

enterprises/, pointing to the shortage of resources, even though the allowable cut is being underfelled by 70 million cubic metres in the areas which they have already received.

In the form in which it now functions, the timber industry will never meet the country's need for wood. Its structure, management mechanism, equipping, technical policy and training of personnel are all directed at clear felling of large tracts. But such tracts are becoming fewer and fewer and there are now practically none left. We must change the strategy and tactics of logging. The Finns work the forest three times over, but they also take twice as much timber per hectare as we do. And their labor productivity is five times greater than ours.

Machinery for intermediate forest utilization must be devised. An enormous problem is arising in the European part of the country. A coniferous storey is forming under the larch canopy. This is the basis of the future coniferous forests in this enormous territory. Selective cutting of the deciduous canopy must be done, but suitable machines are lacking. You cannot get in there with a monster like the LP-19.

Mechanization of forestry has been neglected in the extreme. A radical solution must be found for this problem. A wheeled tractor must be built that has a set of mechanisms which would make it possible among other things to do the work of intermediate felling without damaging the soil. We have an agreement with the machine builders to design and build such a tractor. But this program must be implemented as quickly as possible."