

the condition of forest resources, using advanced aerospace devices and automated data-gathering systems. Its functions will include:

- (1) supervising forest management;
- (2) determining in a scientific manner the optimum estimated coupe for each republic, kray, and oblast;
- (3) stabilizing forest land leased for logging after it has been utilized;
- (4) maintaining the state forest inventory and the state forest cadastral survey; and
- (5) formulating the standards and regulations for forest utilization.

The Chief Directorate of Forest Regeneration and Conservational Afforestation will supervise the organization of a system of forest seed production based on genetic principles and the forest cultivation in plantations of nut trees and other valuable species, and, together with Gosagroprom USSR, it will supervise efforts to protect the soil from erosion by wind or water that employ methods of improving land through forestry measures.

The Chief Directorate of Forest Conservation, Forest Protection, and State Surveillance will (1) supervise state forest conservation in the USSR, (2) concern itself with improving the system of forest fire prevention by air and land, (3) carry out the formulation of a comprehensive program for protecting the forests from pests, disease, and industrial waste, and (4) provide state surveillance (a) of the condition of forests, both directly and through state surveillance agencies in the republics, krays, and oblasts, (b) of proper observance of the principles of forestry legislation of the Soviet Union and of the union republics, and (c) of the use of the standardized technical