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## Sixty Years Later

reconnaiseance in the Alctic continuously, even under polar night conditions. This has become possible by using the The first constituent congress of the Association of Ethnic Minorities of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug has commenced in Naryan-Mar.

More than 250 delegates are representing the interests of the tundra's native inhabitants. The delegates are scheduled to formulate a program and a charter for the association, to discuss issues relating to the social and ecoinomic development of the Okrug, and to elect delegates to the All-Union Congress of Ethnic Minorities of the North, Siberia and the Far East.

stations and one hydropateorological observatory situated The tundra Nenets have accumulated many topics for concerned discussion and heated debate. The last time they gathered at a forum with this level of representation was nearly 60 years ago. As a preliminary survey indicated, the issues of greatest concern to these northern residents are the status of the Okrug's automony, regional cost accountability, and the state of ethnic culture and the environment.

Stroitelnaya gazeta 13 December 1989 page 2 (full text) to the Congress you are devoting a lot of attentions of teomis developing light evision in the North.