

once you have decided on the order in which to tackle them, we can collaborate with you on a continuing basis, and not only with respect to exercise books. Although as yet, no contracts have been signed at the Exhibition between Soviet representatives and our firm, preliminary talks with senior officials of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry and representatives of other major industrial enterprises in your country are going well".

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Paper Shortage Made Worse by Non-Delivery of Railway Cars

Publishing houses are again experiencing a paper famine. Plans for publishing books and magazines cannot be met as printing houses have barely any newsprint in stock. What is the problem?

"Newsprint shortages have always existed, but the situation is complicated at present by the new planning procedures," says I. Kharitonov, head of the section for pulpwood and wholesale trade in pulp and paper products at the Council of Ministers' committee on supplies and technical equipment. "Since January, the plan for the national economy has specified only the annual output of newsprint, with the quarterly production quotas no longer indicated. The change had been well intentioned as the enterprises were offered a chance to organize their work with greater flexibility. However, they are taking advantage of this privilege in disregard of consumer interests."