

them to set up a line of credit in currency for the Combine. "We can't - there is no currency", was their reply.

The recipes, as we see, all amount to the same thing: to be free to dispose of one's own output. The pulp producing colony will cease to be such only when it finds this freedom. Your order - our labour. We produce - you pay. Without middlemen, in accordance with the terms of the contract and to our mutual advantage.

According to estimates by specialists, the shortage of paper in the country due to planning is about 100,000 tonnes. The Archangel PPC alone would be able to cover a good third of this shortage if it were to find this freedom.

Minister of the Timber Industry V. Mel'nikov, in an interview with one of the newspapers, said: "We need to build some new enterprises, as is being done worldwide, so as not to overload the environment. It is important to upgrade to ecologically acceptable norms and resolve problems relating to purification plants." This was said in the days when the Archangel pulp producers had unsuccessfully sought permission from the timber department to adopt an entrepreneurial approach. The path between its verbal approval and realization in the marketplace is fraught with difficulty. It is very difficult, for on this path lies the need for the department to give up its monopoly, which is the same as absolute power.

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