While their race is rapidly disappearing, these anachronistic people live out their days as either feckless casual workers or as living museum pieces for the education of tourists. It is hoped by Hokkaido officials that the prospective five-year uplift program will bring the remaining Ainus into closer attunement with the bustling life of the new Japan that is passing them by.

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Carbon Materials for Missiles

Diamonds, apart from being a girl's best friend, are among the hardest things known and find many industrial uses. They are a form of carbon. Graphite, another form of cerbon, also finds many uses in atomic reactors, in lubricants, and in pencils.

Now another form, pyrographite, has been developed by the Raytheon Company sponsored by the Navy Bureau of Ordnance, as a possible answer to some of the problems in missile construction.

The material, a high purity form of graphite, withstands temperatures up to 6700 degree Fahrenheit higher than any other known element, and remains strong, chemically inactive and impervious to gases.

The secret of its great heat stability is that heat is conducted along its surface 500 times better than through it, thus preventing any excessive build-up of heat.