

### BLAST FURNACE

The fourth blast furnace, a major project of the ninth five year plan, is being constructed at the Karagandinsky Metallurgical Works. One of the best working brigades is headed by Iosif Shabunko. Together with his colleagues he had participated in the project of almost all shops of the plant. Despite difficult conditions, work is being carried out ahead of schedule. The workers are striving to put the blast furnace into operation this year. 10 assembling brigades have signed Socialist Agreements, among them brigades of Shabunko and Digtyar. The brigade of Digtyar is assembling the upper cone of the dust collector. The weight of this element is about 50 tons. The new blast furnace will produce 1,800,000 tons of cast iron annually.

### METRO

The population of Tashkent has grown to 1,5 million and the city is in need of a Metro. The construction of Metro has already begun. the first 4 km, which are being built by an open and underground method, have been completed. Representatives from all Soviet Republics are participating in the construction of the Metro, just as they had done in the rebuilding of the city after the earthquake. The Tashkent Metro will be the first in Middle Asia.

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#### PRESIDENT POMPIDOU VISIT

President of the French Republic Georges Pompidou arrived in Sochi to meet Leonid Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, Member of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet. At the Airport Georges Pompidou was greeted by Leonid Brezhnev, A.Gromyko, member of the Politbureau of the CC of the CPSU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, and other officials. The French President was accompanied by Michel Jobert, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and other officials.

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Lengthy talks took place here between L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU, member of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, and President of France Georges Pompidou. Taking part in the talks from the Soviet side were A.Gromyko, member of the Politbureau of the CC of the CPSU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, and other officials.

From the French side: Michel Jobert, Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, and other officials.

In an atmosphere of friendship and mutual respect an exchange of points of view took place on the ways of the further development of cooperation between the Soviet Union and France both in the field of bilateral relations and in international affairs with the aim of consolidating detente throughout the world.

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