

however, the Zabaikalles Association and the Ministry of the Timber Industry are backing away from requests.

Or take another example. For a long time the Oimurskaya furniture factory has been working in the Baikal region. In the current year 160 employees will produce no more than 800,000 roubles worth of furniture. On the other hand, the Selenga furniture plant - located not far from there and a sub-unit of the BFWC - is producing 4,200,000 roubles worth of goods with the same number of people.

Facts such as these are plentiful. They offer convincing evidence that there is no clear-cut policy for correcting the shortage, that we are groping our way.

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Kiev

The citizens of Kiev are recalling that not long ago there was a boom in sugar sales. Since then, however, they have gradually become accustomed to the coupons which are needed to obtain the most common product in the Ukraine, which has suddenly become scarce. Now, just as suddenly, a shortage of furniture has developed. Our readers are phoning in to ask what has happened.

The writer brought this to the attention of V. Butkovskii, the director of the largest furniture store in the republic, which is located on Friendship of the Peoples Boulevard. Here, in the course of a