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SOURCE Trud.KUZBASS FALLS SHORT ON LOW-ASH COAL DELIVERIES TO MAGNITOGORSK

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Several workers in the Magnitogorsk Metallurgical Plant published an open letter to A. F. Zasyad'ko, Minister of the Coal Industry, complaining that the plant did not receive an adequate amount of low-ash coal from the Kuzbass. They stated that in 1950 the Kuzbassugol' Combine had consistently failed to keep to its schedule for delivering coking coal according to types. For example the plant received 134,786 tons of above-plan K<sub>1</sub> coal, which has a relatively high ash content, while deliveries of low-ash K<sub>2</sub> coal fell about the same amount below the plan.

The same held true of gas coal shipped to their plant, they said. The Mine imeni Kirov sent the plant tens of thousands of tons of above-plan high-ash coal, but the Pionerka Mine, which was supposed to send low-ash coal, did not send anywhere nearly the same amount.

This situation still prevails in 1951, they continued. During January, 11,144 tons of K<sub>1</sub> coal above the plan arrived at the combine but deliveries of K<sub>2</sub> coal fell many thousands of tons below the plan. Mine No 10 of the Molotov-ugol' Trust in the Kuzbass, which mines K coal with the lowest ash content, was 4,240 tons short on its fuel deliveries to the combine and in place of this, Mine No 9 shipped 5,172 tons of a lower grade.(1)

About a month after the appearance of the letter from the Magnitogorsk workers, two open letters commenting on it appeared. The first, signed by two honored miners and the chairman of the mine committee of the Mine imeni Stalin, came from Prokop'yevsk. The second was written by a Trud correspondent in Novosibirsk.

The first letter stated that, in the first 10 days of February, 4,934 tons of low-ash K<sub>2</sub> coal were earmarked for Magnitka, but on orders from Glavuglesbyt they were shipped to the Kuznetsk Metallurgical Combine in Stalinsk. The Kuznetsk

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Combine, it said, already had a considerable store of K<sub>2</sub> coal on hand, and the Magnitogorsk plant received a considerable additional quantity of high-ash coal besides the tens of thousands of tons which it already possessed.

The second letter stated that 40 days before the beginning of a quarter the Kuzbassuglesbyt usually submits to Glavkoks its plan for all types of coal output from each mine. Glavkoks establishes the daily obligation of the Kuzbassuglesbyt to issue fuel, including the mine from which it is to come, the plant to which it is to go, and the amount to be sent. On the basis of this, the letter said, the Kuzbassuglesbyt on 3 January submitted to its office in Osinniki order No 7-11 on shipments of coal from the Kandalep station to the Magnitogorsk and Kuznetsk combines and to the Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant.

Certain transportation regulations, the letter explained, are in a large measure responsible for inequities in distribution. For example, the letter stated, the Chelyabinsk plant receives monthly 7,000 tons of excess high-grade fuel which should go to Magnitogorsk. The Mine imeni Vakhrushev of the Kaganovichugol' Trust was to ship daily 233 tons of K<sub>1</sub> coal and 714 tons of K<sub>2</sub>. However, the letter continued, to load the 1,300-ton train which is supplied at this station, hundreds of above-plan tons of high-ash coal of the K<sub>1</sub> type are shipped.(2)

In reference to the series of letters described above, Zasyad'ko, Minister of the Coal Industry, has informed the editorial staff of Trud that the plan for the delivery of Kuznetsk coking coal to the ferrous metallurgical industry was fulfilled 100.7 percent in 1950. The plan for delivery of all types of coal was fulfilled except for K<sub>2</sub> coal. Glavkoks, he said, had drawn up mine and plant coking-coal mixtures without calculating the necessary conditions for routing the coal shipped. This circumstance and also the operational regulations of Glavkoks resulted in an inequality in the delivery of coal according to types and plants.

An agreement has been reached with the Minister of Ferrous Metallurgy, Zasyad'ko continued, whereby, starting with the second quarter, changes will be introduced in the coking charge which will make it possible to fix routing with the least deviation from the planned delivery of Kuznetsk coking coal.(3)

## SOURCES

1. Moscow, Trud, 7 Feb 51
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