

consumers and suppliers, and the Ministry of Communications keeps a record of subscriptions to periodicals. The publishing houses submit a report on their activities to USSR Gosplan.

These measures provide us with a means of monitoring the use of paper, not only overall, but also in terms of the different kinds of it. In cases of non-fulfilment of production plans by enterprises of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry the publishing houses sometimes resort to the use of small quantities of newsprint instead of the paper normally used for books and magazines, but these changes are inconsequential.

Questions pertaining to control over circulation policy and advance lists of publications of publishing houses are handled by USSR Goskomizdat.

In addition, it should be borne in mind that in the current year the enterprises of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry are not coping with the fulfilment of planned assignments for the output of printing paper. During the first nine months of this year there has been a shortfall of more than 70,000 tonnes of printing and offset paper used for the publishing of magazines and sociopolitical and fictional material. In these circumstances priority is given to supplying the paper required for publishing sociopolitical magazines and textbooks, for special purposes and for export. Accordingly, failures in the fulfilment of a production plan have an especially severe impact on the provision of paper for publishing fiction.

In view of the foregoing, USSR Gossnab is requesting the editorial board of "Lesnaya Promyshlennost" to maintain a special check on