

At the same time, there is another side to the problem - the condition of the mills where the pulp and paper is produced. Although in many of them the machinery has become worn out, this is by no means the case everywhere. The Skytyvkar Timber Industry Complex, built comparatively recently, is the largest in the country and produces almost half of the paper required for our newspapers and magazines. The workers' collective of the enterprise, foreseeing that there would be a heavy demand for it, have designed a second phase and concluded an agreement for the building of it with the "Komistroi" (Komi Construction) Association. Moreover, it has already received through international contracts sixty million roubles worth of foreign-made equipment. What then, could be standing in the way?

"To our great chagrin", says A. Konovov, general director of the association known as the "Syktyvkar Timber Industry Complex", "We have been unable to push through the financing. We are being forced to lay off construction workers. The loans for the equipment have not been repaid."

On the occasion of his recent journey to the republic the Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, N.I. Ryzhkov, visited the complex. The directors enlisted his support for the building of the second phase. The USSR Gosplan (State Planning Commission), the Industrial Construction Bank (Promstroibank) and the Ministry of the Timber Industry were instructed to set things in motion. So far, nothing has happened.

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