

progress been made? It seems to be that we have lost ourselves in a maze of bureaucratic corridors. The USSR State Forestry Committee isn't up in arms about the timber left behind along the roads because the USSR Ministry of the Timber, Pulp and Paper and Woodworking Industry is responsible for it. The Ministry, for its part, doesn't care about the tortured felling sites since the State Forestry Committee is responsible for replanting. This is why I support the idea of establishing a central organization in charge of both forestry and timber industry operations.

The fear that all our forests would fall prey to the axe after the formation of the USSR State Forestry and Timber Industry Committee is self-deceptive. Everything will be regulated by the Law of Socialist Enterprises. Control over operations must be of the strictest type and must, most importantly, be non-partisan. The forest must be run by one master - only then will it be possible to speak of uninterrupted and nondepletory forest utilization. If the situation is allowed to continue unchanged, or with only a few changes here and there, no progress will be made at all.

There are great scientific resources concentrated in the two organizations. Yet they do not work together. Setting up a State Forestry and Timber Industry Committee is, therefore, a major priority.

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