

publications were growing. In the event of a subscription beginning to significantly exceed the maximum possible level of supplying materials and equipment for a particular magazine, it would have been possible to "freeze" it. In that case, a true picture of the readers' interests would have been obtained, and limited editions would either not appear at all or would be very few in number.

(Article signed by I. Simdyankin, Deputy Chairman of USSR Goskomizdat)

(3) Gosplan (State Planning Commission)

The Department of Scientific and Technical Advances in Machine Building, of USSR Gosplan, has examined the article "Machine of the Past", published in the September 13, 1988 edition of "Lesnaya Promyshlennost'", and reports as follows:

With the object of satisfying the newsprint requirements of the national economy the Council of Ministers of the USSR has instructed the USSR Ministry of Chemical Machine Building and the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry to ensure modernization, during the period 1989-1995, of the operating equipment used in newsprint production at the Balakhna, Kondopoga and Solikamsk pulp-and-paper combines, thereby providing for an increase in the total capacity of these combines of 380,000 tonnes a year.

A proposal made by the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry has also been adopted. It provides for the commissioning at the Balakhna pulp-and-paper combine in 1991 of a papermaking machine with an annual productivity of 200,000 tonnes of newsprint.