North Pole. This symbol of good will, which is kept in New York's Rerikh Museum, was given to the adventurers before the expedition began by representatives of the Nikolay Konstantinovich Heritage Committee in Moscow.

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## Fires in the Taiga

Major forest fires have destroyed a significant area of the Tuva Taiga. The dry, hot weather that has set in here is serving to fuel this natural disaster. The area of smouldering ruins is already estimated to be thousands of hectares. The government reserve "Azas" has been ablaze for several consecutive days.

Despite the preventive measures that have been adopted here recently, the damage caused by fire continues to increase. An urgent session of the Council of Ministers of the Tuva ASSR acknowledged that many of the serious consequences could have been avoided. Unfortunately, effective measures to contain the fires were not taken in time.

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## Beverages ... From Horns

Who has never felt tired after a heavy shift, especially in the north?