

"The Ministry calls for increased production but the plant needs reconstruction," adds another.

A young woman graduate of the Krasnokamsk Technical College now working in the pulp cleaning section can barely be made out in the steam. It is as hot as a sauna. "I've been working here for three years, but usually technical college graduates leave as soon as they get here."

The Chief of the wood pulp shop wonders what can be done to improve the situation. "The pulp cleaning equipment is overloaded. Our workers don't stay. Who wants to fix a piece of equipment that has already been fixed a thousand times before? Our young specialists work the three years they are required to by law after leaving the institute and then take the first bus out."

One gets a depressing impression: having squeezed everything it can out of the Combine, the Ministry has thrust it into the maelstrom of the profit-and-loss accounting system, leaving it to sink or swim.

Yet the papermakers want to work and do a good job. In order to achieve this a lot has to be done. Since the beginning of the year the Combine has fallen behind in deliveries. It owes 532 tonnes of paper to the USSR State Publishing Committee, 439 tonnes to the publishers of "Krasaya zvezda" and "Izvestiya" and 420 tonnes to "Periodika".

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