

for Forestry will do this both by exerting direct control and by acting through the relevant forestry organizations in the various union republics. The local Soviets of Peoples' Deputies acting through the forestry organizations, which will thus be subordinate to two agencies, will check operations on the spot. At the same time a state-wide check on the utilization and regeneration of forest resources in connection with other ecological factors will be carried out by the USSR State Committee for the Environment (Goskompriroda). The Union and Republic ministries and committees must become the true scientific-technical and planning-economic headquarters of the industry and must bring forest-related industry operations up to world level. They have been asked to work ceaselessly on the development and improvement of the structure of the industry. This is to include: the formation of large industry-wide, inter-industry and territorial-industry associations; a greater degree of integration, specialization and cooperation; the establishing of conditions favouring the application of the most advanced technology; the development of economic levers and incentives for the ministerial enterprises; and the energetic growth of foreign economic involvement.

The Union and Republic ministries are in charge of the main scientific and technical organization. They will have access to centralized funds with which to set up new enterprises or to build up the work force when production facilities are retooled or expanded. They are responsible for training the workers and for re-qualification and re-training programmes.

This renaming is far from just a formality. It will result in much more than a simple reshuffling of powers with various directors moving from one position of responsibility to another.