animals. Unfortunately, the race for Chukotka's riches has eclipsed the problems of Chukotka itself, both social and economic, of which there are quite a few by now. One would like to believe that now, at such a delicate and difficult time for perestroika, Chukotka will start counting down to the time of its rebirth.

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## In Search Of The Formula For Clean Air

The growing scale of pollution and deterioration in our natural environment is giving grounds for alarm in our society, and for that reason the Academy of Sciences of the USSR recently called a general meeting to discuss the following issue: In conditions which are, without exaggeration, critical, how can we create a reliable basis on which to build a rational scientific system of interrlationship between nature and the man?

It is irrefutable that we must step up research into the global problems of the biosphere. But today it is not a lack of knowledge which is standing in the way of solving the ecology crisis, rather an accumulation of deficiencies in the organisation of nature conservation.

It is patently obvious that the USSR State Committee for the Conservation of Nature, set up a year ago, is responsible for this trend. However, it is just as obvious that the Committee will not cope