

Today, "Pravda" is being published on eight sheets more often than was planned. This is because the Central Committee of the C.P.S.U., not without the knowledge of the government, authorized an increase in the size of the newspaper from six sheets to eight in 50 issues per year, in connection with the preparations for and holding of the 28th Congress of Party.

It is a pity that V.K. Gusev did not take into account one other important element. For the current year "Pravda" has been allocated 126,925 tonnes of paper. According to the State production order, however, the actual delivery is determined at only 95 per cent of the requirement, which means that we shall be short by 6,346 tonnes.

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A severe shortage of newsprint has developed in recent months. On more than one occasion editions of some of the central newspapers have had to be cancelled, "Gudok" among them.

Due to the launching of many new newspapers and information sheets, and also the production of printed matter by informal groups, the demand for paper has increased and it is being avidly sought after. By selling their sheets and special editions for 50 kopecks and more, the informals are prepared to pay the official and "contractual" suppliers five to ten times more than the prices set by the State.