

problems surrounding our solicitous relationship to nature in the course of economic activity. Various approaches to the optimum layout of settlements were "played out" in the article. But... there was not even a hint as regards the experience of Barentsburg and Pyramid. And yet for decades many hints have accumulated as regards the organization of human life support in the Polar Regions, the unique solutions to transportation problems, water, heat and power supply, the construction of homes and roads in the permafrost zone, the provision of cultural and community facilities, labour relations...

In conclusion I wish to remark that Barentsburg and Pyramid are settlements not without their problems. But if yonder, beneath the Earth's icy surface coal rises upwards and tulips boldly bloom, then man's arrival here has not been in vain - why, these are the work of his hands and soul.

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### When The Snowmobiles Stop Roaring

Many northern hunters who, not long ago, were still enthusiastically buying Buran snowmobiles are switching back to dog sleds... Why?

In a relatively small sector of the arctic coast - the Nenets tundra - there were more than two thousand snowmobiles in operation. Now more than half of them are permanently out of order. They break down at the most inconvenient time, and there are no spare parts...