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# ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

The setting up of the Ministry of the Territorial Economy and Environment Protection is evidence of the importance attached to the protection and appropriate shaping of the environment in Poland. The powers and tasks of the Ministry are discussed by Minister Jerzy Kusiak in an interview granted to our representative. The Minister points also to Poland's active role in CMEA environment protection activities, UNEP, as well as in the endeavours aimed at protecting the waters of the Baltic.

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The intensive development of the Polish industry has extended also to health protection, i.e. medical equipment production. The issue presents 10 selected installations. Special stress has been laid on diagnostic as well as an installations connected with labour safety and hygiene and the combating of occupational diseases. The latter group includes original designs of classificatory audiometers and vibrational sensation meters together with stand mounted ophthalmological electromagnets, isotopic blood volume meter and radiodiagnostic equipment.

PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE CULTIVATION OF HIGHER FUNGI ON INDUSTRIAL WASTES

One of the difficult problems faced by modern industries is the neutralization of industrial wastes in order to guarantee an appropriate quality of the environment, water in particular. The method used so far was limited to neutralization of wastes alone. At present however, when the world is suffering of a shortage of food, especially proteins, it has become imperative to utilize industrial wastes for the production of food or, at least, of animal feed.

A proposal to this effect has been suggested by experts of the M. Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin who inform the readers about a microbiological method of detoxication and protein enrichment of the by-products of the cellulose and food processing industries.

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