

TIMBER AND WOODWORKING

Under-Mechanization and Currency Scarcity Spawns New Chief Directorate in the Timber Industry

At the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry a Chief Directorate of Machine-Building has been formed to meet the needs of our sector. It is to be headed by Ivan Vasil'evich Kopaev. He graduated from the Borisoglebskii Forestry Engineering Technical School, and later from the Voronezh Institute of Forestry Engineering. He took up a position as senior engineer at the Dobchurskii logging enterprise of the "Bratskles" Combine. In 1962 he was appointed Chief Engineer of the Bratsk Autorepair plant. Later, he worked at the Irkutsk branch of the Central Scientific Research Institute of Mechanization and Power Engineering in the Timber Industry (TsNIIME), which is where he became a Candidate of Engineering Sciences.

The subsequent course of his career was as follows: Deputy-Head of the "Irkutsklesprom" (Irkutsk Timber Industry) Association, Director of the Experimental Engineering Plant of TsNIIME, a five-year term as General Director of "Soyuznauchplitprom" (All-Union Scientific Association for the Board Producing Industry), and most recently, Head of "Soyuzorglestekhmontazh". "As you see, I am an experienced machine-builder", said Kopaev, with a smile.

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Q. "Ivan Vasil'evich, you have a difficult job on your hands. Mechanization in the timber industry remains at a low level".