

themselves, as well as the fight against monopolism, administrative interference and bureaucracy. This is why we are inviting everyone who is interested to take part in this exchange of views. We hope that the discussion will be of a constructive nature and will not be reduced to merely an uncompromising confrontation between local self-governing bodies and the Centre.

Forests and the products derived from them occupy such an important place in the country's economy and in people's lives that this vast national wealth must be handled intelligently, through the careful weighing in advance of every step in the decision making process at any level.

### There is No Turning Back

Time and again have I heard the same complaints from the top officials of the Ministry directed at me personally, as well as at the Association. I won't bother to comment here on the exaggerated emotional nature of the article, its tendentiousness and the system of attaching labels which is clearly manifested in it. Fortunately, I am dealing with intelligent readers who understand only too well from which direction the wind is blowing. And, incidentally, the author makes no attempt to hide the fact that sector headquarters is extremely irritated with the "amateur approach" at the scene.

All the same, we have to bear in mind that the country is heading towards a market economy, a new business mechanism is being forged and the old stereotypes are collapsing. The times call for a display of entrepreneurship