

headquarters structure for the sector. We decided to organize functional subdivisions which would be responsible for specific subject areas in the forest industry. The first of these is reforestation, where many problems have accumulated by this time. The second area which we consider very important is economics. The problem consists of fitting the existing forestry systems into the new management mechanism dictated by perestroika: the transition to self-financing and the introduction of such forms as leasing and cooperatives. We had to come to grips with the development of a normative base, and with the problems of financing forestry production.

Serious attention was given to such important areas as forest utilization and State monitoring of both the condition of the forests and utilization of the stands.

We may conclude that the structure of the Committee is largely in place. Each subject area is headed by prominent specialists and scientists, all as a rule with experience in organizational work".

Q. "In the decree of the Central Committee of the CPSU and the USSR Council of Ministers on improving the management of the forest complex, emphasis was placed on the leading role of economic methods and procedures in forest management. This year marks the beginning of the change over to self-financing by the enterprises of the sector. Our editors are receiving letters from all over the country indicating that this undertaking is running into major difficulties."

A. "The most restrictive factor here is the continuing absence of a solid legal foundation on which to base perestroika in forestry. The decree