

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian SSR has appointed Kazimeras Boleslovovich Minetas as Minister of the Timber Industry of the Lithuanian SSR.

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The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Estonian SSR has appointed Sergei Fedorovich Sinani as First Deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Industry in the Estonian SSR and as Minister of the Estonian SSR.

Simultaneously, he is appointed Director of the Territorial-Production Association "Estlesprom".

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### On the Brink of Disaster...

(Notes from an All-Union Conference on Ecology)

The chief engineers of enterprises belonging to the wood-chemistry complex met last Saturday in the assembly hall of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry to discuss the ecological problems in their respective fields. There has been a sizeable accumulation of these and solving them has become a matter of urgency. There was some straight talk about this from V. K. Gusev, Deputy-Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR and Chairman of the Council's Bureau for the Wood-Chemistry Complex, who gave the opening address.

Also taking part were F.T. Morgun, Chairman of the USSR State Committee for Nature Conservation (Goskompriroda), and representatives of the USSR State Planning Commission (Gosplan), the USSR Academy of