

State Inspection Service and to talk about the problems and prospects of one of the leading enterprises of "Eksportles".

"The orderly work of the dockers is wholly dependent on the prompt fulfillment of their contractual obligations by our suppliers - the loggers and woodworkers. In recent years, however, we and our trading partners have been highly dissatisfied with the interruptions in deliveries of lumber for export, and in its quality. The plan for deliveries has only been fulfilled to the extent of 85 per cent. For example, over nine months of the current year we have been undersupplied with timber products to the tune of tens of thousands of cubic metres by such enterprises as the "Krasnyi Oktyabr" timber combine in the Perm Oblast, the Tyumen' -based "Tura" timber and woodworking association, the Asinovskii timber industry combine in the Tomsk Oblast and other "delinquent" elements of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry. Who ever heard of making the delivery equal to the amount shipped out, so that there should be no reserve stock of materials in the port? For these are precisely the conditions under which we are forced to operate (now enforced idleness, now 'all hands on deck'). Certainly, this is reflected not only in the promptness with which the ships are loaded, but also in job performance and wages, and of course, in the morale of our dockers, who are unquestionably working under very difficult conditions.

I have arrived at the view that it is more convenient for our suppliers to pay fines than to ensure the prompt delivery of timber products. Here, it would appear, there is very little supervision by the Ministry, as well as a lack of interest among its enterprises in increasing the production of export