

long-term existence. It is forcing them to fell more than the planned coupe and giving away their concessions to independent loggers, while at the same time the timber in unassigned forest tracts is dying from old age. Here is what N.I. Ryabinin, the director of the forestry department of "Karellesprom", has to say about it.

"Last year, our association was unable to dispose of 420,000 cubic meters of quotas for fellings in forests of the second group, while the rest of the loggers had no problem at all. The enterprises of the local and fuel industry felled only some 25,000 of the 5,127,000 cubic metres in the concessions assigned to them, and they are using only 3-5 percent. On the other hand, they are intensively harvesting the timber in the forest tracts of the Suoyarvi, Medvezh'egorsk, Kondopoga, Kalevala, and Segezha logging enterprises and the Kem' and Pudozh integrated timber floating enterprises, who by now have nothing to cut. The Lakhdenpokh'ya and Olonets integrated logging enterprises are disturbed about the selection of coupes; the Olonets enterprise overcuts any calculated norms while nearby, unassigned forests are standing and perishing on the stump. Does this make sense?"

"It is high time for the logging units of the fuel industry to be transferred to the "Karellesprom" Association," reckons Yu. N. Spiridonov, the director of the Suoyarvi integrated logging enterprise. "This will make it possible to use the timber which they procure more sensibly, with no losses of waste products allowed. Fewer State funds will be expended, since the last dwarf industries in the logging camps will be eliminated. In addition, the forests assigned to them would also