

MISCELLANEOUS

Association of Soviet Polar Workers Formed

"I have heard that an Association of Soviet Polar Workers is now being formed. What is the purpose of this organization, and who can be a member?"

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The decision to create the Association of Soviet Polar Workers was taken at an institutional conference. Participating in the work of this conference were representatives from virtually all ministries and agencies active in regions of the Arctic and Antarctic. These included the Ministry of the Maritime Fleet, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Ministry for Construction of Petroleum and Natural Gas Installations, the State Committee for Hydrometeorology (Goskomgidromet SSSR), the Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography, the RSFSR State Construction Committee, the Main Administration of the Diamond and Gold Industry, the "Arktikugol" (Arctic Coal) Production Corporation, the "Arktikstroï" (Arctic Construction) Trust, and others.

The working conditions for people in various occupations in the Arctic and Antarctic are extreme, and an abundance of problems have now accumulated among Polar workers. However, administrative estrangement and other barriers frequently stand in the way of finding solutions to these problems. It is precisely the goal of the Associations to consolidate the efforts and the financial, intellectual and organizational resources of its