

compared to the first six months of 1988, the pace of profit growth has slowed in the Estonian and Moldavian SSRs. Three enterprises in the RSFSR and five in the Georgian SSR have failed to eliminate their planned losses. Seven planned profit-incurring enterprises of the RSFSR Ministry of Forestry have been operating at a loss.

Expenditure on labour payments is increasing for no apparent reason. Enterprises of the RSFSR Ministry of Forestry, and the Ukrainian, Azerbaydzhani, Tadzhik, Armenian and Kirghiz SSRs have allowed average wages to increase at a faster rate than overall labour productivity.

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### Forest Fires Raging in Tyumen' Oblast

Hot, dry weather is the major contributing cause of the numerous forest fires burning in the north of the Tyumen' Oblast. The fires have covered such an extensive area that a state of emergency has been declared in three regions. Approximately one hundred fires are currently raging in the Oblast. More than 40,000 hectares of forest have burned, half of which were destroyed by crown fires which are particularly difficult to combat.

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