

less inclined to go back to their native land, back to their homes in yarangs (round dwelling roofed with reindeer skin - Tr), back to the stone age. Yes, I mean it.

Because in the tundra everything has remained just the same as it was hundreds of years ago. No matter how hard the scientists and designers tried to come up with comfortable, modern housing for the tundra dwellers, all their efforts came to naught. Take for example, mobile homes, like the "Sever". Equipped with ovens resembling small stoves, they soon lost heat in the severe cold, and needed so much fuel that one needed to bring a whole wagonload of coal along.

This shows yet again that these structures were developed by people far away from the tundra and who only knew about it from second-hand information.

The snowmobiles turned out to be useless as well, since in conditions of heavy snowfall and cold they could not be used for moving along with wandering herds of reindeer.

In a word, the reindeer herdsman still have the same yarangs, reindeer in harness and unsettled way of life.

#### NATIVE PEOPLE IN LOWEST PAID JOBS

And now the time has come to talk about another side of the problem: employment for the native population.

Over recent decades, a flow of newcomers has arrived in Chukotka from the interior of the country, from Russia, the Ukraine and Moldavia. They came