

It must be stressed that putting the forestry lands at the complete disposal of the union republics runs counter to the Leninist principle of the indivisibility of the forests and the exclusive federal ownership of them. The manifestation of regionalist egotism in relation to the forest is intolerable."

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Details of Reforestation and Other Matters Discussed
at RSFSR Forestry Collegium

On February 25 an expanded session of the collegium of the RSFSR Ministry of Forestry was convened. Progress in the socioeconomic sphere in 1988 and during the three years of the Five-Year Plan was examined, as well as tasks relating to the further consolidation of perestroika in the forest sector. Throughout the whole of the previous week the directors of the Oblast' forestry associations and the ministries of the autonomous republics conducted training sessions and "round tables", where up to the minute problems relating to the planning, direction and organization of production were examined, as well as various aspects of sector economics. Today, and this was repeatedly stressed in the speeches, the attention of a wide section of the public is focussing on the growing ecological importance of the forests, and on activities pertaining to the conservation and augmentation of forest resources.