

How can we avoid getting into the situation of say, the toilers of the Kondopoga papermaking association "Kondopogabumprom" who are objecting to the fact that the State order for next year is as high as 95 per cent? The council of the association's labour collective maintains that it should be no more than 90. The papermakers need to take funds from somewhere for renovation of plant, for you won't get far with worn out machinery. They want to have a free hand in disposing of all production over and above the plan: part of it would be exported and part of it sold to our own publishing houses at agreed prices. This would give them the funds needed to purchase not only plant but also advanced technology to permit the utilization of waste paper. The reasonableness of this approach is all the more apparent when you consider that out of a 50 million rouble profit the association is left with only 8 millions.

Where are the roots of the undisciplined behaviour of the enterprises belonging to "Severolesoeksport", which is falling down on its own contractual obligations? For, in order to fill the State order the Kondopoga association will be short of about a million cubic metres of sawtimber. And the situation for next year is nothing short of horrendous: there is barely more than 500 thousand cubic metres of raw material left in the warehouses. Unless this is made up to the woodworkers right away, unless the necessary stockpile is created, all that will be left will be bits and pieces. And what this means under the conditions of radical reform, no one needs to have explained. It is only a step to bankruptcy