

The B-15 papermaking machine continues to operate successfully: it has been operating in excess of its designed speed for some time now and produces newsprint of reduced mass capacity. Moreover, a third of its production goes for export purposes.

Meeting the country's needs for paper at a per capita consumption level comparable to that of the leading western countries will require a 6-8 fold increase in the production capacity of the enterprises in the pulp and paper industry. In view of this, we believe that it is necessary to work towards an all-round development of our domestic mechanical engineering. We are submitting an article on this subject.

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Minister Discusses Problems in the
Pulp and Paper Industry

From the editors:

We believe that the following address by V. Melnikov, USSR Minister of the Timber Industry, answers the question raised by the authors of the above letter.