20
Pechora	9	14	18	18	21	24	28	28	28	28	28
Urals	33	47	59	62	54	45	44	43	44	44	45
Other	3	13	19	24	27	40	37	35	35	35	38
<b>Eastern USSR</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>434</b>
Ekibastuz		2	6	14	23	46	67	68	70	72	84
Karaganda	16	25	26	31	38	46	48	49	49	49	50
Kuznetsk	38	58	84	96	113	138	144	144	148	147	154
Kansk-Achinsk	2	4	9	14	18	28	35	35	37	40	48
South Yakutia						0	3	3	4	4	12
Other	33	46	58	72	77	77	81	79	80	80	86

<sup>a</sup> The eight largest coal basins account for more than 83 percent of annual coal production in the Soviet Union. Two of these basins, Donets and Kuznetsk, produce nearly 48 percent of Soviet coal.  
<sup>b</sup> Soviet five-year plan.

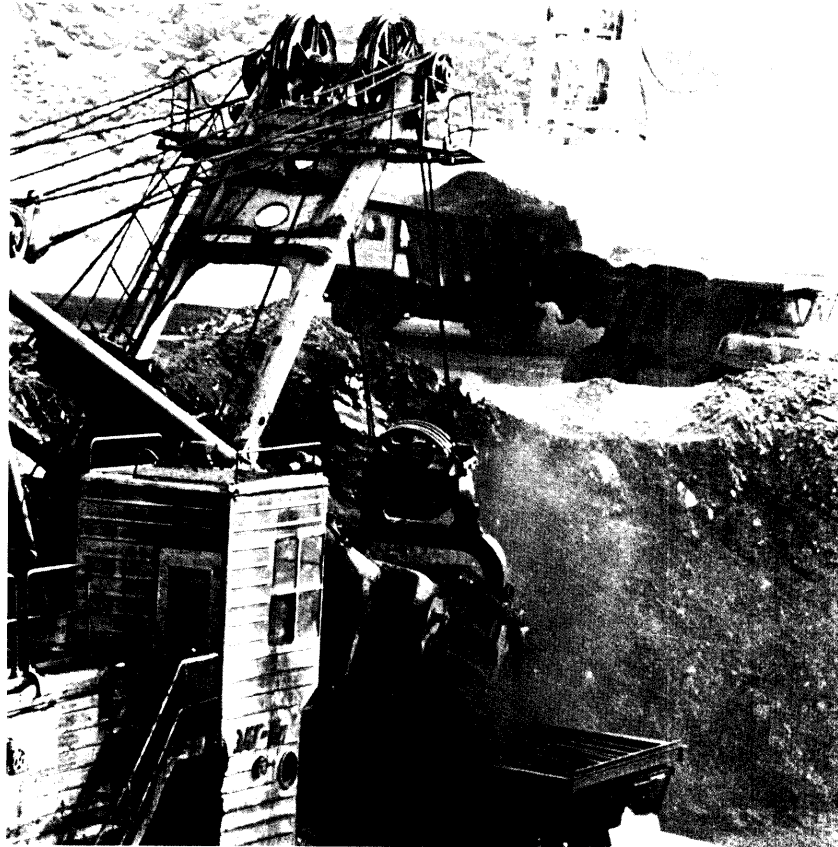
tion. Moscow must now recognize that its planned 1985 output of 775 million tons is overly optimistic.

At least four major problems are hampering Soviet coal production:

- Conditions in underground mines are deteriorating rapidly, mine depth is increasing, seam thickness is decreasing, and methane concentrations are rising, particularly in the Donets and Kuznetsk basins. These basins account for about 50 percent of total coal production and about 75 percent of coking coal output.
- Too little new capacity is coming on line to offset the stagnating or declining production in older coal basins.
- Shortages of labor and declines in productivity are becoming more acute, especially in the older coal basins in the western USSR.
- Development of the large basins east of the Urals is constrained by the poor quality of some deposits, slow progress of research on coal preparation, lack of transportation capacity for movement of coal, and unresolved technical problems relating to long-distance transmission of electricity from mine-mouth power stations to areas of consumption.

Oil and natural gas have replaced coal in many applications in industry, transport, and the household-communal sector. Nonetheless, about 40 percent of annual coal production is burned in thermal power plants, compared with about 70 percent in the United States. Ferrous metallurgy accounts for about one-fifth of total consumption—roughly the same share as Western Europe—with other industrial users, exports, and the household-communal sector accounting for the remainder.

Moscow expects that coal's share of total Soviet energy consumption will continue to decline through the 1980s. After supplying about 70 percent of the fuel used in power plants in 1960, coal accounted for just more than 40 percent in 1980. Although coal-fired plants are being built to meet increased energy needs east of the Urals and Central Asia, there has been only a limited effort to convert oil-fired power plants to coal.



*Much of the coal mined in South Yakutia's newly developed Neryungri deposit will be exported to the Far East.*

**USSR: Metallurgical or Coking Coal Production, by Basin <sup>a</sup>**

*Million metric tons*

Basin	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>139.0</b>	<b>164.8</b>	<b>180.7</b>	<b>178</b>
Donets	28.4	44.4	64.9	80.4	84.3	88.5	74
Kuznetsk	14.9	21.4	28.5	37.5	46.9	56.1	60
Karaganda	5.5	6.7	8.3	11.0	16.9	18.1	22
Pechora	0.2	0.9	3.8	5.2	12.1	14.1	18
Other	3.0	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.6	3.9	4

<sup>a</sup> Four of the eight major basins provide 98 percent of the metallurgical or coking coal mined.

**USSR: Selected Characteristics of Major Coal Deposits**

Deposit	Type of Coal	Type of Mining	Thickness of Seam (meters)	Average Depth of Mine (meters)	Average Calorific Value (kilocalories/kilogram)	Moisture Content (percent)	Ash Content (percent)
Donets	Anthracite, bituminous	Underground	0.9	602	6,056	6.5	19.2
Moscow	Lignite	Underground	2.5	135	2,528	32.3	35.5
Pechora	Bituminous	Underground	2.4	487	5,217	8.3	25.1
Ekibastuz	Subbituminous	Surface	10-40		4,028	7.7	50.0
Karaganda	Bituminous	Underground	2.5	418	5,139	7.5	28.8
Kuznetsk	Bituminous	Underground and surface	2.5	262	5,550	10.2	19.0
Kansk-Achinsk	Lignite	Surface	8.7	283	3,606	33.0	10.7

## Mining and Technology

The Soviet coal industry comprises nearly 900 mines located throughout the country. Although approximately 60 percent of annual coal output is currently mined underground, the Soviets expect most new production to come from large surface mines in the eastern regions, chiefly from Ekibastuz, Kuznetsk, Kansk-Achinsk, and South Yakutia.

Eighty-five percent of underground mining is done by mechanized longwall mining systems, as opposed to the room-and-pillar mining system most commonly used in the United States. Surface mining principally involves open pits with various kinds of excavators. Dipping coal seams in many of the shallow deposits, however, prevent widespread use of contour strip mining.

To date, the Soviets have given little priority to reclamation and reforestation of lands that have been surface mined.

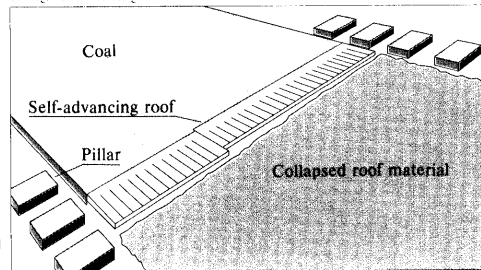
Although the level of mechanization is fairly high, Soviet coal-mining technology is generally less advanced than that in the West. This is especially true of surface-mining technology; for example, the largest domestically produced dragline buckets, trucks, and transporters are much smaller than their Western counterparts. For this reason, substantial amounts of surface-mining equipment must be imported, principally from East Germany. Although domestically produced coal excavating equipment is available, such as the surface mining machine plant being constructed at Krasnoyarsk, the Soviets still expect to import more advanced foreign-made equipment to process South Yakutia coal.

According to the Soviets, mine conditions—dust suppression, drinking water, lighting, and underground transportation of miners—are poor. Although health and accident statistics are not published, the Soviet coal industry is known to have a mediocre mining safety record compared with that of the United States.

To mine coal from deep and diffuse deposits, the Soviets are experimenting with alternate fuel extraction and transport methods. At Belovo in the Kuznetsk basin and also in the Donets basin, for example, some coal is mined by hydraulic methods; a pipeline for transporting the resultant coal slurry from the Belovo mine some 250 kilometers to Novosibirsk is under construction.

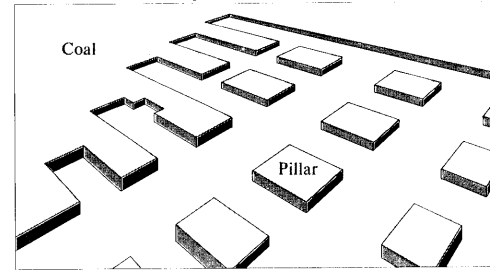
### Mining Methods

Underground Mining  
Longwall Mining

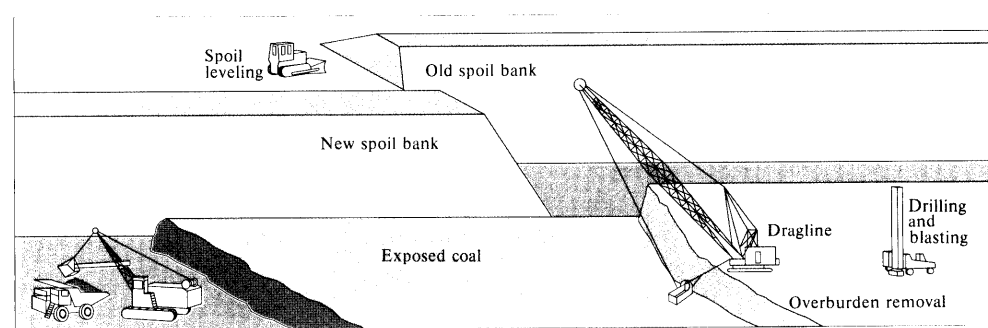


The longwall mining system is the principal underground technique used in the Soviet Union.

Room-and-Pillar Mining



Surface Mining



In surface mining, the earth is excavated to uncover the coal seam. The overburden is dumped in a previously mined area. In open pit surface mining, the overburden is piled beyond the actual mining area.



Room-and-pillar mining technique seen at Donets basin mine.



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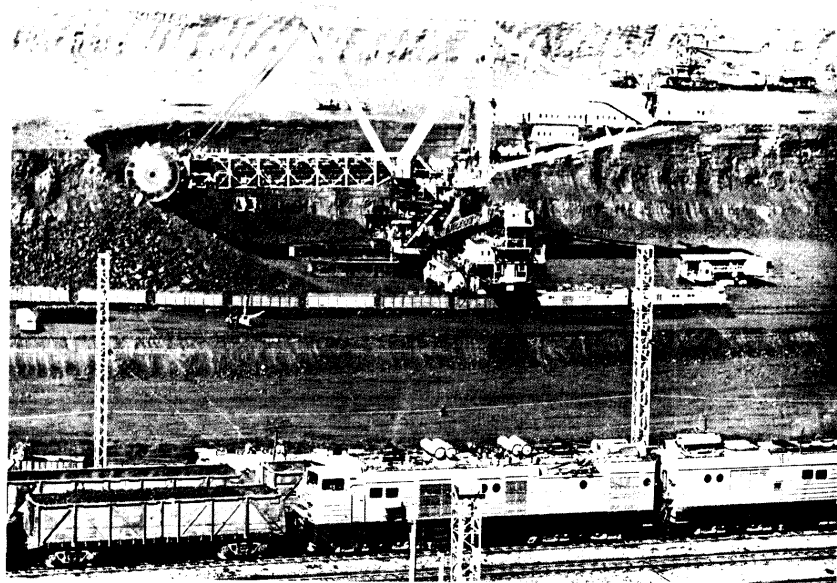
*Processing and shipping facilities above the Pechora underground Vorgashor coal mine, Komi ASSR.*



*A rotor excavator at the Ekibastuz coal basin.*



*P-1600 belt reloader being assembled at Ekibastuz.*



*Surface mining in Ekibastuz basin. The East German ERS hRD-5000 powerful bucket-wheel excavator can remove 5,000 tons of coal per hour.*

## Transportation

The transport of coal from mining to consuming areas is a major problem for the Soviet Union. As coal reserves located near industrial centers in the western USSR have been increasingly depleted and the Soviets have been forced to go farther east to develop new reserves, the burden on the rail network has intensified. Coal is the leading freight item in terms of ton-kilometers on Soviet railroads; more than 95 percent of annual coal production is transported by rail.

Coal traffic is particularly heavy in West Siberia, northern Kazakhstan, and the Urals, as well as in parts of the Volga region and the Ukraine. In these regions much of the coal traffic must be channeled through a few already overburdened rail lines. The amount of coal shipped by rail from the Kuznetsk, Karaganda, and Ekibastuz basins to the Urals and beyond has more than doubled in the past decade to about 15 percent of total Soviet coal production. As a result, traffic slowdowns occur frequently, especially during late summer when harvested agricultural goods compete for space.

Crosshauling of fuels also adds to the burden of the railroads. Although large amounts of coal from the Kuznetsk basin in West Siberia are carried to power plants in the Ukraine, for example, coal from the Donets basin in the Ukraine is freighted to power plants in the Volga region, which is nominally within the Kuznetsk basin marketing zone. This is mainly a consequence of boiler design: the boilers in the



Various sizes and grades of coal are awaiting shipment to consumers at the Karaganda coal-yard, Kazakhstan.

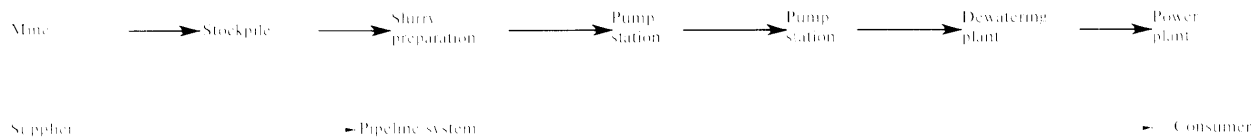
## Coal Transport





A freight train transports South Yakutian coal southward to the Tynda Station on the Baikal-Amur Mainline.

#### Conventional Coal Slurry Pipeline System



Ukrainian plants that burn Kuznetsk coal were designed when similar coal was available from the Donets basin, which is now hard pressed to supply all of its former markets. To help reduce rail congestion, the Soviets plan to reequip some power plants at great cost to burn coal from closer sources. Crosshauling also occurs where coal preparation facilities are inadequate to process coal at minesites. Coal may be shipped long distances to processing plants, with associated rock and moisture adding unnecessary bulk and weight, and then shipped back to users.

Slurry pipeline transport is one of several mechanisms that Soviet engineers have proposed for movement of Siberian coal to thermal power plants in the Urals and European USSR. The Soviets have two less-than-15-kilometer slurry pipelines currently in operation in the Kuznetsk basin, and a 250-kilometer slurry pipeline from the Belovo mine in the Kuznetsk basin to Novosibirsk is reported to be under construction.

Soviet transport officials, seeking to reduce the burden on the railroads, have called for increased efforts to find new sources of coal closer to consumers. In response, Soviet officials are planning to increase production from small coal deposits in the southern Urals and in Central Asia—even though they have calculated that coal from Kuznetsk, for example, is cheaper to use in much of the European USSR than coal mined nearer by.

Inefficient railroad operating practices also contribute to fuel supply problems. For example, some 20 million tons of coal—nearly 3 percent of annual production—are lost to the economy each year, owing to underloading railcars, excessively long loading and unloading times, lack of protective coverings, and spillage from poorly maintained wooden coal gondolas. The Soviets plan eventually to have an all-metal gondola fleet.

The Soviets have particular problems dealing with coal mined in the Kansk-Achinsk fields. This coal tends to be highly pyrophoric and cannot be shipped long distances without significant risk of spontaneous combustion. Consequently, unless Kansk-Achinsk coal is processed, it must be burned in nearby furnaces and power plants.

Although Soviet transport officials stress the need to increase water transport of coal in regions of the European USSR where waterways parallel rail lines, barge transport on western rivers and canals accounts for only a small amount of coal traffic. Waterway transport, both river and coastal, is hampered by ice: virtually all waterways are frozen from three to nine months of the year. Moreover, most of the major rivers flow from south to north, which does not facilitate transport of coal from east to west.



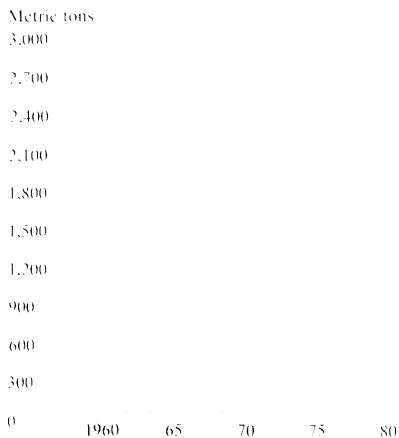
## Uranium and Thorium

The USSR has an ambitious and optimistic program for nuclear energy development. The Soviets plan to generate as much as 20 percent of their electricity from nuclear power by the year 1990 and up to 60 percent by the year 2000. Achievement of these ambitious goals will require large-scale exploitation of the nation's uranium and, to a much lesser extent, thorium resources.

Information on the Soviet uranium industry is a closely guarded state secret. Only limited data on uranium occurrences in the Soviet Union and minor details on reserves, mining, and processing operations have been published. However, according to Soviet geologic literature, almost every type of uranium deposit found elsewhere in the world has been found and exploited in the USSR. In addition, some of the uranium deposits described seem to have no Western counterparts. These include deposits associated with iron ores and albitites in Precambrian metamorphic rocks and those with phosphates in clays with detrital fishbones.

Uranium deposits in the Soviet Union are generally classified as either vein-type ores associated with metamorphic and intrusive-extrusive igneous rocks or hydrothermal deposits emplaced in sedimentary rocks. These two geologically distinct types, which seldom occur together, are

### Postulated\* USSR Total Yellowcake (U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) Production for Nuclear Power



\* Western estimates

roughly of equal importance as a uranium resource.

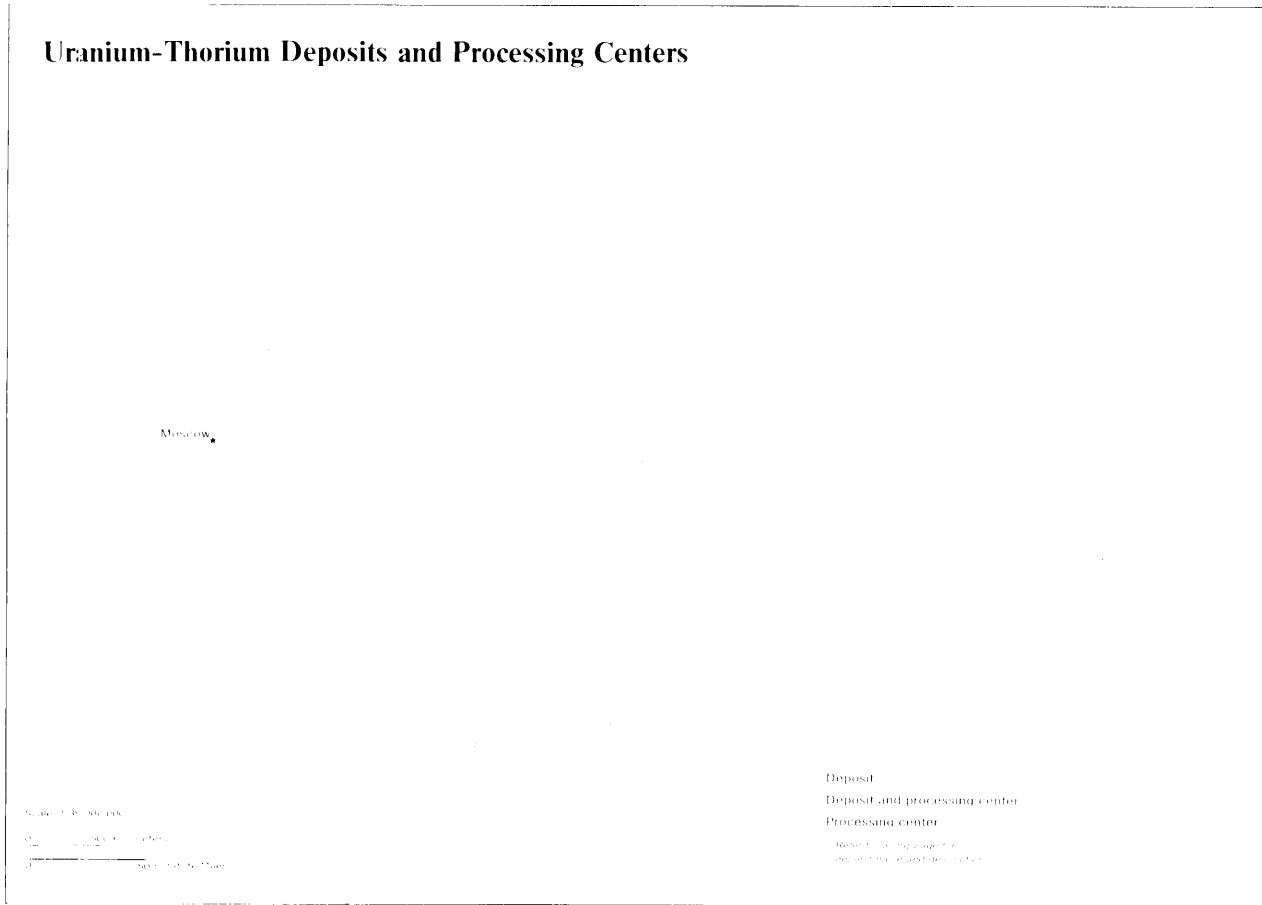
Uranium exploration and mining methods in the Soviet Union are essentially the same as those applied in the West. Exploration methods include geologic, geophysical, geochemical, aerial radiometric, and magnetic surveys. Mining methods include:

- Underground mining to recover high-grade, vein-type deposits at a depth of 200 meters or more.
- Open pit methods applicable for low-grade ores dispersed near the surface in large areas.

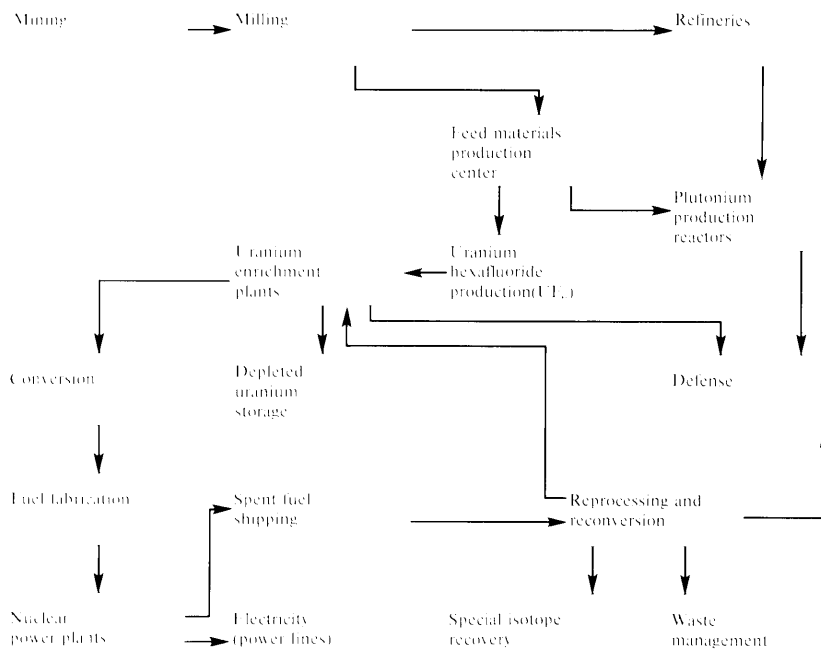
### USSR: Uranium-Thorium Deposits and Processing Centers

Deposit	Description
<b>European USSR</b>	
1-Sillamäe	Uranium-phosphate rare earth association in clays with detrital fishbones. Uranium mining and milling operations.
2-Zheltyye Vody Terny	Precambrian uranium-iron ore formation. Irregular stratiform albitized uranium bodies. Uranium in association with conglomerates. Uranium minerals include uraninite, pitchblende and nenadkevite. Uranium mining and milling.
3-Lermontov	Uranium-molybdenum associated with volcanic rocks. Mining and milling operations.
4-Chupa District	Uraniferous pegmatites in Precambrian gneisses. Uranium mineralization in paleovolcanic and intrusive rocks of Baltic shields.
5-Lake Onega	Uranium and vanadium mineral in association with black graphitic marine shales, peat, and asphaltite.
6-Lovozero Tundra	Thorium in phosphate and rare earths in syenite complex. Uranium with thorium minerals in alkalic rocks.
<b>Urals</b>	
7-Vishnevogorsk	Uranium mineralization in nepheline syenite intrusions.
8-Novogornyy	Uranium mineralization in nepheline syenite.
<b>Kazakhstan and Central Asia</b>	
9-Aksuyek-Kiyakhty	Uranium mining.
10-Koktas	Uranium associated with copper mining.
11-Stepnogorsk	Possible in situ leaching of deep-seated uranium deposit. Uranium extraction as part of the "Tselinnyy Mining Complex."
12-Ak-Tyuz-Bordunskiy	Uranium, thorium, and rare earths associated with lead mining.
13-Chigirik	Uranium milling and processing facilities.
14-Granitogorsk	Uranium possibly associated with lead mining, milling, and concentration center.
15-Min-Kush	Uranium mining and milling operations associated with lignite in 1960s.
16-Tyuya-Muyun	Uranium-vanadium association in metamorphic limestone interlayered with volcanic tuffs and breccia. Tyuyamuyunite, a uranium-vanadium mineral species that was named after this locality.
17-Kyzyl-Dzhar	Uranium mining associated with gold production.
18-Kadzhi-Say	Uranium associated with lignite mining.
19-Taboshar	Uranium vanadium mining. U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> extraction plant.
20-Chkalovsk	Possible uranium extraction and hexafluoride conversion site for Taboshar mine ore.
21-Sumsar	Possible uranium mining.
22-Uchkuduk	Uranium associated with gold mining at Kokpatas gold mine. Possible uranium extraction at Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Complex. Ore genetically similar to South African deposits.
23-Naugarzan	Uranium-fluorite mining. Ore milling at Chigirik.
24-Charkesar	Site of former uranium mining.
25-Chavlisay-Krasnogorskiy-Yangiabad	Site of uranium mining operation.
26-Kara-Balta	Uranium processing center.
<b>Siberia</b>	
27-Vikhorevka	Possible uranium-thorium mining of vein-type deposits in ultrametamorphic Archean rocks.
28-Krasnokamensk	Uranium-fluorspar association in Mesozoic volcanic basins.
29-Slyudyanka	Pegmatites-uranium and rare earths. Mining reported in 1958 from Precambrian crystalline limestone.
30-Aldan	Uranium, thorium, and rare earths associated with gold mining.

## Uranium-Thorium Deposits and Processing Centers



### Production of Fissionable Materials for Electric Power Production and Military Defense



- In situ leaching techniques that use sulfuric-acidified waters to exploit low-grade deposits that cannot be mined economically by open pit or underground methods.

As elsewhere in the world, uranium milling, leaching, and concentration processes in the Soviet Union are carried out in proximity of mining operations to facilitate the separation of relatively small quantities of  $U_3O_8$  from large volumes of ore. Information about Soviet uranium processing is even less available than that on the distribution and production of uranium. However, there are three distinct stages in processing:

- Extraction of  $U_3O_8$  at or near the mining site.
- Conversion of  $U_3O_8$  to uranium tetrafluoride ( $UF_4$ ) by reaction with fluoride.
- Reduction of  $UF_4$  to metal for direct use in weapons or reactor fuel or for conversion to gaseous hexafluoride ( $UF_6$ ) to permit enrichment in the uranium-235 isotope.

Several alternatives to the gaseous diffusion method of uranium enrichment have received attention in the Soviet Union, including experimentation with photochemical technology using lasers.

## Minor Fuel Resources

Minor fuels—oil shale, peat, and fuelwood—contributed 2 percent of total Soviet primary energy production in 1983, down from 7.2 percent in 1960. With the relative abundance of major fuel resources, production and use of the minor fuels have been largely confined to those areas of the country without close-at-hand supplies of oil, natural gas, or coal. In these areas, the Soviets have often found it more economical to burn peat, wood, and oil extracted from shale in their power plants and furnaces than to transport major fuels from distant producing regions.

The development of tar sand deposits— from which oil can be extracted—is still in the experimental stage in the USSR. Thus far, the high costs of recovery, refining, and transportation make extensive exploitation of these sands uneconomical during this century.

## Oil Shale

The Soviet Union has substantial explored reserves of oil shale and leads the world in its exploitation as an energy source.<sup>1</sup> According to Soviet estimates, the total geological resources of oil shale in the USSR range from 190-220 billion tons. Of this amount, the Soviets believe 56 billion tons are economically recoverable using current technology. Thus far, however, only 6.5 billion tons of those reserves are in explored deposits.

The Estonian and Leningrad oil shale fields near the Baltic Sea, with 5 billion tons of explored shale reserves, yield about 97 percent of all Soviet production. In 1980 the Estonian field alone accounted for nearly 84 percent of the oil shale mined in the USSR. Currently, the only other commercial oil shale deposit is the Kashpirovka field near Syzran' on the Volga River.

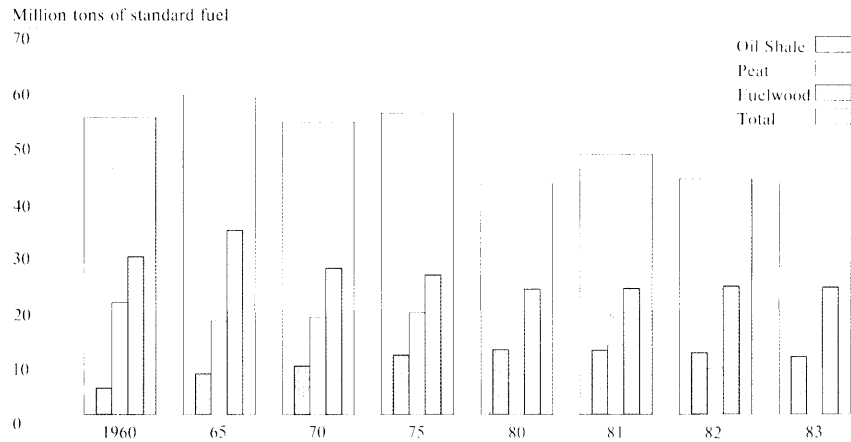


Loading oil shale at Oktyabr' mine, Estonia.

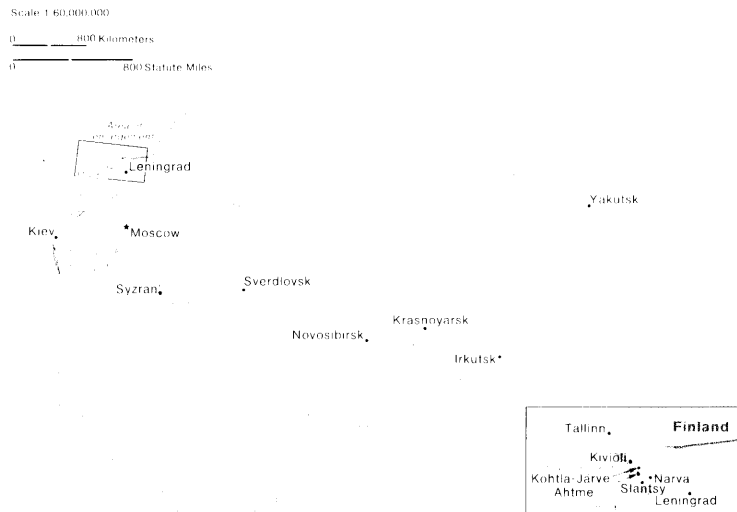
In Estonia, oil shale has been used since the 1920s as fuel in various types of industrial furnaces and in locomotives. Today, approximately 70 percent of the shale produced in the USSR is burned directly as fuel in the furnaces of boiler units at power plants in Kiviõli, Tallinn, and near Narva. The two thermal power plants near Narva—the 1,610-MW Estonian State Regional Electric Power Plant (GRES) and 1,435-MW Baltic GRES—are the world's largest power plants that burn this fuel. Estonia,

<sup>1</sup> Oil shale is sedimentary rock rich in kerogen, a fossil organic substance that yields oil, gas, and tar when heated.

## USSR: Minor Fuels Production



## Oil Shale Deposits



with more than 60 percent of its fuel demand supplied by shale, is the only republic of the USSR, and the only political entity in the world, where oil shale predominates in the fuel balance.

The USSR has an active and well-established industrial and technical base, with more than 50 years of experience, for mining, retorting, gasification, and direct combustion of Baltic oil shales. Virtually all current shale oil output is from 12 underground and four surface mines. Underground mining, using the room-and-pillar method, accounts for 60 percent of annual production. The nearly 30 percent of oil shale production not burned by combustion is processed at four sites located near the shale mines at Kohtla-Järve-Ahtme, Kiviõli, Slantsy, and Syzran'.

The Soviet Union uses two principal types of retorts to process raw shale: gas generators and solid heat carriers. The most significant methods are the Kiviter and Galoter processes. The Kiviter process produces shale oil, shale tars, and large quantities of heating gas (low-caloric

gas) from lump shale. Until 1978 the largest gas generators could process about 400 tons of shale daily, but in that year a scaled-up Kiviter retort capable of processing 1,000 tons daily was installed near Kohtla-Järve-Ahtme at the V. I. Lenin Combine.

The Soviets refer to the Galoter process as the UTT process, and associated retort units (which have a unit maximum throughput capacity of 3,300 tons per day of Baltic oil shale) are referred to as UTT-3000 units. They first used the technique in 1980 in a pilot oil shale processing plant located adjacent to the Estonian Thermal Power Plant. The new UTT-3000 process uses solid heat retorts, and the temperature can be controlled to provide an optimum mix of oil, gas, and tars that are then either burned as fuel or further refined into numerous oil-based products. The Galoter process is the most advanced for industrial oil shale retorting in the USSR.

The Soviets also use some of the inorganic residual ash waste from the shale oil conversion process as building material and soil condition-

er. Despite these beneficial uses, spent shale presents a serious disposal problem. Large areas in the shale regions of the USSR have been despoiled by shale strip mining and dumping of processing waste. Although some areas have been restored through grading and planting, revegetation of open pit mines and spent shale dump sites is difficult because of the high alkalinity of the soil.

## Tar Sands

The USSR has more than 30 billion tons of potential oil reserves that could be extracted from tar sands. The largest concentration of tar sand deposits occurs in northwest Yakut ASSR. The best known of these is the Olenek tar sand deposit near the Lena River. Because of their remote location, the Soviets do not anticipate exploiting the Olenek or other East Siberian tar sands in the near future.

Currently, the Soviets have limited experimental development of tar sands to deposits in the Volga, Pechora, Transcaucasus, and Central Asia regions. The only significant Soviet oil production from tar sands comes from the Yarega field near Ukhta in the Pechora basin of northern Komi ASSR. Here, the Soviets recover heavy oils and bitumen sands via "oil mining." The oil is located at depths of 200 to 400 meters and requires heating to be recovered from seams 2 to 5 meters thick. The resulting heavy oils are refined into specialty oils, greases, and lubricants.

## Peat

The USSR has about 60 percent of the world's peat resources. Soviet geologists estimate their peat reserves at about 150 billion tons, which includes 30- to 40-percent moisture content. Peat is distributed throughout much of the country, but only the reserves in the Baltic republics, the Moscow-Gor'kiy area, and Belorussia are intensely exploited at this time.

The Soviet Union is the world's largest producer of peat, both for fuel and agriculture. Current peat production in the USSR is about 230 million tons per year. About two-thirds of the peat produced is used in agriculture and by the chemical industry for the production of methanol and synthetic natural gas (SNG). Of the remaining peat, nearly 40 percent is burned in several major thermal power plants in European USSR, 10 to 15 percent is formed into briquettes for home heating, and the rest is used in industrial boilers and in large heating plants.

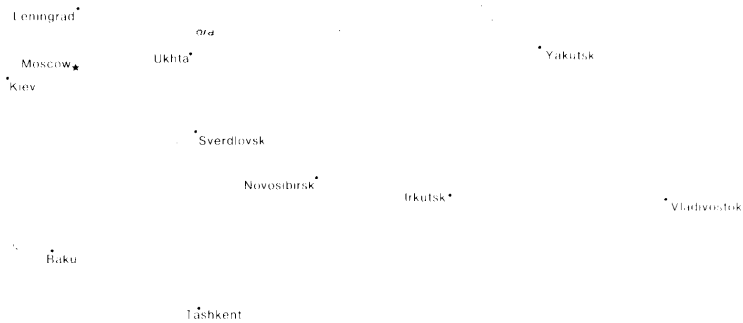
For many years, the use of peat as an energy source has been declining. Peat now accounts for only 0.4 percent of total energy supply. Recent Soviet studies on the future of the peat industry have concluded that the amount of peat used as fuel will continue to decrease because of insufficient reserves in the primary consuming areas and increasing demand in the agricultural sector.

## Tar Sand Deposits

Scale 1:60,000,000

0 800 Kilometers

0 800 Statute Miles



## Peat and Forest Reserves

Scale 1:60,000,000

0 800 Kilometers

0 800 Statute Miles



## Fuelwood

Forests cover approximately one-third of the territory of the USSR. In 1983 the lumbering industry cut 356 million cubic meters of timber, of which about 23 percent was designated as fuelwood.<sup>2</sup> Production of fuelwood has been slowly decreasing in recent years, but wood still comprises up to 40 percent of the locally expended fuel in the northern forest regions and is also an important fuel in the central region. Overall, wood currently contributes slightly more than 1 percent of the national energy supply.

<sup>2</sup> These figures do not include fuelwood gathered by the populace. Occasional data indicate that the amount may nearly equal the fuelwood cut by the lumbering industry.

Fuelwood is principally used in home heating or as feedstock in the synfuel industry; it is rarely burned in power stations. The Soviets are able to produce automotive fuels and methanol from wood fibers and waste by using an acid hydrolysis process. This synthetic fuel is produced at a small demonstration plant near Krasnoyarsk, designated the SKR-10. The Soviets are increasing the volume of wood chips exported for use in producing synfuels and plan to construct industrial plants in Siberia that can convert 2 million tons per year of wood chips and waste into 40,000 tons per year of synfuel.

# Electric Power

Since 1920, when Lenin presented his dictum "Communism is Soviet power plus the electrification of the entire country," the Soviet Union has become a world leader in the generation of electric power. Virtually every settled area of the vast Soviet territory has now been electrified. But, even though the electric power base of the USSR has been growing rapidly for many years, much faster than the economy as a whole, there is still not enough electricity available to meet all Soviet industrial and communal needs.

Industry is the principal consumer of electric power. Its share of the total electricity consumption has been gradually decreasing, but still amounted to 65 percent in 1983. Compared with other countries, the transportation sector receives a relatively large share, 9 percent, and is maintaining that share as the electrification of railroads expands and the electric power requirements of oil and gas production and distribution systems increase. Plans call for the share of power allocated for household, municipal, and agricultural use to grow from 20.5 percent in 1980 to 22 percent in 1985. This should improve the power supply for domestic and communal uses, which has long been inadequate. Exports of electric power amount to only 1.7 percent of production.

Despite the rapid growth of the power industry, insufficient generating capacity in the European part of the USSR where industry and population are concentrated, leads to chronic power shortages. Provision of additional capacity is impeded by inadequate local fuel and hydro-

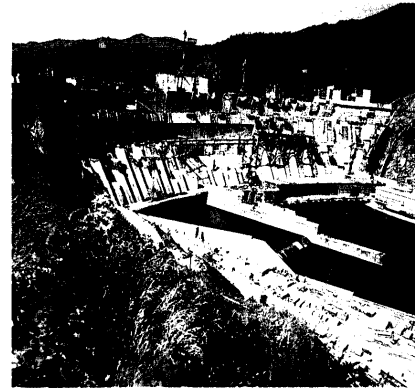
power resources and the costs and difficulty of transporting fuel from elsewhere. As the growth rate of the labor force declines, economic growth is becoming more and more dependent on electric power to help increase labor productivity.

To increase its electric power supply, the USSR is promoting rapid growth of nuclear power and pumped-storage hydroelectric power plants in the European part of the country while continuing to build major hydropower plants on large Siberian rivers and large thermal power plants in the coal-rich eastern regions. It is also attempting to improve efficiency by concentrating power production in large regional power plants and installing larger generators. To improve the distribution of power, the Soviet Union is in the process of integrating the regional power networks via ultra-high-voltage (UHV) transmission lines to form a national power system. And it is developing alternative energy technologies to meet local small-scale and supplementary needs.

## Electric Power Administration

The Soviet Ministry of Power and Electrification, in effect, controls more than 90 percent of the country's installed electric power capacity and output. The remaining generating plants are either under the administration of various other ministries, such as metallurgy, machine building, transportation, and agriculture, or assigned to local authorities or industries. Transmission, however, is controlled by the Ministry of Power

and Electrification. Like other energy ministries, the Ministry of Power and Electrification has an extensive array of subordinate enterprises and institutes, almost all of which are headquartered in Moscow.

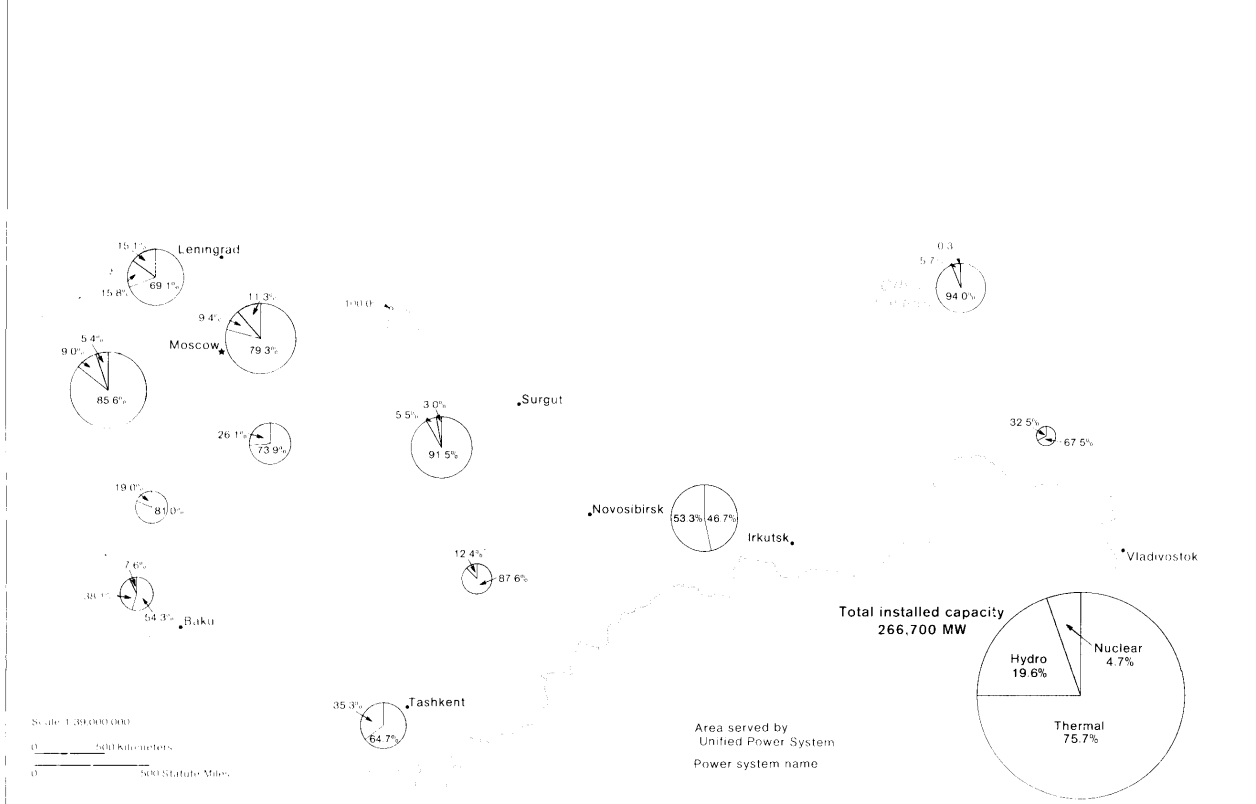


The 6,400-MW Sayan-Shushenskoye Hydro-power Dam across Yenisey River, East Siberia.

## Production and Consumption

The Soviet Union is second only to the United States in the generation of electric power, although per capita production lags behind that of many industrialized countries. Power generation in the Soviet Union grew from less than 500 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) in 1920 to 1.42 trillion kWh in 1983 (about half the amount

## Regional Distribution of Installed Electric Power Capacity, 1980



**USSR: Electric Power Acronyms**

Like many American industries, the Soviet electric power industry uses acronyms for types of power plants and their components. Some of these acronyms have passed into general usage, and knowledge of them facilitates identification in Soviet publications.

**Power generation**

AES	Atomic/nuclear electric power plant
AKES	Atomic condensation electric power plant
AST	Atomic heat supply plant
ATLETs	Atomic heat and electric power plant
DES	Diesel power plant
GAES	Pumped-storage electric power plant
GeoTES	Geothermal electric power plant
GES	Hydroelectric power plant
GRES	State regional electric power plant (thermal)
	Gas-turbine electric power plant
GTU	Gas-turbine installation
KES	Condensation electric power plant
MHD	Magnetohydrodynamic generators
MINENERGO	USSR Ministry of Power and Electrification
PES	Tidal electric power plant
PGU	Steam gas-turbine units
SES	Solar power plant
TETs	Heat and electric power plant
<b>Power transmission</b>	
AC	Alternating current
CEMA	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
DC	Direct current
FHV	Extra-high-voltage (330- to 750-kV AC and 800-kV DC)
ES	District power system
GOFLRO	State Plan for Electrification of the Soviet Union (1920)
GOSTANDART	State Committee for Standards
HV	High voltage (35- to 220-kV AC)
kV	Kilovolt
kW, kWh	Kilowatt, kilowatt-hours
LFP	Long-distance transmission line
MW	Megawatt
OES	Consolidated regional power system
OL	Overhead line
TEK	Fuel and power complex (KATEK—Kansk-Achinsk Fuel and Power Complex)
UHV	Ultra-high voltage, voltages greater than 750-kV AC or 800-kV DC (1,150-kV AC and 1,500-kV DC)
LFP-500	Overhead transmission line (number indicates voltage)
USSR YeES	Unified Power System of the Soviet Union

**Installed Capacity of Electric Power Plants**

*Thousand megawatts*

	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1983	1985 Plan
<b>Total</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>217.5</b>	<b>266.7</b>	<b>293.6</b>	<b>327.6</b>
Nuclear	NEGL	0.3	0.9	4.7	12.5	20.2	33.8
Hydro	14.8	22.2	31.4	40.5	52.3	57.0	64.7
Thermal	51.9	92.5	133.9	172.3	201.9	216.4	229.1

**Electricity Production**

*Billion kilowatt-hours*

	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1983	1985 Plan
<b>Total</b>	<b>292.3</b>	<b>506.7</b>	<b>740.9</b>	<b>1,038.6</b>	<b>1,293.9</b>	<b>1,418.1</b>	<b>1,555</b>
Nuclear	NEGL	1.4	3.5	20.2	72.9	109.8	220
Hydro	50.9	81.4	124.4	126.0	183.9	180.4	230
Thermal	241.4	423.9	613.0	892.4	1,037.1	1,127.9	1,105

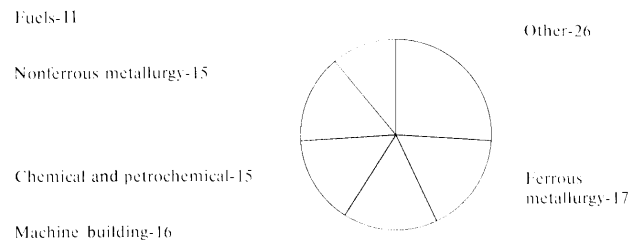
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Industry (including construction)	216.4	361.3	503.4	678.0	799.2	NA	927
Transport	17.6	37.1	54.4	74.2	102.8	115.5	128
Communal and municipal	30.5	50.6	81.0	119.1	155.0	NA	190
Agriculture	10.0	21.1	38.6	73.8	110.9	126.6	157
Exports	NEGL	1.5	5.2	11.3	19.1	23.9	25
Line losses	17.8	35.1	58.3	82.2	106.9	115.3	128

**Principal Industrial Consumers of Electric Power, 1980**

Percent



generated in the United States). This growth was achieved through heavy investment in power plant construction: since 1960, for example, the electric power industry has been allocated about 10 percent of the total capital investment in industry.

The 11th Five-Year Plan called for the installation of 68,900 megawatts (MW) of new capacity between 1981 and 1985, which would permit power production to increase an average of 3.7 percent annually and reach 1,555 billion kWh in 1985. If production continues to grow at a 4-percent annual rate, it would reach about 2,200 billion kWh in the mid-1990s, the level reached in the United States in 1976.

To increase generating capacity at the least cost, the Soviet Union is building fewer, but bigger power stations using larger, more efficient generating units. (Large power plants are generally more cost effective than small plants in both construction and operation.) The 6,000-MW Krasnoyarsk Hydroelectric Plant on the Yenisey River in Siberia is currently the largest hydro-

electric power plant in the world, and the Sayan-Shushenskoye station, when the last two generating units are installed in 1985, will be even larger at 6,400 MW. The 4,000-MW Ekibastuz GRES-1 in Kazakhstan, which reached fully operational capacity in 1984, the 3,800-MW Reftinskiy Thermal Power Plant in the Urals, and the slightly smaller Zaporozh'ye and Uglegorsk plants in the Ukraine are among the largest thermal power plants in the world. Of the more than 900 major Soviet electric generating plants at the end of 1983, 57 were thermal power plants, 14 were hydroelectric power plants, and eight were nuclear power plants with capacities of 1,000 MW or more. These 79 large plants contributed about 163,000 MW, some 55 percent of the total Soviet power generating capacity.

The Soviet electric power industry is most developed in the European part of the country including the Urals. This region produces 72 percent of the national output of electricity. But 75 percent of the people and most of the industrial centers are located in the European USSR, and

demand for power exceeds supply during peak hours. Voltage drops and brownouts are common; moreover, demand is rising steadily. Although additional large power plants are needed to fulfill peak demand requirements, the hydroelectric potential of the European rivers has already been almost fully exploited.

East of the Ural Mountains there is a better balance between power generation and demand. Major thermal and hydroelectric power plants have been built where population and industry are concentrated, mainly along the Trans-Siberia Railroad and in the Kuznetsk basin of West Siberia. The abundant coal and hydroelectric resources permit strong growth of the electric power industry in the eastern regions; between 1980 and 1985 production was scheduled to increase by more than 40 percent in the east compared to 30 percent in the European area. Eventually, as electric power production in the eastern regions exceeds demand, the Soviets plan to transmit the surplus to the energy-short European areas via UHV transmission lines.

## Thermal Power

Thermal power plants have always been the backbone of the Soviet electric power industry. In 1983 fossil-fuel-burning plants accounted for three-fourths of total Soviet power plant capacity and generated 80 percent of total electric power output.

Thermal power plants in the Soviet Union are built according to standard designs prepared by the All-Union State Institute for Planning Thermal Electric Power Stations. The generating units in these plants commonly range from 50 to 800 MW in output capacity and are combined into assemblies comprising one boiler, one turbine, one generator, and one transformer. Since 1963, when the first 300-MW units were put into operation, nearly 400 of these units have been installed, making them the standard generating units of large thermal power stations. In the last decade, twelve 500-MW units, eight 800-MW units, and one 1,200-MW unit have gone into operation. In the future, the 500-MW and 800-MW units should become the standard generating units of large thermal power plants, while 200-MW and 300-MW units will continue to be installed in medium-size power plants.

In keeping with the Soviets' shift in policy to locate power generation facilities near fuel resources, four 4,000-MW plants, each with eight 500-MW generating units, have been planned for northeastern Kazakhstan, near the Ekibastuz subbituminous coal deposits. By late 1984, all eight 500-MW units for the first Ekibastuz thermal power plant had been installed. Construction of the three additional plants at Ekibastuz and the one at Chiganak, in southern Kazakhstan, is considerably behind schedule. A similarly large plant (with eight 800-MW units) near the Berezovskoye mine in the Kansk-Achinsk brown coal basin has also been delayed and the first unit is now scheduled for startup in 1985.

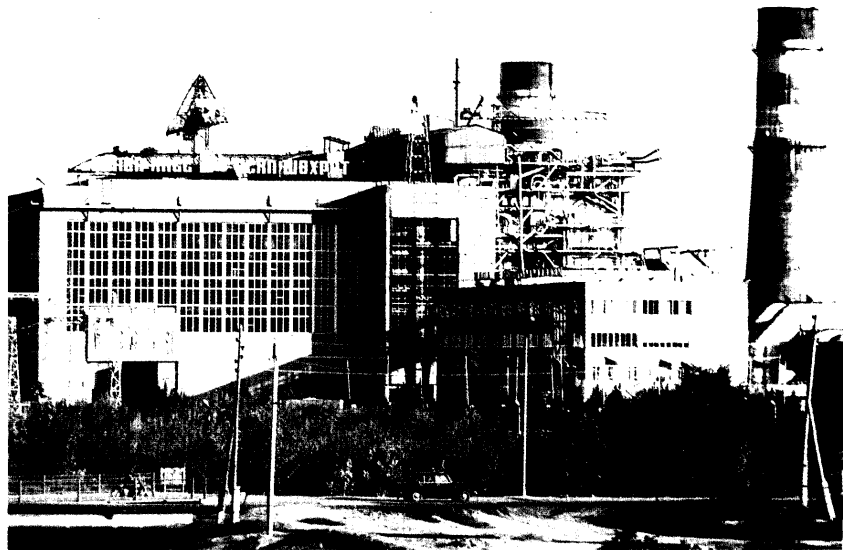
State regional electric power plants (GRESs) provide central thermal power generation for large areas and for areas of high demand. At the beginning of 1983 there were 51 large GRESs with capacities of more than 1,000 MW; together they comprised almost half of the national thermal power generating capacity. Most of these large GRESs are located in European areas of the Soviet Union; among them are 12 in the Ukrainian Republic, seven in the Urals and six in the Central Moscow Power System. There are only 12 large GRESs in the eastern regions of the country—four in Central Asia, five in Siberia, and three in Kazakhstan.

The cogeneration of electric power and heat—little practiced in Western countries—is common in the Soviet Union. At present there are more than 1,000 combination heat-and-power plants (TETs) in the USSR, all located in or near urban areas or at industrial plants. Besides electricity, they supply heat to residences and other indoor facilities and process steam to industrial enterprises. Even though less electricity is obtained per unit of fuel, cogeneration is a more efficient use of fuel than generation of electricity alone, because the heat of combustion is more fully exploited.

At the end of 1983 the total electric power generating capacity of all TETs in the Soviet Union was about 75,000 MW or 35 percent of total thermal power plant capacity. The TETs produced about 375 billion kWh of electricity and 1,200.3 million gigacalories of heat, the latter fulfilling 40 percent of the heating requirements of the cities. There are 12 TETs in Moscow alone, with total capacities of 5,100 MW of electricity and 22,000 gigacalories of heat per hour. The TETs-23 in Moscow is the largest TETs in the country; it can simultaneously generate 1,400 MW of electricity and 2,140 gigacalories per hour. Throughout the

Soviet Union about 17,000 kilometers of heating mains have been installed, 2,200 kilometers in Moscow alone.

The generation of electric power from internal combustion engines (for example, diesel generators) has been widespread in the Soviet Union, especially in remote areas, but this practice is decreasing because internal combustion power generation is inefficient and relatively costly. Instead, where feasible, transmission networks centered on GRESs are being extended to remote areas.

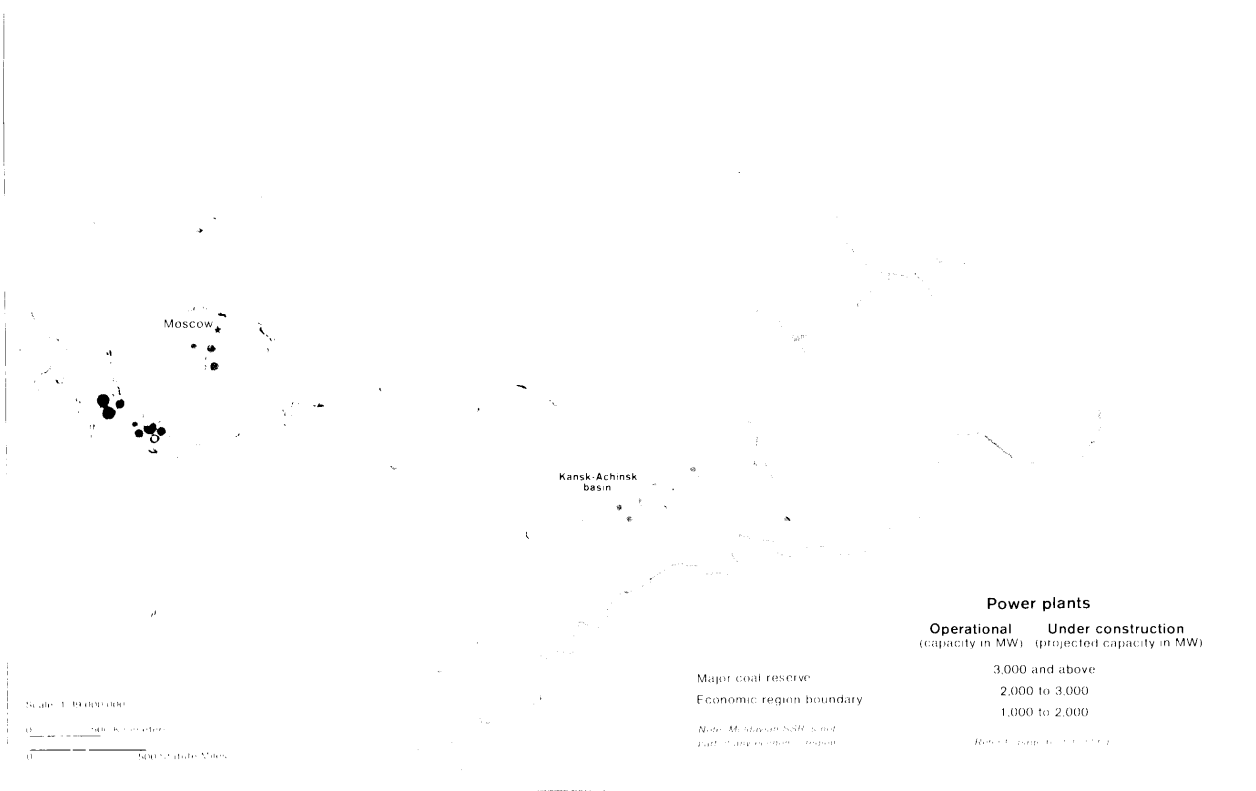


*Construction of the 1,260-MW Mary Thermal Power Plant, Central Asia.*



*The 2,400-MW Lukoml' Thermal Power Plant, Belorussia.*

## Major Thermal Power Plants

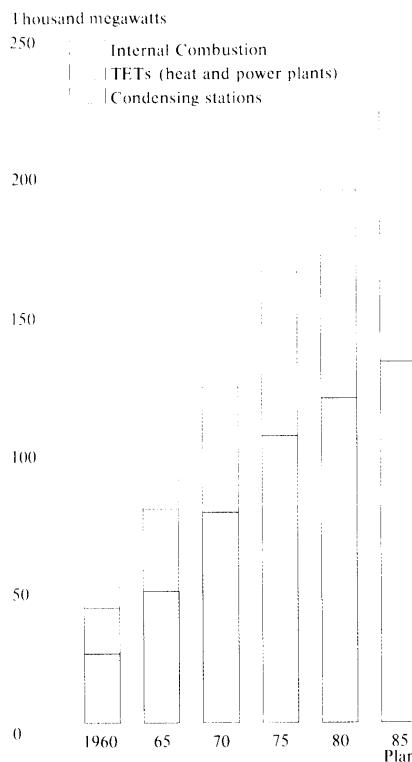


The average consumption of fuel at thermal power plants of the Ministry of Power and Electrification has been reduced through improved efficiency. This improvement in efficiency has been achieved through the replacement of many small, old generating units with fewer larger, modern units and the increased cogeneration of heat and electricity.

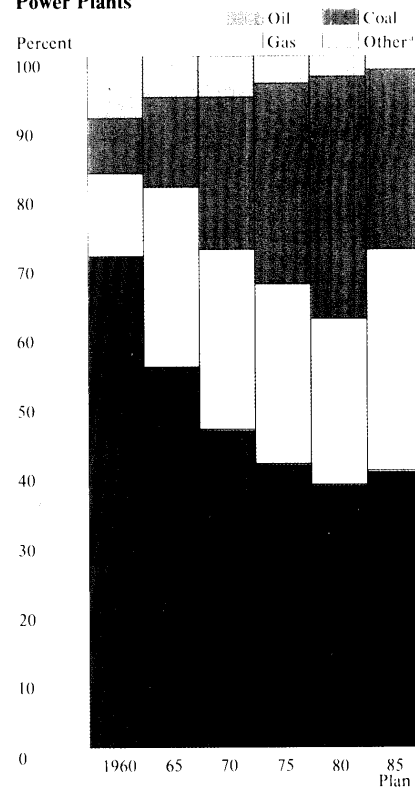
Coal has been the principal fuel used in thermal power plants in the USSR. In the early 1960s, however, a significant shift toward natural gas and fuel oil was initiated. At the time, these fuels were cheaper as well as cleaner than coal, and the cost of constructing a gas- or oil-fueled power plant was calculated to be significantly less than the cost of a coal-burning power plant. In the mid-1970s Soviet policies on fossil fuels changed again and coal again became the preferred fuel for Soviet power plants. Most new thermal power plants are gas or coal fired; very few oil burning plants are being built. To conserve oil, some oil-burning power plants in the Urals and Volga regions have been converted to burn gas piped from the large West Siberian gas deposits. Because of a tight coal supply, even some coal-fired plants are being converted partly to gas.

Because they are usually located in cities, most TETs will continue to burn oil and gas, which produce fewer pollutants than coal. Currently, the primary method of controlling atmospheric pollutants (mainly sulfur dioxide and ash) from thermal power plants is the use of very tall smokestacks which disperse the effluents into the higher layers of air.

### Installed Capacity of Thermal Power Plants



### Consumption of Fuel at Thermal Power Plants



<sup>a</sup> Peat, oil shale and fuelwood.



# Hydroelectric Power

## Resources

The Soviet Union has huge hydroelectric resources; only China has more. The Soviets have calculated that the economically exploitable portion of these resources has a potential generating capacity of 270,000 MW that could theoretically provide 1,095 billion kWh of electricity

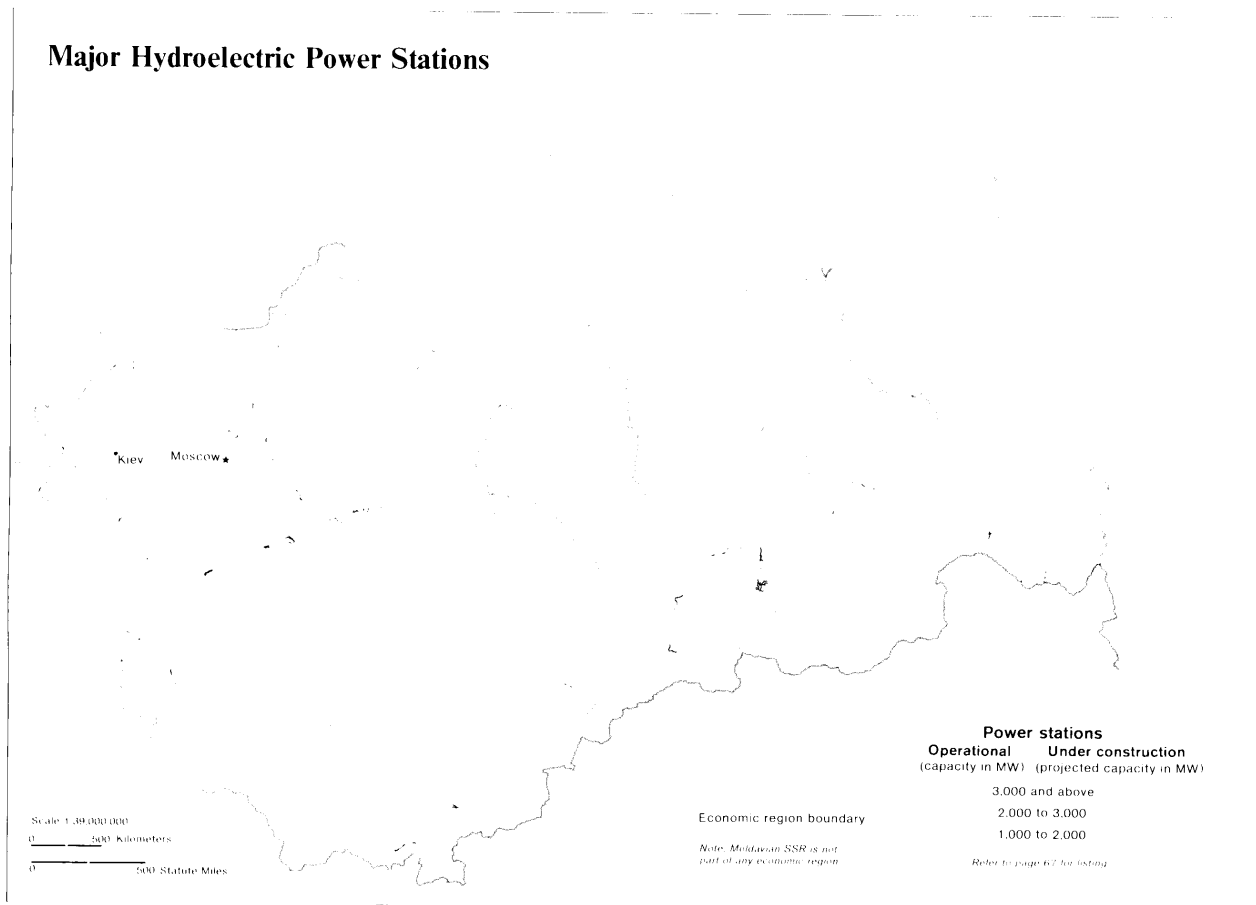
USSR. The European share, however, is decreasing as large new hydropower plants are completed in the eastern regions. About two-thirds of the 12,400 MW of new hydropower generating capacity planned for 1981-85 was to be installed in eastern regions of the country.

The more than 400 hydropower stations administered by the Ministry of Power and Electrification account for virtually all Soviet hydroelectric capacity. Among these stations, which range

power production has been constrained by a shortage of rainfall, increased allocations of water for irrigation, and increasing reliance on hydropower to meet peak demand.

The USSR has started building pumped-storage hydropower plants to help meet the demand for power during peak periods. The first Soviet pumped-storage plant (225-MW capacity) is already in operation on the Dnepr River near Kiev. A 1,200-MW plant is being built at

## Major Hydroelectric Power Stations



annually. Only 20 percent of that potential capacity had been installed by the end of 1983. (In comparison, the United States had exploited 36 percent of its estimated 186,000 MW of potential capacity.) About 66 percent of the Soviet hydropower resources is located in Siberia and the Far East, 18 percent is located in the European part of the country, and 16 percent is located in Kazakhstan and Central Asia.

## Hydroelectric Power Stations

The Soviet Union has built some of the world's largest hydroelectric power stations and, in the mountainous regions of the Caucasus and Central Asia, some of its highest dams. At the end of 1983 the total installed capacity of Soviet hydroelectric power plants was 57,000 MW, about 20 percent of total national electricity generating capacity. In contrast to the distribution of resources, about half of the installed hydropower capacity is located in the European

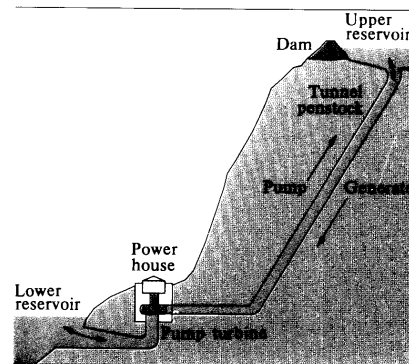
in size from 6,000 to less than 5 MW, are 14 with capacities of 1,000 MW or more that by themselves account for more than 60 percent of total hydroelectric capacity.

## Power Production

Power output from Soviet hydroelectric plants amounted to 180.4 billion kWh in 1983, more than 14 times output in 1950. From 1950 to 1970 production grew at an average annual rate of 12 percent, but since 1970 output of hydropower plants has grown much more slowly, at an average of 2.9 percent a year. During the 1960s hydropower plants provided about 17 percent of total electric power output, but by 1983 that share had dropped to less than 13 percent. The hydroelectric share of total electric power output is expected to remain stable for the rest of the decade.

In recent years, the growth of Soviet hydro-

## Schematic of a Conventional Pump-Storage Facility



Pump-storage plants have reversible turbines that generate hydroelectricity during peak hours and then use reserve power in the network to pump water back up into the reservoir at night.

Zagorsk near Moscow, and a 1,600-MW plant at Kairis dorys, in Lithuania. Another facility under construction will be used in conjunction with the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Station near Konstantinovka, on the Yuzhny Bug River.

## Regional Summary of Hydropower Development

### The European USSR

On many of the major rivers of the European USSR—Volga, Kama, and Dnepr—the Soviets have built hydroelectric dams in series to form cascades of large reservoirs, which, in addition to providing power, combine with canals to make deepwater river transport possible between five seas. Although only 40 percent of the hydroelectric potential of the European part of the country has been exploited, most of the sites in the European area where new hydropower plants could be built are in northern regions and in the mountains of the Caucasus, far from the areas of high power consumption.

More than half of the economic hydropower potential in Soviet Europe is concentrated in the basins of the Volga, Dnepr, Kura, and Pechora Rivers. Exploitation of the Dnepr and the Volga began in the early 1930s. The Dnepr Cascade has been virtually completed; it has six hydroelectric power stations with a total capacity of 3,575 MW. The eight-station Volga Cascade is also nearly finished. The last station, the Cheboksary Hydropower Station, began generating power in late 1980. When all of its 18 units are installed, the eight stations will provide 8,617 MW of generating capacity. Cascades of hydropower stations have also been built in Karelia, near the Kola Peninsula in the north, and in the mountainous region of the Caucasus. The Sevan-Razdan Cascade in Armenia consists of six diversion-type power plants, with tunnels and penstocks bringing the water down to the generating stations.

Because many of the western rivers are flanked by valuable urban, industrial, or agricultural land that would be flooded by additional hydropower reservoirs, little future expansion is likely, compared to that planned in other parts of the country. Consequently, in 1985 only 40 percent of total hydroelectric power production is to be generated in the European USSR including the Urals, a drop from 54 percent in 1970.

### Soviet Central Asia

Dams are especially important in the dry climate of Central Asia. Besides producing power for industrial development, they also provide water to irrigate the cottonfields and orchards.

In the Kirghiz and Tajik Republics several high dams have been built in difficult mountainous terrain; on the Vakhsh River in Tajikistan, the 2,700-MW Nurek power station is complete, and construction is under way on the 3,600-MW Rogun station; on the Naryn River in Kirgizia four hydroelectric stations are operating, the

largest being the 1,200-MW Toktogul station. The total capacity of the hydroelectric power stations now under construction in the mountains of Central Asia will exceed 9,000 MW if all planned construction is completed.

### Siberia and the Soviet Far East

The Siberian regions contain two-thirds of the total USSR hydropower potential, but little of it had been tapped until recently. In the past 20 years, however, massive construction projects in this remote, environmentally inhospitable area have led to steady growth in hydropower output.

The Angara-Yenisey basin in eastern Siberia alone contains one-fourth of the country's total hydroelectric resources, capable of producing more than 300 billion kWh of electricity annually. When completed in 1966, the 4,500-MW Bratsk station on the Angara River was the largest hydropower station in the world. Later, in 1971, the 6,000-MW Krasnoyarsk station on the Yenisey River achieved this distinction. An even larger hydroelectric power station, the Sayan-Shushenskoye Hydropower Station on the upper Yenisey River, with 6,400 MW, is to

be completed in the mid-1980s. With the completion of other stations under construction or planned, the total capacity of the Angara-Yenisey Cascade could reach 46,700 MW by the end of the century.

Several large hydropower stations built on the Zeya and Bureya Rivers in the Soviet Far East are to provide power for new industry in the area, as well as for the eastern sector of the new Baikal-Amur Mainline (BAM) railroad.

In the far northern regions the Soviets have built hydropower plants in the permafrost zone, where special construction techniques are required because of the unique characteristics of the ground surface and the rigors of the environment. The first plant in this region was built on the Vilyuy River in the Yakut ASSR, where winter temperatures drop to -60 degrees Celsius. A 900-MW hydropower plant is being built in the far northeast on the Kolyma River. It will greatly increase the power available in Magadan Oblast, where more than 1,000 scattered diesel generating stations now provide most of the power.



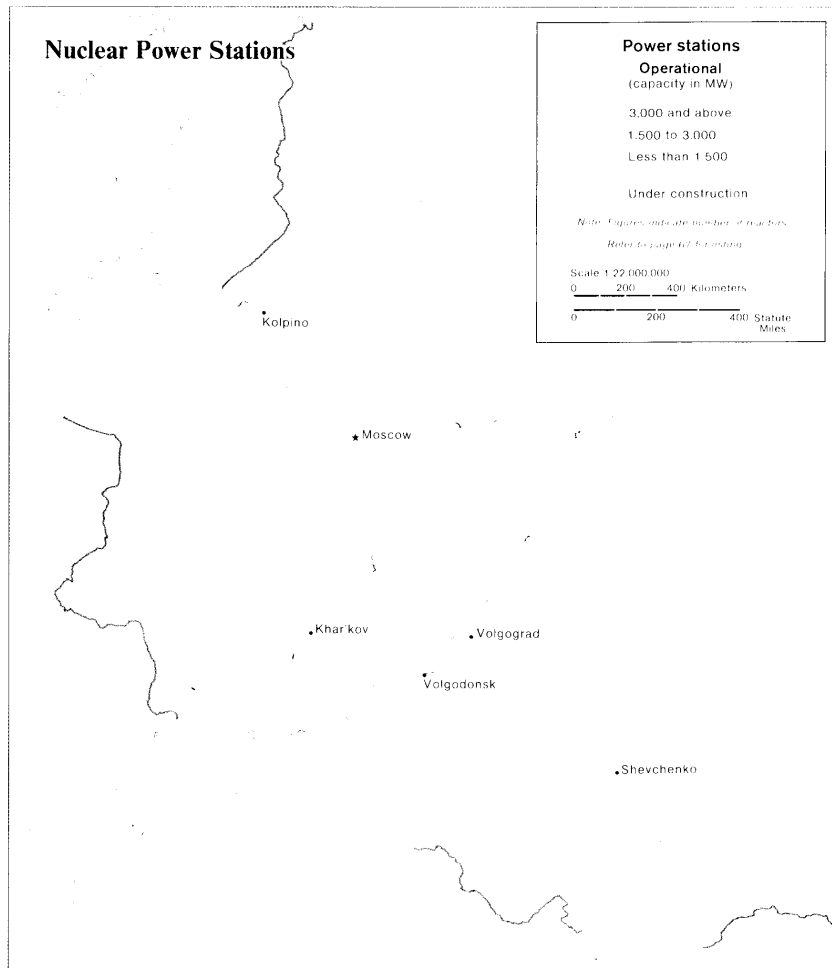
Construction of 1,325-MW Inguri Hydropower Dam across Inguri River in the Caucasus Mountains, Georgian SSR.

## Nuclear Power

In 1954 the Soviet Union became the first country to use nuclear power to generate electricity for commercial purposes. The Soviets were subsequently slow to capitalize on their strong start and made little progress until the mid-1970s. Since then, however, the pace of nuclear development has picked up rapidly despite the chronic construction delays that plague virtually all Soviet projects. Based on the aggressive program Moscow now has on the books to expand existing plants and add new ones, most informed observers expect that strong growth should continue throughout this decade and into the early 1990s, even with continuing construction bottlenecks.

Untroubled by antinuclear protests and increasingly supported by a sizable industry dedicated to the manufacture of nuclear reactor components, the Soviets now have one of the most active nuclear power construction programs in the world. The 11th Five-Year Plan (1981-85) projected the addition of 24,000 to 25,000 megawatts of nuclear capacity and a production of 220 billion kWh of electricity in 1985. At the beginning of 1984, the USSR had 12 nuclear power stations with one or more operating reactors, combining for a total electrical generating capacity of 20,168 MW, and additional reactors were still under construction at six of these operating stations. Electricity generated at these stations accounted for 8 percent of total Soviet electricity output in 1983. Additionally, 11 new nuclear power stations and two district heat stations were under construction.

Except for Bilibino in northeastern Siberia, and the noncommercial plant at Shevchenko in Kazakhstan, the Soviet Union's installed and



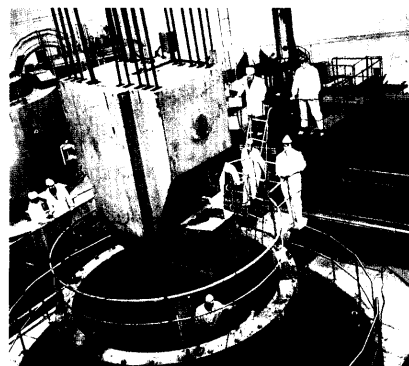
Exterior view of 2,455-MW Novovoronezhskiy Atomic Power Station.

planned nuclear power capacity is concentrated in the European USSR. Soviet policy for locating nuclear power plants is aimed at concentrating facilities in the country's most heavily populated and industrialized regions, which are characterized by a deficiency of fossil fuels and other forms of power relative to more remote and less populated regions of the country.

All nuclear power stations in the Soviet Union, and most of the existing and planned stations in the neighboring CEMA countries, are built around Soviet-designed reactors that use uranium fuel slightly enriched in the isotope uranium-235 (U-235). The Soviets have designed two types of power reactors: the pressurized water reactor (PWR) and the graphite-moderated pressure-tube (boiling water) reactor (GMPTR). The pressurized water reactor, designated VVER, comes in two main models, the VVER-440, a 440-megawatt (electrical) model, and the VVER-1000, a 1,000-megawatt (electrical) model. Two smaller prototypes or early demonstration models, the VVER-210 and the VVER-365, are also in operation. The graphite reactors are designated as RBMK. Of these, the RBMK-1000 model is the largest operational; however, the RBMK-1500—a 1,500-megawatt model—started up in late 1983 at Ignalina, Lithuania.

The Soviets are also continuing development of a third type—a liquid-metal, fast-breeder reactor (LMFBR). Only two major Soviet breeder reactors are currently in operation: a 350-megawatt prototype at Shevchenko, designated BN-350 and a 600-megawatt prototype at Beloyarskiy, designated BN-600. Several small, research fast breeder reactors are also in use.

In addition to continuing emphasis on the expansion of domestic nuclear power generation, the USSR is committed to a joint venture with its CEMA partners in Europe to develop a unified nuclear power program. A total of 11 Soviet-designed, 440-megawatt, pressurized water reactors are already in operation in CEMA-member states, and many more are planned. A nuclear power station with two VVER-440s is currently operating in Finland. Construction has also begun on a Soviet-designed nuclear power station in Cuba.



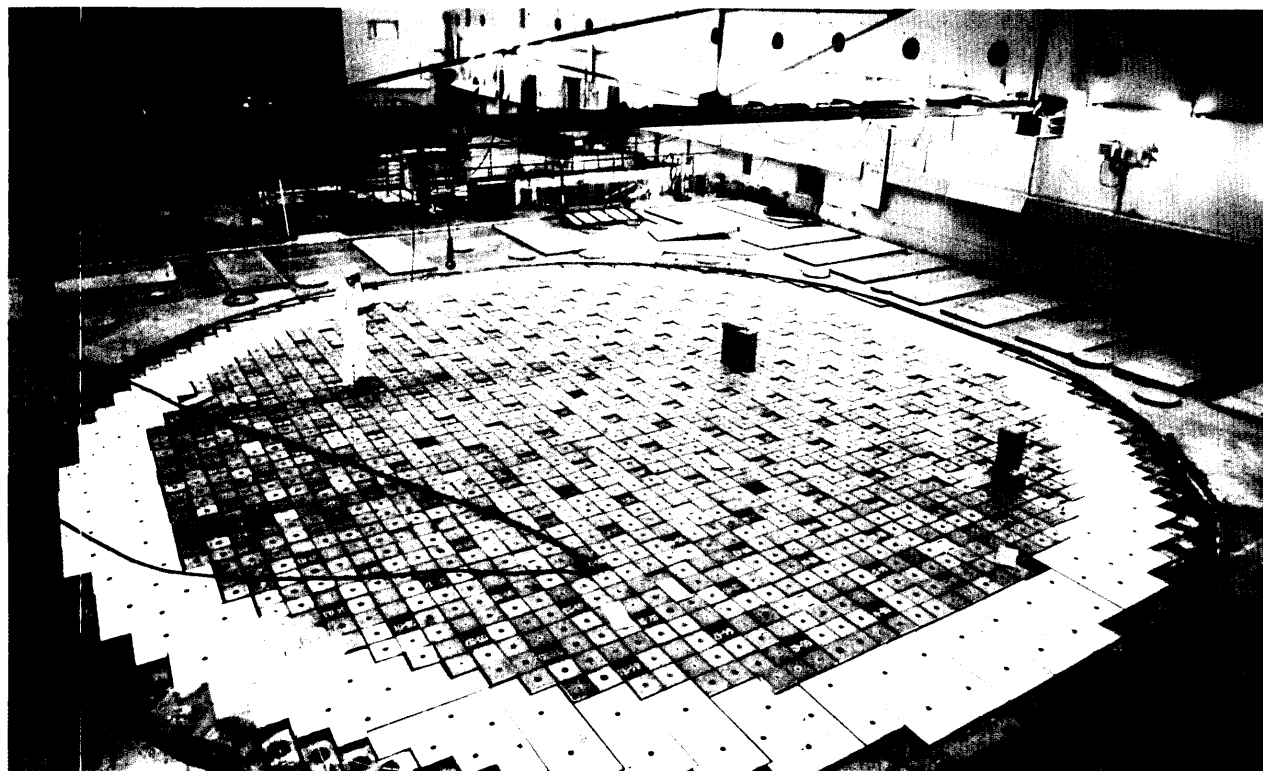
*Reactor being readied for startup at South Ukraine Nuclear Power Station.*

To meet its goals for domestic nuclear power growth and, at the same time, honor its commitments to CEMA partners, the Soviet Union is continuing to increase its capacity for manufacturing nuclear reactors, components, and equipment. The recently expanded Izhorskiy Heavy

Equipment Plant at Kolpino near Leningrad and the newly constructed Volgograd Heavy Machine Plant, known as Atommasht, are two of the largest nuclear component fabrication plants in the world. The location of the much-publicized Atommasht plant along the Don River allows shipment of large reactor units by barge to sites throughout European USSR. Czechoslovakia, using components manufactured there and by other CEMA countries, assembles the Soviet-designed VVER-440 and has plans to produce the VVER-1000 reactors.

## District Heat Systems

The Soviets are constructing several nuclear stations whose function is to produce heat or both heat and electricity for homes and industries at nearby towns and cities. Two types of these facilities are currently under construction: the first type, designated AST, is a boiling water reactor. Through a three-loop thermal exchange process, heat generated by the reactor is transported into the town's district heating system. The Soviets are building stations of this type, each consisting of two reactors of 500 MW (thermal) at Gor'kiy and Voronezh. A second type, designated ATETS, is a modification of the existing VVER-1000 reactor. In this system, a portion of the steam, which is normally used to produce electricity in the turbines, is diverted and used as a heat source for the district heating system. Because of the high calorific content of the steam, it is possible to transmit heat 30 to 40 kilometers. Construction of stations of this second type has been started at Odessa and Minsk, and the Soviets have announced plans to construct others at Khar'kov and Volgograd.



*Interior of the fourth RBMK-1000 power unit at the Leningrad Nuclear Power Station.*

## Power Transmission

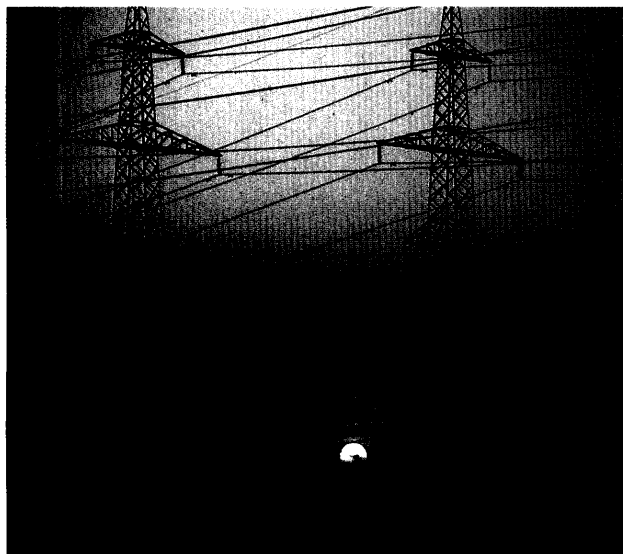
The USSR's unified power transmission system covers more area than any other power transmission system in the world. In 1983, 852,000 kilometers of high-voltage transmission lines interconnected more than 90 percent of the country's generating capacity. The basic units of the USSR's electricity transmission system are the 95 regional power networks called energos. Formed of 110- and 220-kV AC transmission lines, each network supplies power to a single administrative region (oblast, kray) or industrial region. Over the years most of these regional networks have been linked by 220-kV and 500-kV lines to form 11 consolidated regional power systems (OES).

A merger of the regional systems began in the mid-1950s and is complete except for the independently operated consolidated systems of Central Asia and the Far East. These two isolated power systems are to be connected to the national network—known as the Unified Power System of the Soviet Union (USSR YeES)—by the end of the 12th Five-Year Plan (1986-90). The USSR YeES is also linked to the power systems of many neighboring countries: CEMA countries, Finland, Norway, and Turkey.

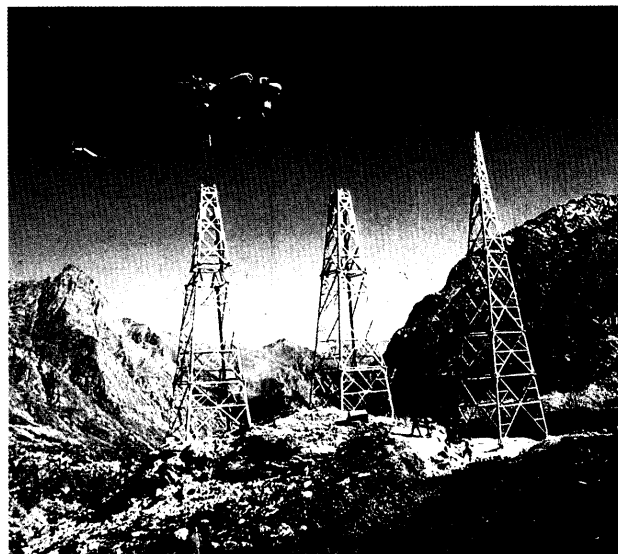
The integration of the OES into the USSR YeES has increased the flexibility of Soviet power supply; power can now be transferred between the linked systems, albeit at present only in small amounts. For example, only a

500-MW load can be transmitted from Siberia to Kazakhstan. The Soviets hope, however, eventually to be able to transmit large blocks of electricity—40 billion kWh and more—from the eastern regions, where energy resources are cheap and plentiful, to the power-hungry, but resource-poor European USSR. The transmission of so much power over so long a distance is unprecedented, in fact infeasible, until ultra-high-voltage (UHV) power transmission is perfected.

In general, the higher the voltage a transmission line can accept, the greater its capacity and efficiency and the farther it may be extended. Higher voltage transmission permits exploitation of hydropower resources far from



More than 800,000 kilometers of high-voltage transmission lines interconnect more than 90 percent of Soviet generating capacity.



A helicopter is used to erect 500-kV AC transmission towers in the Caucasus Mountains.

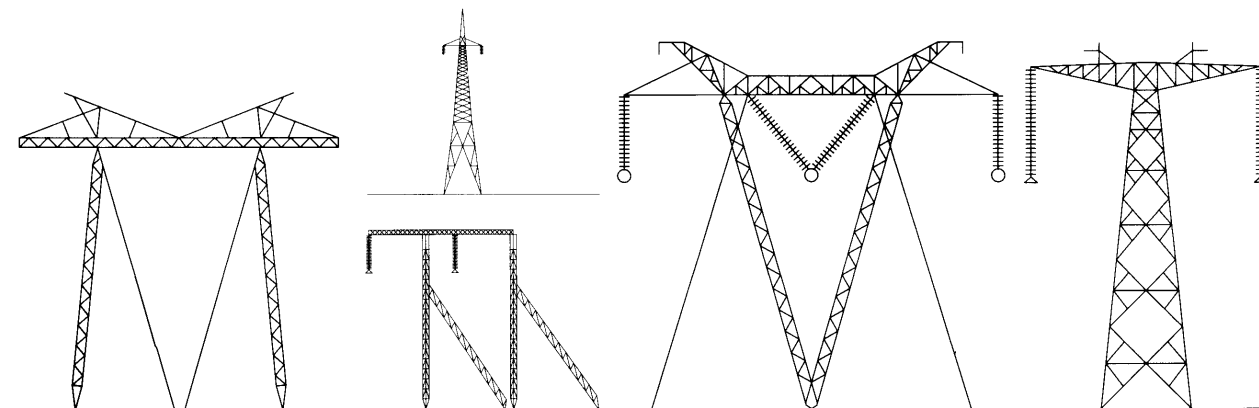
### Selected Types of Towers for Extra-High (EHV) and Ultrahigh-Voltage (UHV) Transmission

750-kV AC

800-kV DC

1,150-kV AC

1,500-kV DC



consuming centers and of deposits of brown coal whose calorific value is too low to justify shipping it long distances. Spurred by such considerations, the Soviet Union has become a world leader in the development of UHV power transmission technology.

In the realm of UHV power transmission, Soviet engineers are proceeding on two fronts. They are continuing to develop UHV AC transmission but are also working on UHV DC transmission.

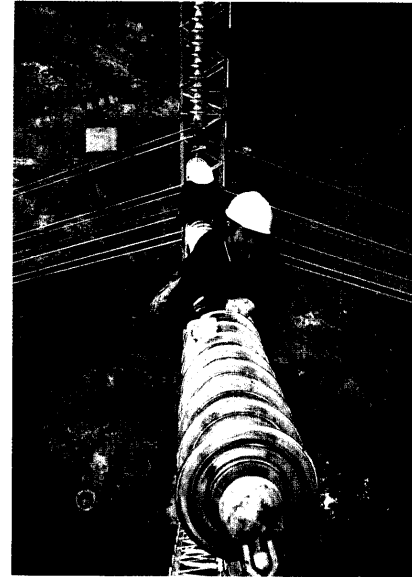
The USSR has announced that an experimental 1,150-kV AC powerline under construction in northern Kazakhstan will originate at the Ekibastuz-1 GRES and terminate at Chelyabinsk in the Urals. The first 600-km segment to Kokchetav was to be energized at 500 kV in late 1984. A 600-km eastward extension from the Ekibastuz-1 GRES to Barnaul in Siberia, and later to Novokuznetsk, is also under construction. Not only will the line greatly strengthen the tie between the Unified Power Systems of Siberia and north Kazakhstan, it will also tie in the major industrial cities in the Urals, to which it will carry power generated by the many new thermal power plants now in various phases of planning and construction in the Kansk-Achinsk and Ekibastuz coal basins.

Ultra-high-voltage DC transmission can move power over very long distances with lower line losses than AC transmission. Soviet development of DC transmission began in 1956 with the construction of an experimental 800-kV DC line between the Donets basin in the Ukraine and

the Volgograd Hydropower Station some 473 kilometers away; it began operating in 1962. This line, which carries 750 MW, linked the OES of the Center and the South regions. The experience gleaned from this 800-kV DC line led the Soviets to begin construction in early 1980 of a 1,500-kV DC line from Ekibastuz to Tambov, south of Moscow, a distance of 2,400 kilometers. But work on this line ceased in 1981 when the entire UHV effort shifted to the 1,150-kV AC system.

Electrification of rural areas in the USSR has grown rapidly in the last two decades as a result of the vast expansion of the countrywide power transmission capacity and the consolidation and centralization of local power generation. In the early 1960s small local power stations supplied nearly 50 percent of the power used in the countryside. Since then most of these stations have been dismantled, and state power grids now supply most of the electricity consumed in rural areas. To carry the increased amount of centrally produced power, the rural transmission network has quadrupled in length since 1960. More than 92 percent of this network consists of small distribution lines of 20 kV or less; the remainder are 35-kV, 110-kV, and 220-kV main lines.

The rapid growth in rural electric power was designed to improve the efficiency of agriculture through mechanization and to raise the standard of living in the countryside, where powerlines now reach most farms.



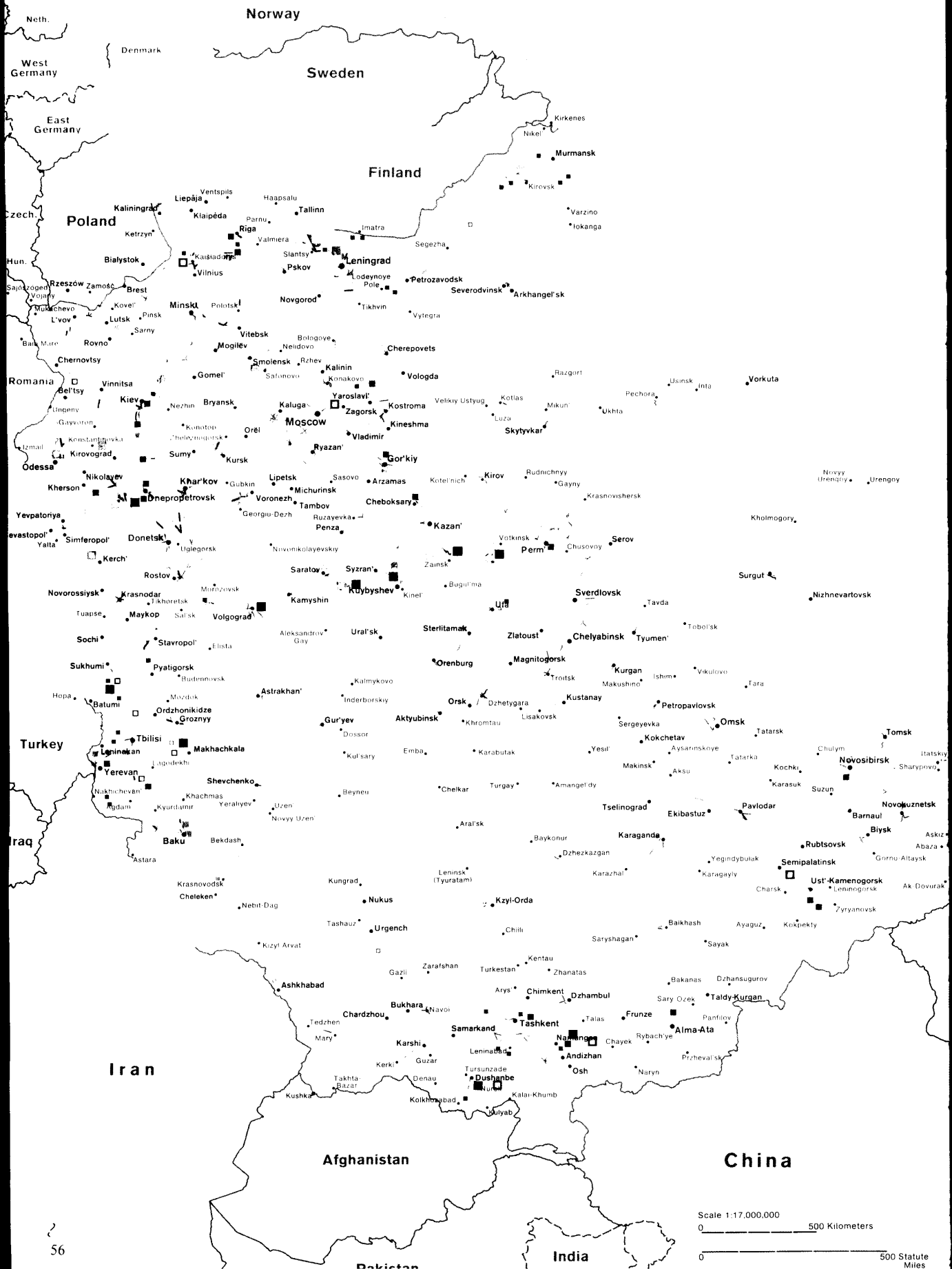
Workmen installing 1,150-kV AC transmission lines between Kazakhstan and the Urals.

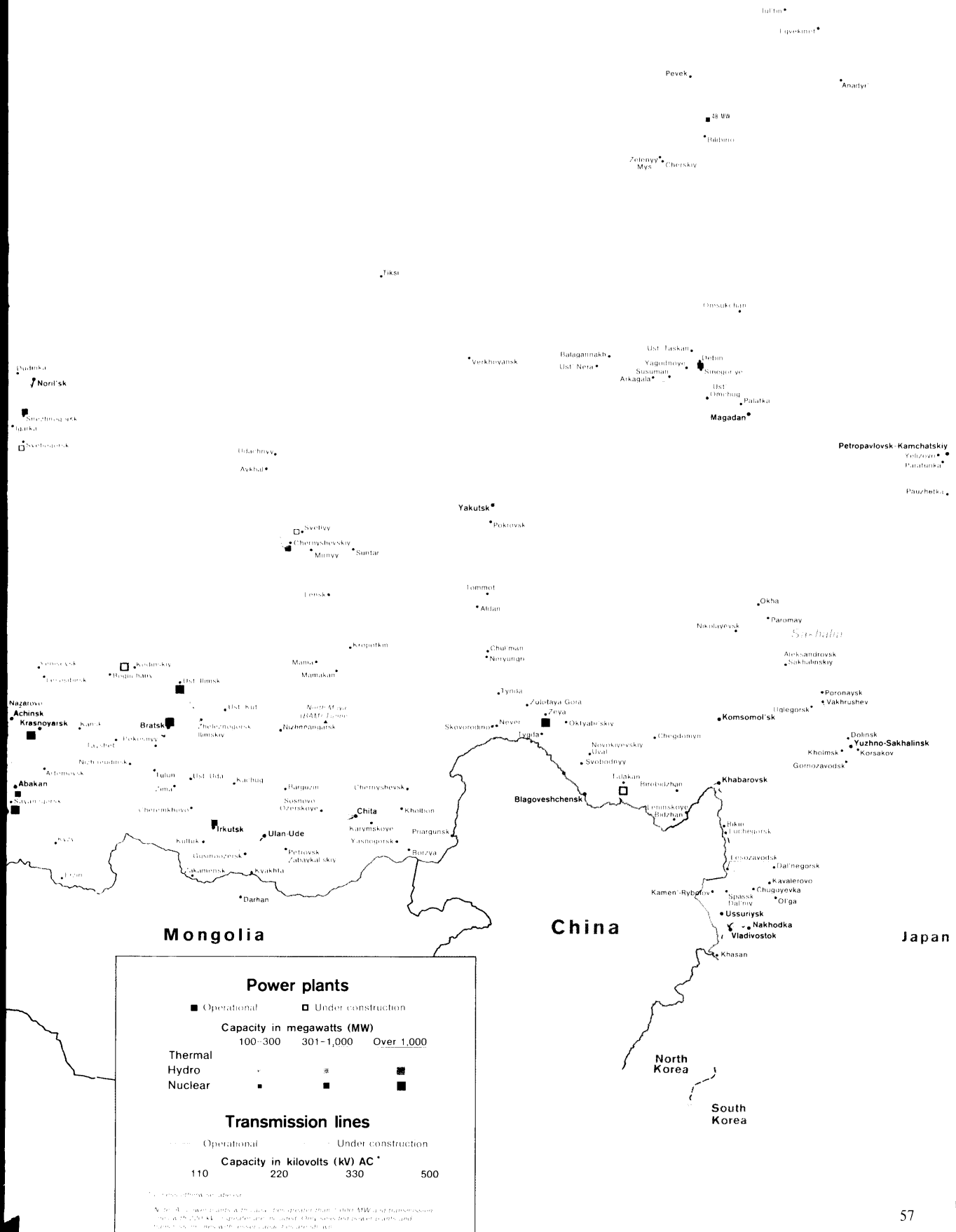
## Unified Power System



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# Power Plants and Transmission Lines







## Power for Remote Areas

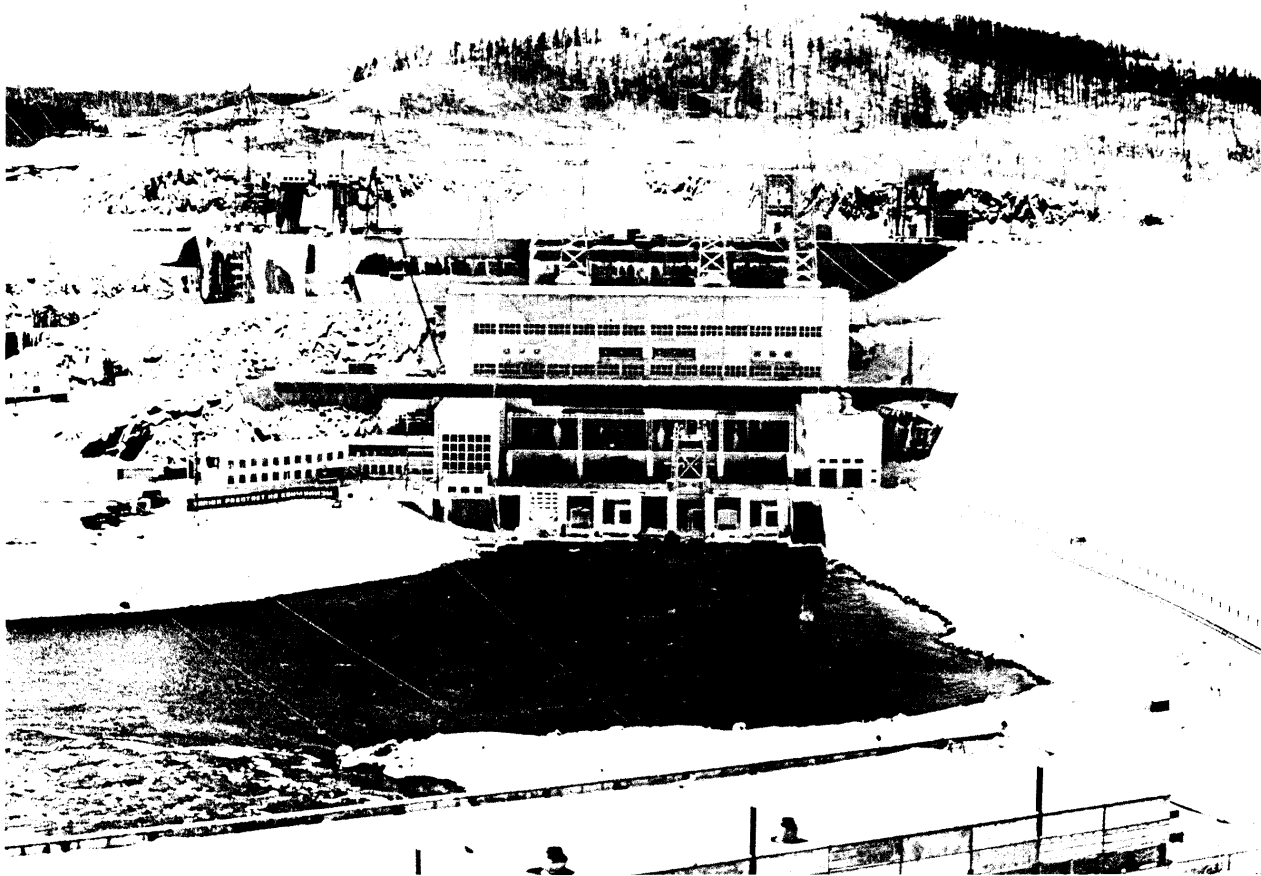
Economic activity in the Soviet Union is concentrated mainly in the European part of the country and along narrow bands of relatively well-developed territory flanking major transportation routes such as the Trans-Siberian Railroad. These areas comprise far less than half of the total Soviet landmass. Enormous areas in the European north, in Siberia and the Soviet Far East, and in Kazakhstan and Soviet Central Asia are lightly populated and unserved by rail or powerline, hence undeveloped, although they contain vast quantities of natural resources needed for continued Soviet economic growth. From desert to steppe to taiga to tundra,

exploitation of these resources requires electric power. Transmission lines have been extended from core areas to some major natural resource processing centers, but often this is not feasible—usually because of the sheer distance involved—and the needed power must be generated locally. Only 3 percent of all power produced in the country is generated in areas beyond the reach of regional power grids, but an estimated 5 million Soviet citizens depend on it.

When the demand justifies it, large power plants are built in isolated areas. Noril'sk, for example, with its population of 183,000 and its important copper, nickel, and platinum mining industries, is supported by three sizable power plants: two are thermal plants with a combined capacity of 825 MW fueled by natural gas from the

Messoyakha field and the other is the nearby 441-MW Khantayka Hydropower Plant at Snezhnogorsk. The city of Yakutsk (population 175,000) in the heart of the Soviet Far East has a 165-MW power plant fueled from nearby gasfields. The 648-MW Vilyuy Hydroelectric Power Station at Chernyshevskiy supplies power to diamond-mining areas in the north and Mirnyy and Lensk (a Lena River port) in the south.

For isolated and remote areas of the Soviet Union where power requirements are small, electric power is generated by diesel-powered generators (DES) and to a lesser extent by gas-turbine generators (GTU). The Soviets have developed a full line of these, ranging from small units such as a 20-kV diesel generator made at the Kursk Mobile Unit plant for use by



*Vilyuy Hydroelectric Power Station in Eastern Siberia's Yakut ASSR is one of the northernmost in the USSR.*

shepherds, to 12-MW units that can be grouped to supply power to entire towns. However, the current emphasis is to replace, where possible, these inefficient, relatively expensive portable generators with the more efficient transmission networks centered on large regional power plants.

Where conditions permit, power stations may be mounted on trucks, trains, or ships. Mobile generating units mounted on railway cars have been used for many industrial construction projects in remote areas. A power train supported the construction of the Bratsk Hydropower Station, for example. A 24-MW power train incor-

porating two diesel-fueled gas-turbine generators was used at tunnel construction sites on the Baikal-Amur Mainline (BAM) railroad. An automated 500-kW diesel station mounted in a truck-drawn van was developed particularly for use by the builders of the BAM.

The responsibility for development and production of small, transportable power plants was centralized in 1947 with the formation of the State All-Union Production Trust for Mobile Power Plants. Besides development and production, the Trust is also responsible for maintenance and repair. The Trust is mandated to develop generating units that are even more

economical, efficient, mobile, and rugged; some current models can operate at temperatures as high as 45 degrees and as low as -60 degrees Celsius.

During the 1970s, five floating gas-turbine (GTU) power stations, designated Severnoye Siyaniye (Northern Lights), were built at the Tyumen' Shipyard to seagoing specifications. These ship stations lack their own propulsion systems and have to be towed to the remote sites where they are used to generate electricity for industries, construction sites, mining, and petroleum exploitation. Each of the first three power ships had two 10-MW oil-fueled gas-turbine

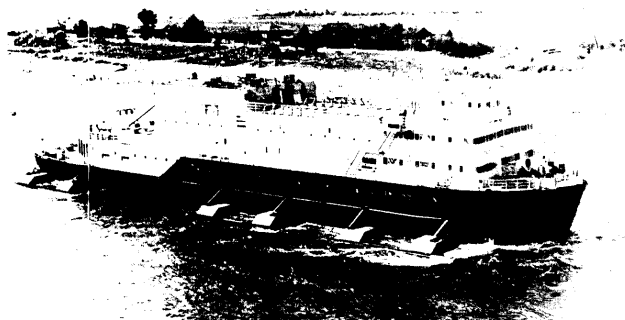
generators, while the fourth and fifth ships were equipped with two 12-MW gas-fueled generators. Subsequent power ships in this series are to have 48-MW generating capacities.

The development of electric power in the mining area (gold and other heavy metals) near the mouth of the Kolyma River illustrates the various ways in which power may be supplied to an isolated place. That very remote region on the Arctic Ocean in the Soviet Far East is served only by air and by the seasonal Soviet Northern Sea Route; neither roads nor rails connect it with other parts of the country, and the nearest regional power grid is more than 2,000 kilometers away. To supply power for the expansion of gold mining, a small, coal-fired thermal power

plant at the port of Pevek was initially augmented by some diesel generators and a power train (delivered by ship). Then in 1970 Severnoye Siyaniye-1 arrived at the port of Zelenyy Mys on the lower Kolyma River. The floating power station provided more power for mining but also supported construction of the 48-MW nuclear TETs at Bilibino, which went into operation in 1973.

To free power consumers in remote areas from dependence on fuel supply, alternative energy sources are receiving attention. A 2-kW wind-driven power unit that can be carried by pack-horse has been developed for prospectors, shepherds, and mountain farmers. Solar power units have also been developed for such users. A

modular nuclear power station specifically designed for use in remote areas is probably now in the testing stage. Its 15-ton modules are air transportable. Its reactor, which supplies steam to a 1.5-MW turbine generator, can operate five years on a single fueling of slightly enriched uranium.

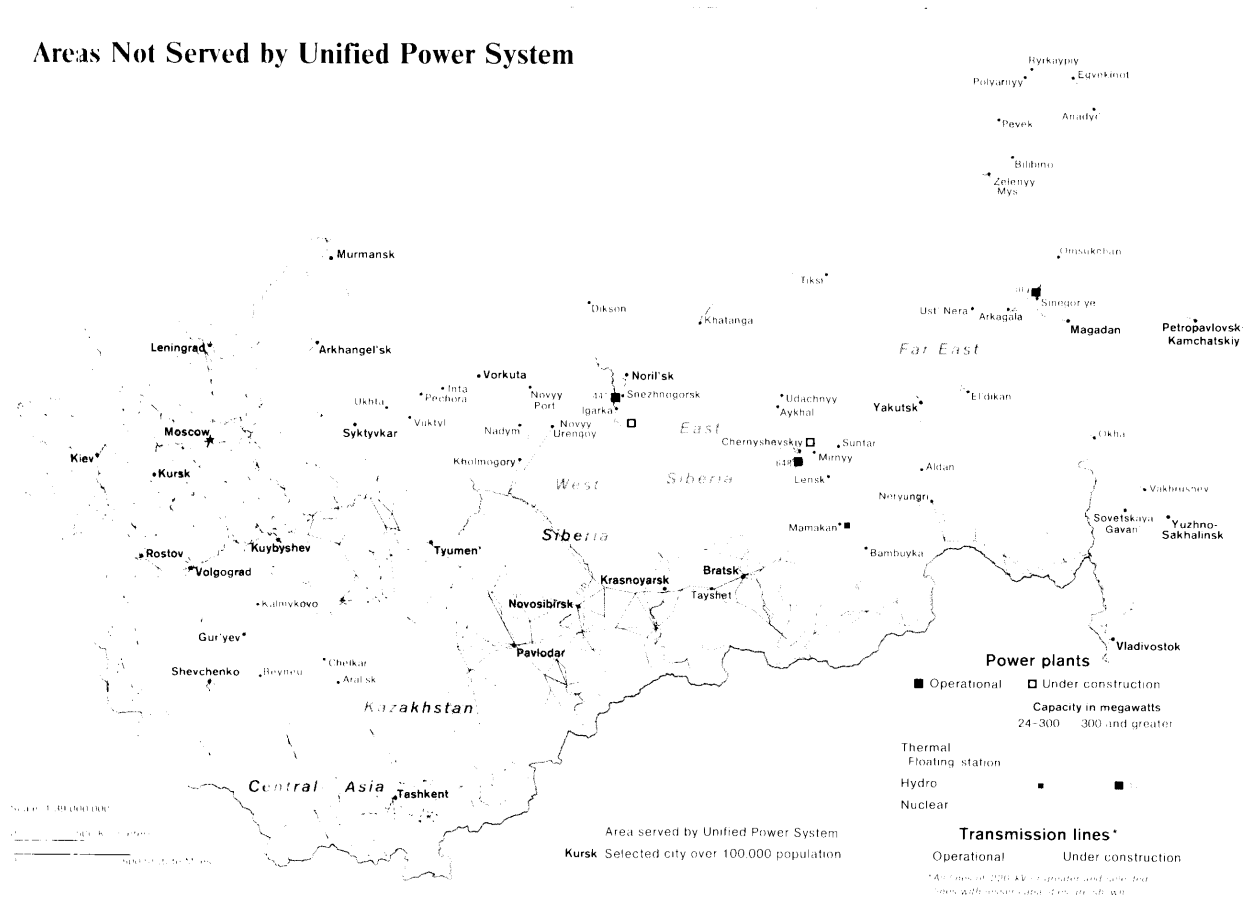


The Severnoye Siyaniye (Northern Lights) floating power station is one of five built at the Tyumen' Shipyard.



Neryungri Thermal Power Plant in the Yakut ASSR is being fueled by Neryungri coal.

### Areas Not Served by Unified Power System



# Alternative Energy Sources and Technologies

Spurred by the spiraling costs of fuel production and transport, as well as the depletion of easily accessible fuel reserves, the Soviet Union is devoting increased attention to the exploitation of alternative energy sources and advanced energy technologies. Energy planners have long viewed the conversion of Siberian brown coal into synfuel derivatives as a major potential source of supplemental fuel. Various other methods of obtaining heat, electricity, and mechanical power from solar, wind, tidal, and

geothermal energy are under study, as are vehicular engines that can burn liquefied gas, hydrogen, or alcohol. Magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) devices, which would greatly improve the fuel efficiency of conventional thermal power plants, are in the pilot-plant stage of development. Nuclear fusion is also under investigation as a potential source of a virtually limitless supply of electricity.

The Soviets, nonetheless, continue to view most alternative energy sources as too speculative and costly to justify major development efforts. Funding in these areas is still sufficient only for limited and selected technological investigation, construction of prototype equipment and pilot plants, and gradual introduction of small-scale applications. Even if given a strong push now, none of these energy sources would probably contribute significantly to the Soviet energy balance before the end of the century.

## USSR: Alternative and Advanced Energy Applications—A Speculative Sampler

Time Frame	Application	Energy Source	Device
Current to near term (0 to 10 years)	Building and greenhouse heating, water heating, crop drying	Low-temperature geothermal heat, solar radiation	Heat exchangers, absorption devices
		Water pumping	Windmills
	Cooking	Low-velocity wind	Solar steam engines
		Solar radiation	Solar cookstoves
	Water desalination	Solar radiation	Solar evaporators
	Smelting	Solar radiation	Solar furnaces
	Electricity (KW)	Solar radiation	Photovoltaic devices
	Electricity (MW)	Medium-temperature geothermal heat, solar radiation	Heat exchangers, solar concentrators driving binary-cycle generators
			Wind turbine generators
		High-velocity wind	New types of engines
Medium term (10 to 20 years)		Vehicular propulsion	Hydrogen, LNG, alcohol
	Electricity (hundreds of MW) (feasibility to be demonstrated)	Fossil fuels, especially coal	Heat exchangers, solar concentrators driving steam turbines
		High-temperature geothermal heat, solar radiation	Thermonuclear fusion reactors driving steam turbines
Long term (beyond 20 years)	Electricity (hundreds of MW) (feasibility to be demonstrated)	Deuterium (isotope of hydrogen obtained from water)	Hydroelectric generators
		Ocean tides	

## Coal-Based Synfuels

The large and well-known disparities between the USSR's eastern energy resources and the fuel requirements for industrial development of the European USSR have caused the Soviets to focus increased attention on the brown coal (lignite) reserves of Siberia. Soviet scientists, engineers, and economists have devoted particular attention over the past 10 to 15 years to developing an economical technique to convert the brown coal reserves of Central Siberia's Kansk-Achinsk basin into better quality and more easily transportable liquid and solid fuels.

Kansk-Achinsk brown coal is an attractive source of energy for the European USSR if processing and transportation methods can be developed. This coal is readily extracted through low-cost, open-pit mining; however, its high

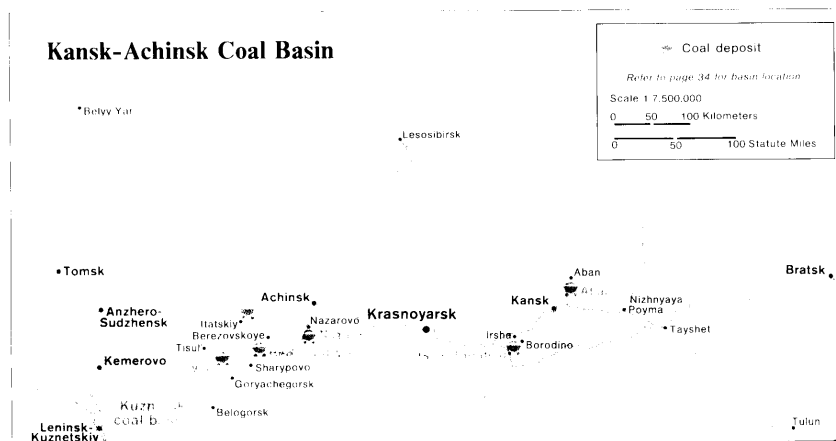
moisture content (35 percent), low-heating value (3,300 kilocalories per kilogram), and variable physical and chemical characteristics render its direct shipment to power plants in European USSR highly uneconomical. Kansk-Achinsk brown coal also subject to spontaneous combustion in storage and transit and tends to freeze together in cold weather, making it difficult to handle.

Although commercial production of coal-derived fuels is difficult to justify economically, the Soviets still regard coal conversion as a promising potential means of exploiting their vast Central Siberian brown coal reserves. This is evidenced by Moscow's recent appointment of a coordinator for synfuels development and the construction of a demonstration facility for the pyrolysis of coal and a pilot plant for direct liquefaction.

In 1976 the Soviets began construction of a high-speed pyrolysis demonstration plant at Krasnoyarsk in the Kansk-Achinsk basin. The stated objective of this plant is to extract semi-coke (similar to charcoal), synthetic oil, and hydrocarbon gases from lignite.

Reportedly, the completion of the Krasnoyarsk demonstration plant has been delayed, and the Soviets are now showing increased interest in a number of other synfuel technologies. Most recently the Soviets announced construction of two developmental coal liquefaction facilities, one near the Belkovskaya lignite mine in the Moscow coal basin and a second at the Berezovskoye mine in the Kansk-Achinsk basin. The Belkovskaya pilot plant—based on the Soviet version of World War II, German standard direct liquefaction coal hydrogenation technology—is designed to produce 18 barrels of oil per day; the Berezovskoye pilot plant is reportedly designed for about 550 barrels per day. The Soviets are also seeking access to additional Western coal-conversion technology.

In the 1930s the USSR became the first country in the world to develop a successful program for converting underground coal into gas. Since then, however, their progress on underground coal gasification has been slow. Only two of the half-dozen pilot plants operating in the early 1960s remain in use. The much-publicized pilot underground coal gasification plant near Angren, southeast of Tashkent, and another plant at Yuzhno-Abinsk have yet to operate at an economical level. In spite of the apparent decline of interest in underground coal gasification, the Soviets are continuing to study economic ways to apply this and other techniques to exploit deep-lying coal deposits.



## Solar Energy

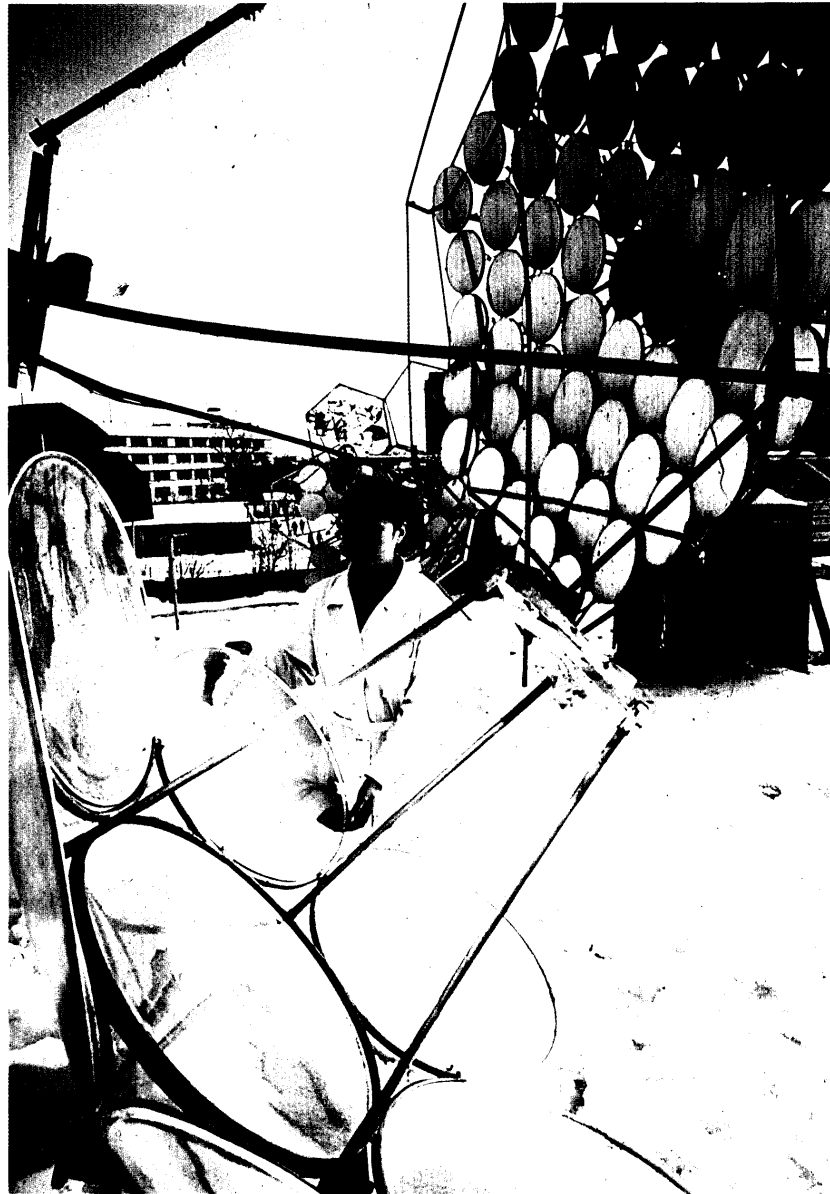
The USSR is developing solar energy for a wide variety of small-scale uses, such as heating and desalinating water, heating and cooling buildings, cooking food, and powering small steam engines, water pumps, and electric generators to serve consumers scattered throughout rural areas in the southern USSR. In these applications, the sun's radiant energy is used to heat water or air.

In addition, the Soviets are working on the conversion of solar energy to electricity using the photovoltaic effect, in which an electric current is generated between two tightly joined, dissimilar materials when they are exposed to light. Applying research that produced power cells for spacecraft, the Soviets are also developing small photovoltaic devices for more mundane uses—for example, to prevent corrosion of pipelines and to power navigation beacons. Reportedly, their largest photovoltaic device is a 500-watt motor.

Solar research is coordinated by the State Committee for Science and Technology and by the USSR Academy of Sciences. Research and testing are done primarily in institutes in the areas of the USSR south of the 50 degrees N latitude, where the technologies will be most used.

In 1979, at Bikrova, a suburb of Ashkhabad in Soviet Central Asia, the Turkmen SSR Academy of Sciences created the Solar Energy Institute (SOLNTSE), which is said to be the first in the country. A research and production corporation for solar energy equipment, SOLNTSE, is to develop devices to meet small-scale energy needs in desert areas.

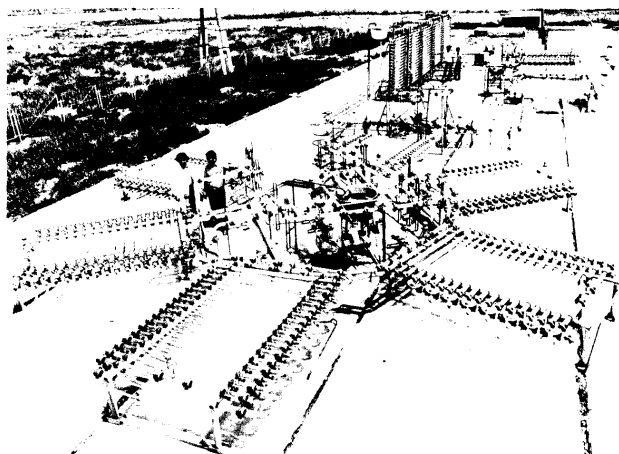
The Uzbek SSR is the only republic reported to have officially directed that solar equipment be installed in some public buildings. In 1980 the Uzbek city of Chirchik claimed to have the nation's first residential building using solar energy to supply its hot water and heat. A small factory at Bukhara in the republic is the only known industrial producer of solar equipment in the USSR.



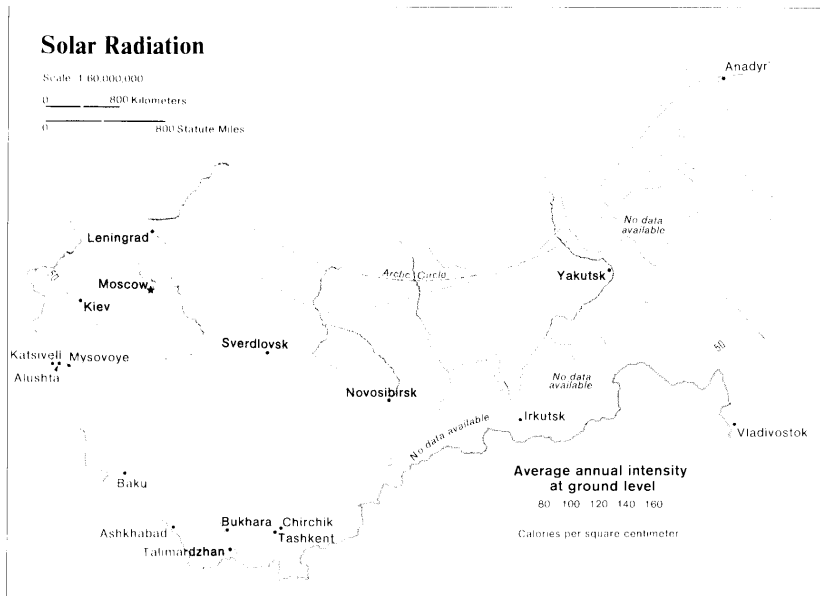
*Transforming solar energy into thermal and electric power is studied by workers at the Uzbek SSR Academy of Sciences.*



*A solar energy experiment to grow chlorella (a type of alga), near Ashkhabad, Turkmen SSR.*



*Solar power station at Bikrova, Turkmen SSR.*



In the European USSR the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences is the primary agency for solar energy development. Several of its institutes are working on solar heating and cooling systems, and a research and testing center for such systems has been established at the Crimean resort city of Alushta on the Black Sea. Cooperating in this work are the USSR State Committee for Civil Construction and Architecture and the Solar Power Engineering Laboratory of the Krzhizhanovskiy Power Engineering Institute (ENIN) in Moscow. And, continuing the long-standing Soviet use of solar furnaces to study high-temperature processes, the Ukrainian Academy has also established a solar furnace

facility at Katsiveli in the Crimea to produce pure metal alloys.

As for the large-scale production of solar electric power, the Soviets are still largely in the conceptual and planning stage. They claim to have designed a practical solar boiler and hope to complete a 5-MW solar power test facility by 1986 at Mysovoye, near Lenino in the Crimea. This facility is to have 1,600 heliostats—movable mirrors—each 5 meters square. The heliostats will focus the sun's rays on a boiler atop a tower 100 meters high to produce steam to drive an electric power generator.

## Wind Energy

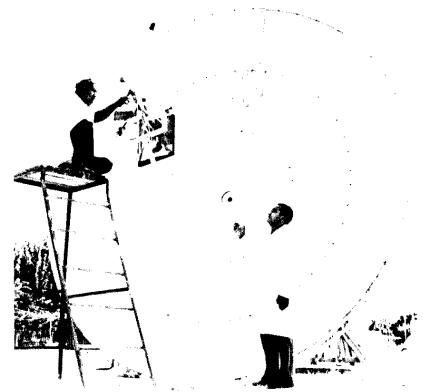
Windpower has long been extensively exploited on farms in the USSR. Indeed, the Soviets claim that 250,000 windmills were in use in the rural areas of prerevolutionary Russia. Today, tens of thousands of homemade windmills are still used in the steppe regions, mainly to pump water. In the arid southern portions of the country and the remote regions of the north, windmills serve as alternative or auxiliary sources of mechanical and electrical power in areas beyond the reach of regional power grids.

Despite widespread recognition of the practical utility of the windmill, uncoordinated research on windpowered devices in laboratories of the agricultural, aeronautical, and electrical equipment ministries has produced few significant technical advances to date. One flurry of governmental interest just after World War II resulted in the production of some 40,000 wind engines, which were used with great effectiveness on farms. By the early 1970s, however, fewer than 9,000 of these were still in operation. Then in 1975 a national corporation named Tsiklon (cyclone) was created under the Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources; its mission is to develop and introduce

windpowered devices into the Soviet economy. Although the market for such items has been estimated to be at least 150,000 units, the 1976-80 Five-Year Plan called for an output of only 10,000 units, and by 1980 only 4,500 had been produced.

Most Soviet windpowered devices, whether of the propeller or vertical axis type, are small (15 to 20 kW). A 100-kW wind engine, however, was installed near Yalta in 1931; a 12-element, 400-kW auxiliary power plant was built in Kazakhstan in the 1950s; and, more recently, a 10-element, 400-kW power unit has been installed in Arkhangel'sk Oblast.

Reportedly, Tsiklon engineers have developed a series of windpowered, electricity-generating systems with capacities ranging from 1 to 100 kW. Series production of a 6-kW windpowered generator is under way, and other units with capacities up to 100 kW are in the test stage. The largest units are designed to supply power to small villages on the steppes of Kazakhstan and in the Far North, regions where sustained winds of 6 to 10 meters per second are common. The feasibility of developing still more powerful



Engineers adjust solar thermoelectric generator at Turkmen Academy of Sciences research center.

A much larger (300-MW) solar station has been designed for the same site, but its cost will make it economically uncompetitive with conventional power plants for a very long time. Soviet energy planners estimate that by century's end large solar power plants will come closest to being competitive in the Crimea and in the lower Volga region but will still not match costs in conventional plants. In the meantime, the Krzhizhanovskiy Institute has worked out an engineering concept that combines solar energy with a conventional fuel such as gas. The initial stage of such a project might involve 300 MW, using a 100-MW solar unit when solar energy is available and a 200-MW, gas-burning unit the rest of the time. Talimardzhan in the Uzbek SSR has been selected as a tentative site for the project.

units with output capacities of 1 to 5 MW is being studied.

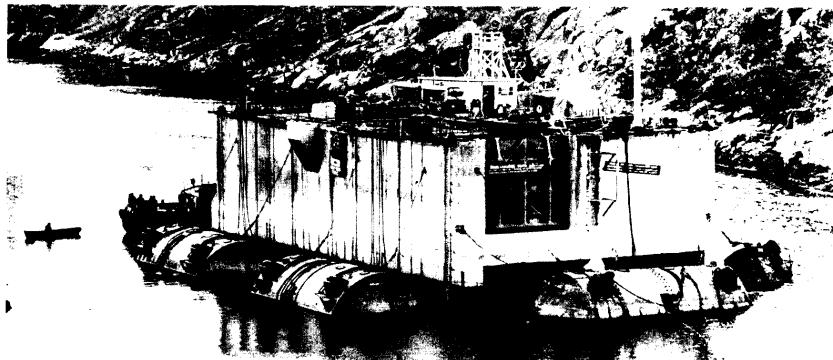
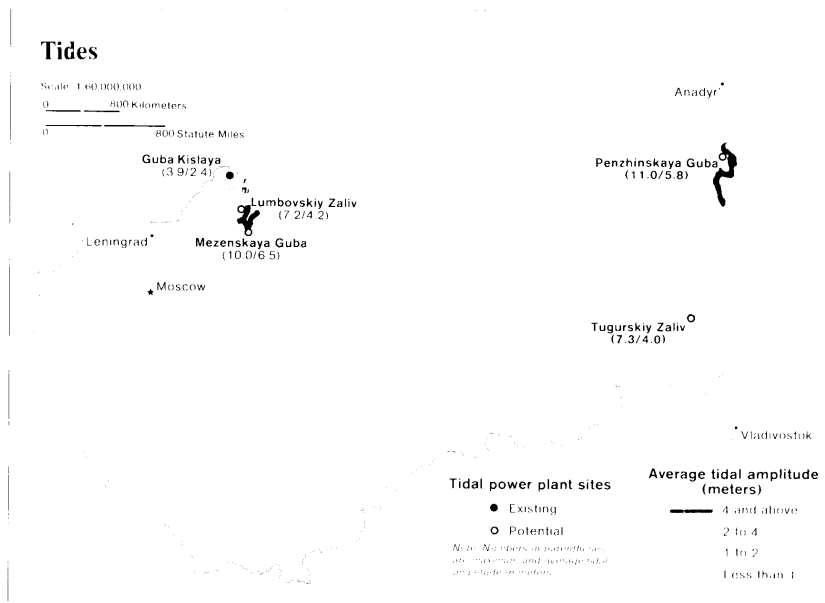
Because wind is only an intermittent energy source, windpowered generators must be integrated with other forms of generating equipment, such as diesel generators. Tsiklon is beginning to design such packages, but none is yet in serial production.

Tsiklon operates development and test facilities at Istra, near Moscow, and at Novorossiysk, a new national test center in the mountains on the Black Sea coast. The Novorossiysk area was chosen because of the frequent occurrence of a very strong local wind known as *bora*. Tsiklon-developed windpower pumps are also being tested by a wind engineering laboratory at the Kishinev Polytechnic Institute in Moldavia.

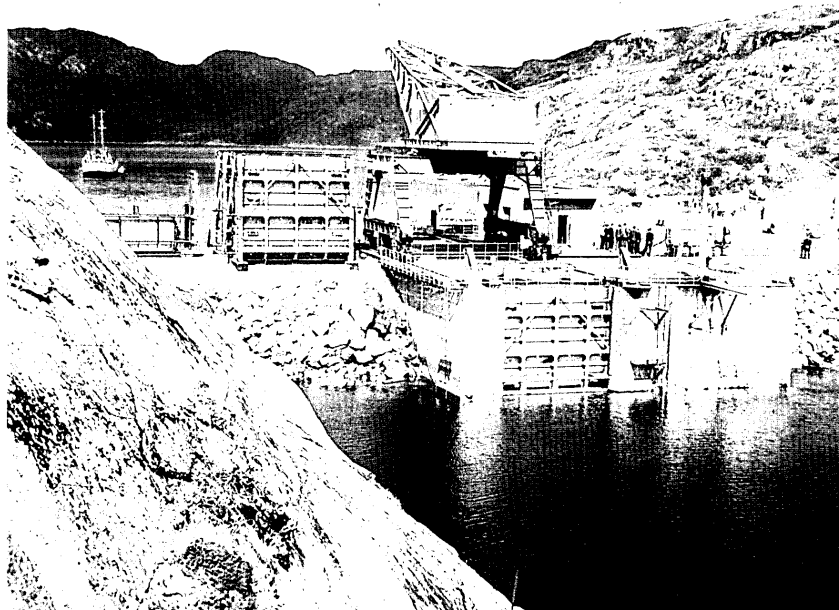
## Tidal Power

France, China, and the Soviet Union are the only nations now generating electricity from ocean tides. In 1968, with the help of French technology, the Soviets completed a 400-kW pilot tidal power station at Guba Kislaya on the Barents Sea, which feeds into the Kola electric grid. Although the amount of power generated by this initial effort is meager, Soviet engineers, operating under the auspices of the Ministry of Power and Electrification, believe that the potential of tides as a source of energy is great.

No additional construction has been commissioned, but some 20 sites have been identified where exploitation of tidal energy may be feasible, if not yet economically practicable. A number of the proposed installations are huge, such as a 10,000-MW tidal power station in Mezenskaya Guba that would involve building a dam 96 kilometers long. Even this project -- which if constructed would be the world's largest and most expensive hydropower installation -- would be dwarfed by the most ambitious of these schemes, a 100,000-MW tidal power station in Penzhinskaya Guba. By comparison, a relatively modest 300-MW tidal power station in Lumbovskiy Zaliv would contain 24 encapsulated hydrogenerators in two dams totaling 2.8 kilometers in length, making it a rather expensive way to obtain 300 MW of capacity. It is doubtful that the Soviets will build any major tidal power stations soon.



Kislaya Guba tidal power station on the Kola Peninsula.



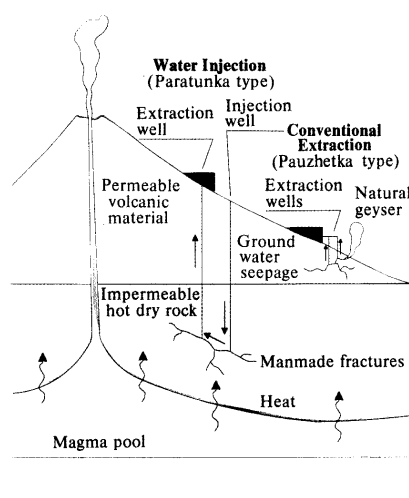
Another view of the Kislaya Guba tidal power station.

## Geothermal Energy

Even though the Soviet Union may have the largest undeveloped geothermal resources in the world, its geothermal research and development program lags similar programs in the United States, Japan, New Zealand, and Italy. According to some current Soviet estimates, hot rock and magma from which heat energy above 100 degrees Celsius could be recovered—lie as close to the surface as 3,000 to 4,000 meters in almost half the territory of the Soviet Union, and hot water at lower temperatures can be found in more than one-fifth of the country. More than 50 sites where large geothermal resources could be developed have already been identified. Nevertheless, because of high developmental costs, the Soviets currently plan to exploit geothermal resources only in especially suitable areas lacking fossil fuel resources and in some remote regions.

The main use of geothermal energy will be to provide industrial and municipal heat and hot water. Geothermal hot water is already being

### Geothermal Extraction Methods



injection and extraction wells drilled to depths of 3,000 to 6,000 meters, where temperatures could reach 600 degrees Celsius.

Studies of the feasibility of using the energy of magma and hot rock to produce electricity have been done at several sites: in Kamchatka at the Avachinskaya and Mutnovskaya volcanoes, in the North Caucasus near Stavropol', and in the Carpathian Mountains near Mukachevo.

The only large-scale project now under consideration is a 200-MW installation at Mutnovskaya volcano in Kamchatka. Other ongoing geothermal projects include the development of small power plants at Kayasula (near Neftekumsk) and in Dagestan, a region where hot springs are common and where thermal waters have long been used for heating buildings. In the same region the Soviets plan to establish an Institute of Geothermal Power, which will study practical problems of building geothermal power plants.

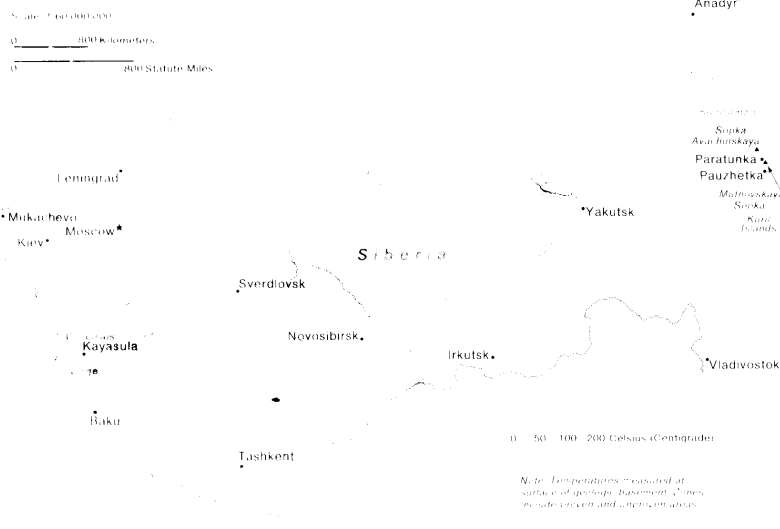
## Magnetohydrodynamic Power

The magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) process of converting thermal energy of conductor fluids directly into electricity is potentially more efficient than conventional thermal power generation in which thermal energy is converted first into mechanical energy and then into electricity. During the past 25 years, scientists in many countries have tried to design and build an economically practical MHD generator that would use the partially ionized gas produced by burning fossil fuels as the conducting fluid. This objective proved unexpectedly difficult, however, and by 1970 MHD research in France, Great Britain, West Germany, and other countries had ceased because of the projected increased costs of oil, gas, and coal. MHD research continues, nevertheless, in countries that expect to have continuing access to large supplies of coal such as Japan, Poland, the United States, and—particularly—the Soviet Union.

The USSR presently has one of the world's largest and most advanced MHD research programs. Soviet scientists are currently operating two pilot MHD power plants, the U-02 and the U-25. The former is a 75-kW generator, built in 1964 at the Academy of Sciences Institute of High Temperatures in Moscow. It is used to test materials and components later incorporated into the U-25, built in 1971 at the same institute. Both generators burned natural gas, a clean fuel that minimizes fouling. Because it is cheaper, more abundant, and produces a more conductive gas than other fossil fuels, however, coal will eventually be the primary fuel in MHD facilities, should current difficulties in converting coal to a clean gas be overcome. The U-02 has already been converted to burn coal so that the effects of slag on generator performance may be investigated. Eventually, the U-25 could also be converted to burn coal.

The United States and the Soviet Union worked closely during the 1970s on a major cooperative MHD experimental program using the Soviet facility and several US components. As part of the joint program, a second natural-gas-fired

### Geothermal Temperatures



used to heat homes, greenhouses, and industrial buildings and to process raw wool; it is being exploited in spas and sanatoriums; and it is being injected into oil reservoirs to enhance oil recovery. Such applications have been developed in Kamchatka, the Kuril Islands, Georgia, and the North Caucasus. In Siberia, water at 70 to 100 degrees Celsius will be used to prevent freezing in placer mining operations, opening the way for year-round mining.

The only currently functioning geothermal electric power plant using steam in the Soviet Union is at Pauzhetka on the Kamchatka Peninsula. This industrial pilot plant, which exploits a deposit of saturated steam, has a rated output of 5 MW but because of its poor condition had been operating intermittently at 3.5 MW. In mid-1981 the Soviets announced that a new borehole drilled to tap additional steam will increase the station's rated capacity to 11 MW.

A 750-kW experimental power plant using a binary-cycle generating system was installed in 1968 near Paratunka, also in Kamchatka. The freon-driven turbine system used geothermal water at 80 degrees Celsius as its heat source. Although operations at the plant ceased in 1975, apparently because the Soviets were unable to cope with the high salt content of the geothermal water, steam wells still supply heat to an adjacent greenhouse farm called Termal'nyy.

Both of these power plants were built to exploit existing deposits of geothermal steam or hot water. The Soviets estimate that such deposits in Kamchatka could eventually produce as much as 600 MW. But, they estimate further, the development of artificial circulation systems in the hot rock deposits of Kamchatka could produce another 3,000 MW. This would involve using underground explosions or hydraulic pressure to create fracture zones between water

MHD generator called the U-25B was built at the U-25 facility. It incorporated a US-made superconducting magnet and was used to evaluate problems associated with the use of such high-field magnets. (Magnetic fields of the strength that will be required in commercial MHD power plants can only be produced by superconducting magnets.)

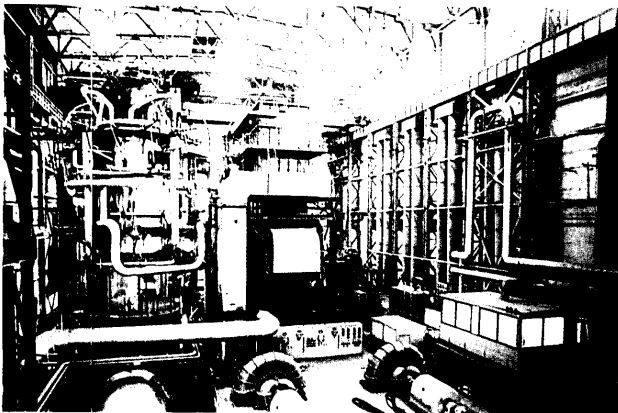
The results of these investigations will help guide the design of the U-500, a large, natural-gas-fired commercial-demonstration facility. The plant design combines MHD with a conventional steam power plant now being built in Ryazan jointly by the Institute of High Temperatures and the Ministry of Power and Electrification. Like all future MHD power plants, it will be a hybrid facility in which a conventional power generator exploits the substantial thermal

energy remaining in the conducting fluid after it has passed through an MHD generating system. Scheduled for completion in 1985, the U-500 is to combine a 250-MW MHD generating system with a 250-MW combination gas-turbine/steam-turbine generating system to achieve a total output capacity of 500 MW. If successful, plans are to construct several larger (1,000 MW) natural-gas-fired plants in other cities.

After the current studies on coal-fired MHD technology have been completed, a 500- to 1,000-MW, coal-fired demonstration plant is to be built. If successful, the plant could serve as the prototype for large numbers of such plants to be built throughout the country. In mid-1983 the Soviets announced that a 25-MW MHD generator was under construction at Estonia's Kohtla-Järve thermal power station. Reported-

ly, the purpose is to test the best method to adapt MHD technology to burning oil shale at high temperatures.

According to Soviet scientists, MHD topping systems could result in energy conversion efficiencies approaching 60 percent in power plants producing only electricity and 90 percent in cogeneration plants (TETs), compared with the approximately 40 percent achievable now in steam-turbine systems. Their preliminary calculations suggest that incorporating an MHD topping cycle would add only 10 or 15 percent to the cost of building a conventional thermal power plant. Some observers, however, feel that the Soviets have underestimated the difficulty and costs of overcoming the many remaining technical obstacles as well as the likely efficiency of MHD power generation.



MHD generator at the USSR Academy of Sciences Institute of High Temperatures, Moscow.



US-made MHD superconducting magnet at the Soviet Academy of Sciences Institute of High Temperatures.

## Thermonuclear Fusion

The sun is so hot and dense that the matter inside it exists as a plasma of extremely rapidly moving atomic nuclei and electrons. When collisions among these nuclei are violent enough to overcome their mutual electrical repulsion, they fuse and give off highly energetic nuclear particles. Such "thermonuclear" reactions are the source of the huge energies emitted by the sun.

The awesome amounts of energy released by thermonuclear devices have attracted the interest of scientists seeking new sources of energy to generate electricity. If thermonuclear reactions could be harnessed to produce heat energy at a steady and appreciable rate in a controlled manner, fusion power plants could provide electricity virtually forever, because a prospective fuel—deuterium, an isotope of hydrogen—is in nearly inexhaustible supply. Advanced fusion research programs are under way in Western Europe, Japan, China, the United States, and the Soviet Union. Enormous technological difficulties, however, stand in the way of the economic exploitation of controlled thermonuclear reactions.

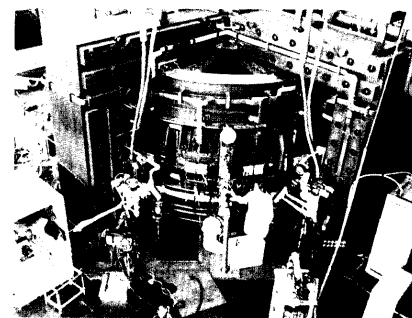
Many of the early advances in fusion research were made in the USSR; lately, however, the Soviet program has lost momentum and much of its high-level support, probably owing to the

high costs associated with making further advances, coupled with the realization that the payoff, if any, is not likely to occur before the next century. Today's Soviet program, managed jointly by the Academy of Sciences and the State Committee for the Utilization of Atomic Energy, is generally less vigorous than the US program.

The essential problem in developing controlled fusion is to confine a plasma at about 100 million degrees Celsius for an extended period. Two general techniques of confinement are being pursued: *magnetic* confinement, in which a plasma is concentrated and isolated by magnetic fields; and *inertial* confinement, in which a fuel pellet is violently compressed, creating a plasma that is momentarily held together by the inertia of its inward-moving particles.

The most advanced magnetic confinement system is the *Tokamak*, a toroidal (doughnut-shaped) device invented in the USSR. Numerous Tokamaks have been built throughout the world. The Soviet Tokamaks, the T-7 and T-10, are soon to be succeeded by a larger one, the T-15. An experimental Tokamak of a size suitable for use in a thermonuclear power plant, however, would have to be much larger still.

Fusion power, if developed, will probably be used in hybrid units. Fusion produces a lot of



Experimental Soviet Tokamak, T-10.

high-energy neutrons; if these were used to breed fuel for nuclear-fission power plants, part of the cost of constructing fusion power plants could be borne by the fission power industry. Some Soviet energy engineers believe that a nuclear-fuel breeding system could be incorporated into a commercial fusion power plant around the turn of the century.



## Measurement Conversion Factors

To Convert From US Measure	To Soviet Measure	Multiply by:	To Convert From Soviet Measure	To US Measure	Multiply by:
Inches	Millimeters	25.4	Millimeters	Inches	0.03937
Feet	Meters	0.3048	Meters	Feet	3.28084
Miles (statute)	Kilometers	1.609344	Kilometers	Miles (statute)	0.621371
Pounds	Kilograms	0.453592	Kilograms	Pounds	2.154623
Tons (short)	Tons (metric)	0.907185	Tons (metric)	Tons (short)	1.102311
Barrels of oil	Tons of oil	0.136986	Tons of oil	Barrels of oil	7.3
Cubic feet	Cubic meters	0.028317	Cubic meters	Cubic feet	35.314667
Barrels of oil per day	Tons of oil per year	50	Tons of oil per year	Barrels of oil per day	0.02
Barrels per day oil equivalent	Tons coal equivalent (standard fuel) per year	71.5	Tons coal equivalent (standard fuel) per year	Barrels per day oil equivalent	0.014
Btu per pound	Kilocalories per kilogram	1.8	Kilocalories per kilogram	Btu per pound	0.555556

## Ultimate Recoverable Oil and Gas Reserves

The classification of Soviet oil and gas fields by size is based upon official USSR sources and Western estimates of ultimate recoverable reserves. Although the terms "supergiant" and "giant" are commonly used to quantify large oil and gas fields, there are no internationally accepted definitions of field sizes.

Supergiant fields			Giant fields			Gas (3 to 10 trillion cubic feet)		
Oil (> 5 billion barrels)			Oil (500 million to 5 billion barrels)			Gas (3 to 10 trillion cubic feet)		
Field name	Region	Date of Discovery	Field name	Region	Date of Discovery	Field name	Region	Date of Discovery
Arlan	Volga-Urals	1955	Agan	West Siberia	1966	Achak	Central Asia	1966
Fedorovo	West Siberia	1971	Barsa-Gel'mes	Central Asia	1962	Arkticheskiy	West Siberia	1968
Kotur-Tepe	Central Asia	1956	Bavly	Volga-Urals	1946	Gazli	Central Asia	1956
Romashkino	Volga-Urals	1948	Kholmogory	West Siberia	1973	Gubkin	West Siberia	1965
Samotlor	West Siberia	1966	Mamontovo	West Siberia	1965	Gugurtli	Central Asia	1965
			Megion	West Siberia	1961	Kandym	Central Asia	1966
			Mukhanovo	Volga-Urals	1945	Kirpichli	Central Asia	1972
			Nebit-Dag	Central Asia	1934	Komsomol	West Siberia	1966
			Neftyanoye Kamni	Transcaucasus	1949	Layavozh	Timan-Pechora	1971
			Novoyelkhovo	Volga-Urals	1955	Naip	Central Asia	1970
			Ostrov Bulla	Transcaucasus	1959	Nakhodka	West Siberia	1974
			Pokachi	West Siberia	1970	Neyto	West Siberia	1975
			Pravdinsk	West Siberia	1964	Novyy Port	West Siberia	1964
			Samgori	Transcaucasus	1974	Nyda	West Siberia	1972
			Severnyy Pokur	West Siberia	1964	Orenburg	Volga-Urals	1966
			Severo-Var'yegan	West Siberia	1971	Pelyatka	West Siberia	1969
			Shkapovo	Volga-Urals	1953	Pestsovy	West Siberia	1974
			Sovetskoye	West Siberia	1962	Russkaya	West Siberia	1968
			Tuymazy	Volga-Urals	1937	Sakar	Central Asia	1966
			Usinsk	Timan-Pechora	1963	Samantepe	Central Asia	1964
			Ust'-Balyk	West Siberia	1961	Semakov	West Siberia	1971
			Uzen'	North Caspian	1961	Severo-Komsomol	West Siberia	1969
			Var'yegan	West Siberia	1970	Severo-Urengoy	West Siberia	1970
			Vata	West Siberia	1961	Solenaya	West Siberia	1969
			Vat'yegan	West Siberia	1971	Sredneyamal	West Siberia	1972
			Vozey	Timan-Pechora	1972	Urtubulak	Central Asia	1963
			Yuzhno-Sukhokumskoye	North Caspian	1963	Vuktyl	Timan-Pechora	1964
			Zhetybay	North Caspian	1960	Vyngapur	West Siberia	1968
						Yamsoyev	West Siberia	1970
						Yetypur	West Siberia	1971
						Yubileynyy	West Siberia	1969
						Yuzhno-Russkaya	West Siberia	1969
						Yuzhno-Tambey	West Siberia	1974
						Zapadno-Tarkusale	West Siberia	1972

## Petroleum Refineries, 1 January 1984

Economic Region	Refinery Name	Economic Region	Refinery Name	Economic Region	Refinery Name
Baltic	Mažeikiai	North Caucasus (continued)	Groznyy No. 2	Urals (continued)	Perm'
Northwest	Kirishi		Groznyy No. 3		Salavat
Northern	Ukhta		Krasnodar		Ufa Novo Chernikovsk
Belorussia	Mozyr'		Tuapse		Ufa Novo Ulinskiy
	Novopolotsk	Transcaucasus	Baku No. 2		Ufa Staro Ulinskiy
Central	Konstantinovskiy		Baku Waterfront Group	Kazakhstan	Chimkent (under construction)
	Moskva (Moscow) Lyubertsk		Batumi		Gur'yev
	Ryazan'	Volga	Nizhnokamsk		Pavlodar
	Yaroslavl'		Novokuybyshevsk Lend Lease 3	Central Asia	Fergana
Ukraine	Drogobych No. 1		Novokuybyshevsk No. 2		Khamza
	Drogobych No. 2		Saratov		Krasnovodsk
	Kherson		Syzran'		Neftezhavodsk (under construction)
	Kremenchug		Volgograd	West Siberia	Omsk
	Lisichansk	Volga-Vyatka	Gor'kiy 26 Bakinskikh		Achinsk
	L'vov		Gor'kiy (Kstovo)	East Siberia	Angarsk
	Nadvornaya	Urals	Ishimbay		Khabarovsk
	Odessa		Orsk	Far East	Komsomol'sk
North Caucasus	Groznyy Group		Orsk 421		

### Thermal Power Plants 1,000 MW or Larger, 1 January 1984

Operational				Under Construction			
Economic Region	Plant Name	Gross Installed Capacity (MW)	Economic Region	Plant Name	Gross Installed Capacity (MW)	Economic Region	Plant Name
Baltic	Lithuanian	1,800	Transcaucasus	Nevinnomyssk	1,380	Ukraine	Zuyevka *
	Estonian	1,610		Krasnodar Heat and Power	1,105	Transcaucasus	Azerbaijan *
Northwest	Baltic	1,435	Transcaucasus	Tbilisi	1,280	Urals	Perm'
	Kirishi	2,120		Razdan	1,210	Kazakhstan	Ekibastuz-2
Belorussia	Tukoml'	2,400	Volga	Ali-Bayramly	1,100	South Kazakhstan (Chiganak)	
Central	Kostroma	3,600		Zainsk	2,400		Central Asia
	Ryazan'	2,800	Urals	Lower Kama-1 Heat and Power	1,100	West Siberia	Talimardzhan
Konakovo	2,400	Refunskiy		3,800	East Siberia	Surgut-2	
Kashira	2,000	Troitsk	2,500	Gusinoozersk *			
Cherepet'	1,500	Irkutskiy	2,400				
II Ts-21 Mosenergo Heat and Power	1,400	Karmanovo	1,800				
II Ts-22 Mosenergo Heat and Power	1,250	Verkhniy Tagil	1,575				
II Ts-21 Mosenergo Heat and Power	1,180	Sredneural'sk	1,198				
Ukraine	Shatura	1,020	Kazakhstan	Yuzhno-Ural'sk	1,000		
	Zaporozh'ye	3,600		Ekibastuz-1	3,500		
L'gorskiy	3,600	Central Asia	Yermak	2,400			
Krivoy Rog-2	3,000		Dzhambul	1,230			
Burshtyn	2,400	West Siberia	Syrdar'ya	3,000			
Zmiev (Gotval'd)	2,400		Tashkent	1,950			
Pradneprovsk	2,400	East Siberia	Mary	1,260			
Voroshilovgrad	2,300		Surgut-1	3,345			
Starobeshevo	2,300	East Siberia	Tom'-Usa	1,300			
Slavyansk	2,100		Belovo	1,200			
Ladyzhn	1,800	East Siberia	Krasnoyarsk-2	1,340			
Trupol'ye	1,800		Nazarovo	1,300			
Kurakhovo	1,460	North Caucasus	Irkutsk-10 Heat and Power	1,160			
Moldavian	2,480		Krasnoyarsk Heat and Power	1,115			
Novocherkassk	2,400						
Stavropol'	2,100						

\* Currently operating at a capacity under 1,000 MW.

### Hydroelectric Power Stations 1,000 MW or Larger, 1 January 1984

Operational				Under Construction		
Station Name	Installed Capacity (MW)	River	Economic Region	Station Name	River	Economic Region
Krasnoyarsk	6,000	Yenisey	East Siberia	Boguchany	Angara	East Siberia
Bratsk	4,500	Angara	East Siberia	Bureya	Bureya	Far East
Sayan-Shuslenkov expansion under way	3,840	Yenisey	East Siberia	Cheboksary *	Volga	Volga-Vyatka
Ust'-Ilimsk	3,840	Angara	East Siberia	Kaifadorys (pump storage)	Neman, Stréva	Baltic
Stuek	2,700	Vakhsh	Central Asia	Rogun	Vakhsh	Central Asia
Volga at Volgograd	2,541	Volga	Volga	Shul'ba	Irtysk	Kazakhstan
Volga at Tol'skaya Zhigulevsk	2,300	Volga	Volga	Zagorsk (pump storage)	Kun'ya	Central
Dnepr at Zaporozh'ye	1,538	Dnepr	Ukraine			
Saratov	1,360	Volga	Volga			
Inguri	1,325	Inguri	Transcaucasus			
Zeya	1,290	Zeya	Far East			
Isklogul'	1,200	Naryn	Central Asia			
Lower Kama	1,092	Kama	Volga			
Cherkey	1,075	Sulak	North Caucasus			
Votkinsk	1,010	Kama	Urals			

\* Currently operating at a capacity under 1,000 MW.

### Nuclear Power Stations, 1 January 1984

Operational						Under Construction
Station Name	Gross Installed Capacity (MW)	Date of First Operation	Type	Operating Reactors	Soviet Designation	Station Name
Leningrad	4,000	1973	GMPT	4	RBMK-1000	Balakovo
Chernobyl'	4,000	1977	GMPT	4	RBMK-1000	Bashkir
Kursk	3,000	1976	GMPT	3	RBMK-1000	Crimean
Novovoronezhskiy	2,455	1964	PWR	1	VVER-210	Gor'kiy AST
			PWR	1	VVER-365	Kalinin (started up in 1984)
			PWR	2	VVER-440	Khmel'ntsiy
			PWR	1	VVER-1000	Kostroma
Ignalina	1,500 *	1983	GMPT	1	RBMK-1500 *	Minsk ATETs
Kola	1,320	1973	PWR	3	VVER-440	Odessa ATETs
Smolensk	1,000	1982	GMPT	1	RBMK-1000	Rostov
South Ukraine	1,000	1983	PWR	1	VVER-1000	Tatar
Rovno	880	1979	PWR	2	VVER-440	Voronezh AST
Armenian	815 *	1976	PWR	2	VVER-440 *	Zaporozh'ye (started up in 1984)
Beloyarskiy	900	1964	GMPT	1	RBMK-100	
			GMPT	1	RBMK-200	
			LMFBR	1	BN-600	
Bilibino ATETs	48	1974	GMPT	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,168</b>					

\* The RBMK-1500 represents full nameplate capacity. Of this, only one 750-MW turbo-generator was operational at the beginning of 1984.

\* The two VVER-440 reactors are operating at 405 and 410 MW.

\* Does not include experimental development reactors, such as Obninsk and Dimitrograd, or the Siberian AES and the Shevchenko AES, which do not produce commercial electric power.

## Gazetteer and Index

This gazetteer and index includes names in the Soviet Union and some hydrographic and physiographic features in nearby areas.

The spelling of geographic names is in accordance with decisions of the US Board on Geographic Names (BGN). Some physiographic names and textual references to administrative divisions, however, have been simplified, and abbreviations have been used for some administrative generic terms.

Names of oil and gas fields, other than major fields, and other energy-related facilities are not normally ruled on by BGN. Their spellings are based on prevailing usage in the industry and source material. Fields producing both oil and gas are classified and named according to their production of major importance.

Coordinates for regions or areal features are given near their centers or midpoints, and streams at their mouths or lower ends.

### Abbreviations

AO	Autonomnaya Oblast'
AOK	Autonomnyy Okrug
ASSR	Autonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
SSR	Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika

### Glossary

The following terms appear as generic parts of names in this atlas. The meanings are derived from the BGN gazetteer on the Soviet Union.

gory	mountains, mountain range
guba	bay
kanal	canal, channel, distributary
khrebet	mountains, mountain range, ridge
kryazh	ridge, hill, mountains
more	sea, sound
nagor'ye	upland, plateau, mountain range
nizmennost'	plain, lowland
ostrov(a)	island(s)
ozero	lake
peski	desert, sands
plato	plateau, upland
polustrov	peninsula, spit
proviz	strait
sovka	volcano, mountain, mound, hill
stolovaya strana	plateau
uvaly	hills
sodokhranishche	reservoir
vozyshennost'	hills, upland, plateau
zalyv	gulf, bay, inlet, lagoon
zemlya	land, island(s)

### Feature Designations

adm	administrative division	rdge	ridge
bay	bay	reg	region
can	canal	resv	reservoir
coal	coal basin/deposit	rr	railroad
dst	desert	sea	sea
gasf	gasfield	stm	stream
gulf	gulf	strt	strait
hills	hills	tars	tar sands deposit
hydp	hydroelectric power station	thep	thermal power plant
iron	iron ore deposit	upld	upland
isls)	island(s)	u/t	uranium/thorium deposit and processing center
lake	lake		
mis	mountains, mountain range	volc	volcano
nucp	nuclear power station		
oifl	oilfield		
oils	oil shale deposit/field		
pen	peninsula		
petr	petroleum refinery		
pipe	oil/gas pipeline		
plat	plateau		
pln	plain		
popl	populated place		

## Simplified Names

### Physiographic Features

Simplified	BGN
Alay Mountains	Alayskiy Khrebet
Aldan Upland	Aldanskoye Nagor'ye
Betpak-Dala Desert	Betpak-Dala
Buzachi Peninsula	Poluostrov Buzachi
Byrranga Mountains	Gory Byrranga
Caspian Lowland	Prkaspyskaya Nizmennost'
Central Range	Sredinnyy Khrebet
Cherskiy Range	Khrebet Cherskogo
Chukotsk Upland	Chukotskoye Nagor'ye
Chukotsk Peninsula	Chukotskiy Poluostrov
Dnepr Lowland	Pridneprovskaya Nizmennost'
Dzhugdzhur Range	Khrebet Dzhugdzhur
Gydan Peninsula	Gydanskiy Poluostrov
Karakum Desert	Peski Karakumy
Kazakh Upland	Kazakhskiy Melkospochnik
Kolyma Lowland	Kolymskaya Nizmennost'
Kolyma Mountains	Kolymskoye Nagor'ye
Koryak Mountains	Koryakskoye Nagor'ye
Kyzylkum Desert	Kyzylkum
Lake Balkhash	Ozero Balkhash
Lena Plateau	Prienskoye Plato
Mangyshk Peninsula	Mangystrov Mangyshlak
Mayunkum Desert	Peski Mayunkum
North Siberian Lowland	Severo-Sibirskaya Nizmennost'
Northern Hills	Severnyye Uvaly
Oka-Don Plain	Okso-Donskaya Nizmennost'
Sikhote-Alin' Range	Sikhote-Alin'
Stanovoy Upland	Stanovoye Nagor'ye
Stanovoy Range	Stanovoy Khrebet
Taymyr Peninsula	Poluostrov Taymyr
Taz Peninsula	Tazovskiy Poluostrov
Timan Ridge	Timanskiy Kryazh
Turan Lowland	Turanskaya Nizmennost'
Turgay Plateau	Turgayskaya Stolovaya Strana
Upper Kama Upland	Verkhnekamskaya Vozvyshennost'
Ustyurt Plateau	Plato Ustyurt
Verkhoyansk Range	Verkhoyanskiy Khrebet
Volga Upland	Privolzhskaya Vozvyshennost'
Yablonovyy Range	Yablonovyy Khrebet
Yamal Peninsula	Poluostrov Yamal

### Oblast-Level Administrative Divisions

Simplified	BGN
Abkhaz ASSR	Abkhazskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Adygey AO	Adygeyskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast'
Adzhar ASSR	Adzharskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Aginskiy Buryat AOK	Aginskiy Buryatskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Akiyubinsk Oblast	Akiyubinskaya Oblast'
Alma-Ata Oblast	Alma-Atinskaya Oblast'
Altay Krai	Altayskiy Krai
Amur Oblast	Amurskaya Oblast'
Andizhan Oblast	Andizhanskaya Oblast'
Arkhangel'sk Oblast	Arkhangel'skaya Oblast'
Ashkhabad Oblast	Ashkhabadskaya Oblast'
Astrakhan' Oblast	Astrakhanskaya Oblast'
Bashkir ASSR	Bashkirskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Belgorod Oblast	Belgorodskaya Oblast'
Brest Oblast	Brestskaya Oblast'
Bryansk Oblast	Bryanskaya Oblast'
Bukhara Oblast	Bukharskaya Oblast'
Buryat ASSR	Buryatskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Chardzhou Oblast	Chardzhouskaya Oblast'
Chechen-Ingush ASSR	Checheno-Ingushskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Chelyabinsk Oblast	Chelyabinskaya Oblast'
Cherkassy Oblast	Cherkasskaya Oblast'
Chernigov Oblast	Chernigovskaya Oblast'
Chernovtsy Oblast	Chernovitskaya Oblast'
Chimkent Oblast	Chimkentskaya Oblast'
Chita Oblast	Chitinskaya Oblast'
Chukotsk AOK	Chukotskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Chuvash ASSR	Chuvashskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Dagestan ASSR	Dagestanskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Dnepropetrovsk Oblast	Dnepropetrovskaya Oblast'
Donetsk Oblast	Donetskaya Oblast'
Dzhambul Oblast	Dzhambulskaya Oblast'
Dzhezkazgan Oblast	Dzhezkazganskaya Oblast'
Dzhizak Oblast	Dzhizakskaya Oblast'
Fyenk AOK	Evenkiyskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Fergana Oblast	Ferganskaya Oblast'
Gomel' Oblast	Gomel'skaya Oblast'
Gor'kiy Oblast	Gor'kovskaya Oblast'
Gorno-Altay AO	Gorno-Altayskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast'
Gorno-Badakhshan AO	Gorno-Badakhshanskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast'
Grodno Oblast	Grodenskaya Oblast'
Gu'yevo Oblast	Gu'yevszkaya Oblast'
Irkutsk Oblast	Irkutskaya Oblast'
Issyk-Kul' Oblast	Issyk-Kul'skaya Oblast'
Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast	Ivano-Frankovskaya Oblast'
Ivanovskaya Oblast	Ivanovskaya Oblast'
Kabardin-Balkar ASSR	Kabardinno-Balkarskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Kalining Oblast	Kaliningradszkaya Oblast'
Kaliningrad Oblast	Kaliningradskaya Oblast'
Kalmyk ASSR	Kalmykskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Kaluzha Oblast	Kaluzhskaya Oblast'
Kamchatka Oblast	Kamchatkenskaya Oblast'
Karachay-Cherkes AO	Karachayevsko-Cherkeskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast'
Karaganda Oblast	Karagandinskaya Oblast'
Karakalpak ASSR	Karakalpakskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Karelian ASSR	Karel'skaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Kashkadar'ya Oblast	Kashkadar'inskaya Oblast'
Kemerovo Oblast	Kemerovskaya Oblast'
Khabarovsk Krai	Khabarovskiy Krai
Khakas AO	Khakasskaya Avtonomnyy Oblast'

### Oblast-Level Administrative Divisions (continued)

Simplified	BGN
Khanty-Mansi AOK	Khanty-Mansiyskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Khar'kov Oblast	Khar'kovskaya Oblast'
Kherson Oblast	Khersonskaya Oblast'
Khmel'nikskiy Oblast	Khmel'nikskaya Oblast'
Khorezm Oblast	Khorezmskaya Oblast'
Kirov Oblast	Kirovskaya Oblast'
Kirovograd Oblast	Kirovogradskaya Oblast'
Kiyev Oblast	Kiyevskaya Oblast'
Kokchetav Oblast	Kokchetavskaya Oblast'
Komi ASSR	Komi Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Komi-Permyak AOK	Komi-Permyatskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Koryak AOK	Koryakskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Kostroma Oblast	Kostromskaya Oblast'
Krasnodar Krai	Krasnodarskiy Krai
Krasnovodsk Oblast	Krasnovodskaya Oblast'
Krasnoyarsk Krai	Krasnoyarskiy Krai
Krym (Crimean) Oblast	Krymskaya Oblast'
Kulyab Oblast	Kulyabskaya Oblast'
Kurgan Oblast	Kurganskaya Oblast'
Kurgan-Tyube Oblast	Kurgan-Tyubinskaya Oblast'
Kursk Oblast	Kurskaya Oblast'
Kustanay Oblast	Kustanayskaya Oblast'
Kuybyshev Oblast	Kuybyshevskaya Oblast'
Kryl-Orda Oblast	Kryl-Ordinskaya Oblast'
Leninabad Oblast	Leninabadskaya Oblast'
Leningrad Oblast	Leningradskaya Oblast'
Lipetsk Oblast	Lipetskaya Oblast'
L'vov Oblast	L'vovskaya Oblast'
Magadan Oblast	Magadanskaya Oblast'
Mangyshlak Oblast	Mangyshlakszkaya Oblast'
Mari ASSR	Mariyskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Mary Oblast	Mariyskaya Oblast'
Minsk Oblast	Minskaya Oblast'
Mogilev Oblast	Mogilevskaya Oblast'
Mordva ASSR	Mordovskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Moscow Oblast	Moskovskaya Oblast'
Murmansk Oblast	Murmanskaya Oblast'
Nagorno-Karabakh AO	Nagorno-Karabakhskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast'
Nakhichevan' ASSR	Nakhichevanskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Namangan Oblast	Namanganskaya Oblast'
Naryn Oblast	Narynskaya Oblast'
Navoi Oblast	Navoiyskaya Oblast'
Netets AOK	Netetskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Nikolayev Oblast	Nikolayevskaya Oblast'
Novgorod Oblast	Novgorodskaya Oblast'
Novosibirsk Oblast	Novosibirskaya Oblast'
Odessa Oblast	Odesskaya Oblast'
Omsk Oblast	Omskaya Oblast'
Orel Oblast	Orel'skaya Oblast'
Orenburg Oblast	Orenburgskaya Oblast'
Osht Oblast	Oshtkaya Oblast'
Pavlodar Oblast	Pavlodarskaya Oblast'
Penza Oblast	Penzenskaya Oblast'
Perm' Oblast	Permskaya Oblast'
Poltava Oblast	Poltavskaya Oblast'
Primorskiy Krai	Primorskiy Krai
Pskov Oblast	Pskovskaya Oblast'
Rostov Oblast	Rostovskaya Oblast'
Rovno Oblast	Rovenskaya Oblast'
Ryazan' Oblast	Ryazanskaya Oblast'
Sakhalin Oblast	Sakhalinskaya Oblast'
Samarkand Oblast	Samarkandskaya Oblast'
Saratov Oblast	Saratovskaya Oblast'
Semipalatinsk Oblast	Semipalatinskaya Oblast'
Severo-Kazakhstan Oblast	Severo-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast'
Severo-Osetin ASSR	Severo-Osetinskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Smolensk Oblast	Smolenskaya Oblast'
Stavropol' Krai	Stavropolskiy Krai
Summy Oblast	Sumszkaya Oblast'
Surkhandar'ya Oblast	Surkhandar'inskaya Oblast'
Sverdlovsk Oblast	Sverdlovskaya Oblast'
Syrdar'ya Oblast	Syrdar'inskaya Oblast'
Talass Oblast	Talasskaya Oblast'
Taldy-Kurgan Oblast	Taldy-Kurganskaya Oblast'
Tambov Oblast	Tambovskaya Oblast'
Tashauz Oblast	Tashauzskaya Oblast'
Tashkent Oblast	Tashkentskaya Oblast'
Tatar ASSR	Tatarskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Taymyr AOK	Taymyrskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Ternopol' Oblast	Ternopol'skaya Oblast'
Tomsk Oblast	Tomskaya Oblast'
Tselinograd Oblast	Tselinogradskaya Oblast'
Tula Oblast	Tul'skaya Oblast'
Turgay Oblast	Turgayskaya Oblast'
Tuva ASSR	Tuvinskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Tyumen' Oblast	Tyumenskaya Oblast'
Udmurt ASSR	Udmurtskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Ulyanovsk Oblast	Ulyanovskaya Oblast'
Ural'sk Oblast	Ural'skaya Oblast'
Ust'-Ordynskiy Buryat AOK	Ust'-Ordynskiy Buryatskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Vinnitsa Oblast	Vinnitskaya Oblast'
Virechskaya Oblast	Virechskaya Oblast'
Vladimir Oblast	Vladimirskaaya Oblast'
Volgograd Oblast	Volgogradskaya Oblast'
Vologda Oblast	Vologodskaya Oblast'
Volyn' Oblast	Volynskaya Oblast'
Voronezh Oblast	Voronezhskaya Oblast'
Voroshilovgradskaya Oblast	Voroshilovgradskaya Oblast'
Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast	Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast'
Yakut ASSR	Yakutskaya Avtonomnaya Sovetskaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika
Yamal-Netets AOK	Yamal-Netetskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug
Yaroslavl' Oblast	Yaroslavl'skaya Oblast'
Yevrey AO	Yevreyskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast'
Yugo-Osetin AO	Yugo-Osetinskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast'
Zakarpatskaya Oblast	Zakarpatskaya Oblast'
Zaporozh'ye Oblast	Zaporozh'skaya Oblast'
Zhitomir Oblast	Zhitomirskaya Oblast'





















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Vym'	stm	62 13N	050 25E	20	Zapadno-Surgut	oilf	61 22N	073 04E	16
Vyngapur	gasf	63 10N	076 46E	16, 23, 66	Zapadno-Tarkosale	gasf	64 47N	077 49E	16, 66
Vyshniy Volochek	ppl	57 35N	034 34E	RM	Zapadnyy Tebuk	oilf	63 42N	054 54E	20
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West Kamchatka coal area	coal	57 30N	157 30E	34	Zaporozh'ye	thep	NA	NA	47, 49, 67
West Siberia oil and gas region	reg	64 00N	075 00E	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 32, 33	Zaporozhskaya Oblast'	nucp	NA	NA	52, 67
West Siberia Economic Region	reg	60 00N	076 00E	79	Zaralshan	admd	47 30N	035 30E	79
West Siberian Plain	pln	60 00N	075 00E	RM	Zavolzh'ye	ppl	41 31N	064 15E	56, RM
White Sea	sea	65 30N	038 00E	RM	Zaysan	ppl	56 39N	043 24E	RM
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Yagodnoye	ppl	62 33N	149 40E	57, RM	Zelenodol'sk	ppl	55 51N	048 33E	RM
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Yangikuzgan	gasf	40 38N	062 37E	21	Zheleznogorsk-Ilmskiy	ppl	56 34N	104 08E	57, RM
Yangiyul'	ppl	41 06N	069 03E	RM	Zheliyye Vody	ppl	48 21N	033 32E	RM
Yanskiy Zaliv	gulf	71 50N	136 00E	RM	Zheliyye Vody-Terny uranium deposit/processing center	u/t	NA	NA	42, 43
Yaransk	ppl	57 19N	047 54E	RM	Zhigalovo	oilf	43 20N	052 18E	21, 27, 66
Yarasyner	oilf	63 09N	077 48E	16	Zhigalovsk	ppl	54 48N	105 08E	RM
Yarega	oilf	63 24N	053 28E	20	Zhigansk	ppl	66 45N	123 20E	RM
Yarega tar sands deposit	tars	65 43N	056 41E	45	Zhigulevsk	oilf	53 27N	049 30E	20
Yareyyu	gasf	67 59N	055 15E	20	Zhilyoy	oilf	40 21N	050 35E	21
Yarino	oilf	58 26N	056 31E	20	Zhitomir	oilf	50 15N	028 40E	79, RM
Yarkino	ppl	59 08N	099 23E	RM	Zhitomirskaya Oblast'	admd	50 30N	028 30E	79
Yaroslavl'	ppl	57 37N	039 52E	56, 79, RM	Zhukhova, Ostrov	isl	76 04N	152 40E	RM
Yaroslavl'	petr	NA	NA	31, 66	Zima	ppl	53 55N	102 04E	57, RM
Yaroslavskaya Oblast'	admd	58 00N	039 30E	79	Zimniy	gasf	69 24N	085 08E	16
Yasnogorsk	ppl	50 51N	115 45E	57, RM	Zlatoust	ppl	55 10N	059 40E	56, RM
Yaun-Ior	ppl	61 27N	072 43E	16	Zmiyev (Gotval'd)	thep	NA	NA	49, 67
Yefremov	ppl	53 09N	038 07E	RM	Zol'noye	oilf	53 27N	049 46E	20
Yegindibulik	ppl	49 45N	076 93E	56, RM	Zolotaya Gora	ppl	54 16N	126 38E	57, RM
Yelets	ppl	52 37N	038 30E	32, RM	Zayevka	ppl	48 04N	038 15E	RM
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Yelizovo	ppl	53 11N	158 23E	57, RM	Zvenigorodka coal deposit	coal	48 58N	031 10E	34
Yelkino	oilf	57 37N	056 56E	20	Zyryanka	ppl	65 45N	150 50E	RM
Yem-Yegov	oilf	61 58N	066 06E	16	Zyryanka coal basin	coal	66 00N	146 00E	34, 40
Yemsey	stm	71 50N	082 40E	16, 30, 51, 60, 67, RM	Zyryanka coal deposit	coal	66 00N	150 20E	34
Yeniseysk	ppl	58 27N	092 10E	57, RM	Zyryanovsk	ppl	49 43N	084 20E	56, RM
Yenoruskino	oilf	54 56N	050 45E	20					
Yeraltiyev	ppl	43 12N	051 39E	56, RM					
Yerevan	ppl	40 11N	044 30E	56, 79, RM					
Yergach	oilf	57 23N	056 39E	20					
Yermak	ppl	52 02N	076 55E	RM					
Yermak	oilf	60 47N	076 10E	16					
Yermak	thep	NA	NA	49, 67					
Yermakovo	ppl	66 37N	086 13E	RM					
Yermentau	ppl	51 38N	073 10E	RM					
Yesil'	ppl	51 28N	066 24E	56, RM					
Yetsypur	gasf	64 01N	077 42E	16, 66					
Yevpatoriya	ppl	45 12N	033 22E	56, RM					
Yevreyskaya AO	admd	48 30N	132 00E	79					
Yeysk	ppl	46 42N	038 17E	RM					
Yoshkar-Ola	ppl	56 40N	047 55E	79, RM					
Yubileyny	gasf	66 05N	075 56E	16, 66					
Yugo-Osetinskaya AO	admd	42 20N	044 00E	79					
Yugomash	oilf	56 16N	055 31E	20					
Yugorsk	oilf	61 37N	077 27E	16					
Yurga	ppl	55 42N	084 51E	RM					
Yurkharov	gasf	67 47N	077 19E	16					
Yushkovo	ppl	64 45N	032 07E	RM					
Yuzhno-Balsk	oilf	60 29N	072 28E	16					
Yuzhno-Myl'dzhino	oilf	58 45N	078 05E	16					
Yuzhno-Russkaya	gasf	66 04N	080 36E	16, 66					
Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk	ppl	46 57N	142 44E	11, 57, 59, 79, RM					
Yuzhno-Shapkinskaya	oilf	67 11N	054 25E	20					
Yuzhno-Sukhokumskoye	oilf	44 30N	045 13E	21, 66					
Yuzhno-Surgut	oilf	61 08N	072 57E	16					
Yuzhno-Tambey	gasf	71 37N	071 57E	16, 66					
Yuzhno-Ural'sk	ppl	54 26N	061 15E	RM					
Yuzhno-Ural'sk	thep	NA	NA	49, 67					
Yuzhno-Zhetybay	gasf	43 15N	052 09E	21					
Yuzhnyy Bug	stm	46 59N	031 58E	50, 51					

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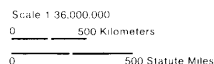


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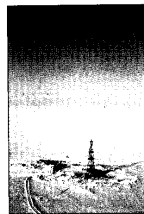
### ASSRs and AOs in the Caucasus



*Note: The Ukraine Economic Region is normally divided into three regions: Donetsk, Dnieper, South and Southwest. By the Soviets, these regions have been combined for simplification. Moldavian SSR is not part of any economic region.*



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