

licence and direct groups of foreign tourists for sport fishing on the Ponoï River in the Lovozerskii Raion Executive Committee. The firm paid \$2,000 to the "Murmanrybvod" Administration, and \$200 to the Kola Regional Association.

And now, there's a new contact. This time with the American-Finnish company "G. Loomis Outdoor Adventures Inc." Under the terms of the contract the company would have exclusive rights to sell licences and direct groups of foreign tourists for sport fishing on the Ponoï River in the Lovozerskii Raion for a period of five years - from 1991 to 1995. And who are our merchants? The eleven-member delegation, whose trip is being paid for by the American company, includes S. Plyukhin, general director of the Kolar Regional Association; V. Indusov, a representative of the Leningad Civil Aviation Administration; K. Budanov, head of the "Murmanrybvod" Administration; and V. Aranovskii, chairman of the Lovozerskii Raion Soviet, among others. The only ones missing are representatives of Agropromsoyuz, who have been elbowed out of the dollar pie this time round. The principal vendor of the river is the Kola Regional Association, which has absolutely no legal right to conduct such business.

The most surprising aspect of this story is that the affair is being concealed under the name of the Oblast Council of People's Deputies. And this is despite the warning which A. Sorokin, deputy director of the Polar Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography issued to the oblast executive committee.

It should only be added that the residents of the oblast, in granting a concession to foreign tourists, are not receiving anything in return for themselves - neither products nor goods. Where the dollar are going that are being earned in this affair is a commercial "secret" of the organizations into whose bank accounts the stream of foreign currency is flowing.

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## OIL AND GAS

### More Fuel Shortage in Tyumen

By now everyone has heard about the fuel shortage at Aeroflot. And people are astounded: how is it possible that one of the richest