

every year the enterprise is burdened with an additional 10,000 cubic metres to cover the "increment". Last year, at the cost of enormous efforts, the collective managed to harvest 390,000, whereupon the following advice was straightaway received from the "Boguchanles" Association: "Get ready to advance to 405,000".

The District Committee of the CPSU had certainly not shut its eyes to the thoughtless destruction of the taiga. In July 1986 the bureau, together with the District Executive Committee and the "Krasnoyarsklesprom" Association approved a programme aimed at the accelerated social development of the region's timber sector in the long term. However, little actual progress has been made. The three bodies mentioned have been operating by the outdated paper methods and no turning point or concrete results have been achieved.

The need for restructuring the work of the timber complex in the Angara region is enormous. The slow progress in the provision of social amenities and also the housing shortage are impeding the fuller utilization of the timber being harvested, and the achieving of an increased output of consumer goods. Of course, the District Committee attempted in its report to portray the situation in the social sphere in rosy colours. But the delegates to the conference did not share its optimism.

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A Difficult Year Anticipated for Soviet Timber Exports

Every autumn before the commencement of the new season for advance sales of forest products, the timber press in many countries begins to display heightened interest in estimates of world market prospects for the coming year. The way in which the advance sales originate, and how they fare, determines the profits of numerous importing firms, exporters, sellers and buyers, and ultimately, the material well being of tens of