

coordinate their activity. In August, 1926 the joint stock company, Exportles, which later became a state organization, was founded.

At present, with the development and intensification of activity by transnational corporations in developed capitalist countries, foreign trade is becoming concentrated according to the industry in question. This includes the pulp-and-paper industry. That is why, in giving individual republics the right to sell their timber and paper products independently on the world market, it is important to take into consideration the history of timber exports in our country and to assign the responsibility for coordinating and controlling timber sales abroad to Exportles. It should be mentioned that Exportles receives a great deal of help in selling Soviet timber products in Western European markets from joint-stock companies: the Russian Wood Agency in England, Russholtz in West Germany, Russe Bois in France, Rus Leno in Italy, and Maderas Rusas in Spain."

Q. "Are there any other Soviet foreign trade organizations apart from Exportles dealing with timber and paper imports/exports at the present time?"

A. "Yes, Dalintorg (Far Eastern International Trade), Tsentrosouyz (the USSR Central Union of Consumer Societies), Rosvneshtorg (Russian Foreign Trade), and certain firms and organizations created in the Soviet republics also handle this."

Q. "Our readers would like to know about the range of operations carried on by Exportles. What periods do your contracts cover?"