

credit for converting a number of large enterprises into environmentally clean facilities. To put it bluntly, we are talking about half a billion (!) dollars in investments in the industry of Murmansk Oblast.

"On Monday," Mr. Vorontsov noted with disappointment, "I am to meet, as the head of a Soviet delegation, with ministers of the environment of northern countries and bank representatives in Helsinki. We will be discussing there their environmental assistance in solving problems of the Baltic Sea and the North. You can just imagine how we are going to look at this meeting following a nuclear test."

In conclusion, the Chairman of Goskompriroda stated: "I am absolutely convinced that this nuclear test is just one more attack on the President from the military-industrial complex. I don't envy Mikhail Sergeevich, who is supposed to receive the Nobel Prize for Peace in Oslo in December. How will he look at this meeting now that these tests have been conducted?"

Unfortunately, we can give no clear answer to this question. But the parliamentarians of Russia have prepared their response, the essence of which is a ban on the practice of "silent" explosions.

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In the Central Arctic a Mounting Wave of Public Protests  
Over All Forms of Radioactivity

At a recent meeting in Dudinka someone was heard to say: "All of these ships, aircraft and helicopters are potential carriers of radioactive contamination."

Residents of this arctic port city were protesting against the existence of a nuclear testing range on Novaya Zemlya.