

raw material for paper production. Waste products derived from pulp manufacturing could become the source of this raw material. But this is only a part of the agreement, the main provision of which is to set up a branch of "Lexica" in Bratsk in order that waste products can be converted on the spot. Nor can the legal right to engage in international marketing of high-quality output over and above the plan be denied.

It is unfortunate that such a display of initiative "at the grass roots level", in this instance within the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry, does not meet with approval higher up. For example, having become anxious over the fact that the Bratsk people had refused to conclude agreements for the delivery of 10,000 tonnes of pulp and were intending to sell this as they saw fit, Deputy Minister Sankin sent a threatening telegram to Bratsk stating that deliveries of pulp produced for export over and above the plan, and also coastal trade, are prohibited unless previously coordinated with the Ministry.

A similar style of administration is also being instituted in the Bratsk Timber Industry Complex's subordinate body - the Territorial Production Association (TPA). While understandably disturbed in a number of situations by the arbitrariness of the Ministry, the managers of the TPA are nevertheless themselves attempting to practise diktat against the production associations subordinate to them. Thus, one of the recent orders issued by the TPA says: "It is forbidden for production associations to independently dispose of output by coastal trade without being authorized to do so by the TPA and at the same time... to delegate to sub-units tasks relating to the marketing of