In round timber this translates to 600,000 cubic metres, which means about 1,000,000 cubic metres of standing timber. Even under this pretext they are cutting less than a million every year. The problem is alleviated by the fact that in November of 1989 the union government adopted a resolution to discontinue the industrial felling of cedar beginning in the present year. This also is my position: except for improvement fellings in the most direct sense of the word, i.e. sanitary fellings, there must be no others".

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Geochemical Map of Erevan to be Compiled

A specially organized laboratory of the Institute of Geological Sciences, of the Academy of Sciences of the Armenian SSR, has begun compiling a geochemical map of Erevan. The ma will depict areas with differing degrees of pollution and define sectors with the greatest concentration of environmentally harmful chemicals. Thus, a start has been made on the realization of an integrated programme of ecological research in the republic.

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