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General Manager of Rebel Association  
Defends His Position

V. Alekseev's article "Specific Ambitions, Or How the General Manager of the 'Krasnoyarsklesprom' (Krasnoyarsk Timber Industry) Association I.A. Kirillov Wages War With the Ministry", published in Lesnaya Promyshlennost on May 8 of this year, provoked a widespread response and lively repercussions. Consistent with the principle of plurality of opinions and with due recognition of the opponent's right to express his personal view, today's issue of the newspaper presents I. Kirillov's reply to the above mentioned article. In it he expresses his attitude towards the criticism as well as towards some of the controversial questions raised in it concerning the economic relations between the Centre and the local branches of the national economy.

The Editors are purposely refraining from getting into a dispute with the author regarding the contradictory assessments and figures contained in the two articles. In this instance, the most interesting part for the reader will be Kirillov's reasoning of his position as well as the logic of his arguments with respect to regional independence and the degree of readiness displayed by the Association to separate from Minlesprom (Ministry of the Timber Industry). Since everyone is affected by the process involved in the formation of new production relations under conditions of an evolving market economy, the Editors intend to continue the debate on the challenges implicit in expanding the economic independence of associations and enterprises, the ability of the latter to finance and support