

the forestry sector in the Ukraine, Karelia, the Leningrad, Novgorod, Sverdlovsk, Perm', Irkutsk, Gor'kiy and Penza Oblasts, the Tatar ASSR, the Krasnoyarsk Kray and in many other regions of the country.

The CPSU Central Committee has also approved the advances made by the "Tsentromebel'", "Yugmebel'" and "Kirovdrev" Associations and the Kotlas and Solikamsk Pulp and Paper Combines in cutting back resources used in production and in increasing the share of secondary raw materials and wastes used. This approach was also widely emulated throughout the industry.

Thus, the grounds for further changes in the industry have already been laid.

The decree calls for a clear separation of responsibilities between the two main directing organizations in the industry. With this aim in view the Praesidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet has formed a Union-Republic State Committee for Forestry (Goskomles USSR) based on the old USSR State Forestry Committee (Gosleskhoz) and the Union-Republic Ministry of the Timber Industry (Minlesprom) based on the old Ministry of the Timber, Pulp and Paper and Woodworking Industry of the USSR (Minlesbumprom).

There are two major points to this organizational restructuring in the administration of the forest-based industries: it will limit the responsibilities of the departments; it will facilitate a close interaction and partnership among the various industries within the framework of a single chemical-forestry complex.

The merging of the USSR Ministry of the Timber, Pulp and Paper and Woodworking Industry and the USSR State Forestry Committee into a single general organization, an