

advantage of the opportunities that arise for conversion. It is impossible to escape the conclusion that as far as the Dzerzhinskii machine building plant is concerned, saws are a compulsory secondary item which it has no interest in producing.

If we are not up to the task of creating a high-quality, domestically produced saw, then we shall either have to purchase (saws) from a foreign factory or, jointly with foreign firms, establish an enterprise for the production of a powered implement for the forest-based sector. At the very least, a licence should be acquired, but to dawdle until the end of the century would be shameful.

We are faced with the following alternatives: either we go all out to smash through the granite wall of technical backwardness and bureaucracy, or we lose by attrition the most-valuable of our skilled workers and leave the country without wood.

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First Convention of Machine Building Technologists  
Held in Moscow

The first All-Union Convention of Machine Building-Technologists is being held in the congress hall of Hotel "Kosmos". Its organizers are the Bureau of the USSR Council of Ministers, the USSR State Committee for Science and Technology, the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, the USSR State Committee for Public Education and the Ministries responsible for the machine building sectors.