

submitted a proposal to "Lenfintorg" concerning the sale to Finland of short length pulpwood: this will make it possible to fill the shelves of retail stores with goods that are urgently needed."

Consideration is also being given to arranging for the output of soft wood fibreboard from wastes. One of the West German firms has suggested that combined production be organized. In short, the prospects for commercial manoeuvre appear to be good.

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Some Data on the Need to Mechanize Product Handling
Within the Forest Based Industrial Sector

October 25th marked the opening of a nationwide conference on the subject of mechanization and automation of handling operations at enterprises of the forest-based industrial complex. The following article was written by the chairman of the organizing committee for the conference, Doctor of Engineering Sciences Professor B.A. Tauber.

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Enterprises forming part of the country's forest-based complex, while differing markedly in technology, production volumes and types of end product, have one thing in common: their productive activities entail the fulfillment of timber handling tasks on a vast scale. This is particularly the case at lower landings of timber industry enterprises (lespromkhozy), in warehouses of woodworking combines