

information can be placed in the "secret" category, for we are living in the age of sputniks and there is hardly anything we don't know about each other."

"But given our present labour situation", I remarked, "It would seem that such a restructuring of timber relations' will not be easy to bring about. for instead of the customary tonnes, cubic metres, roubles and marks, what will move to the forefront will be drawings, maps, flow charts and graphs, not to speak of the need to break up the existing system of forest use and create infrastructures in the form of roads, communications lines and much else. So to talk about rapid recovery of expenditures is out of the question, isn't it?"

"All that I can say is that this is the only practice that has already been tested and that it is therefore the correct way. Together we have accumulated a wealth of experience on mutually advantageous cooperation in the construction, equipping and modernization of high-capacity industrial units: the four phases of the Svetogorsk Pulp-and-Paper Combine, three phases of a similar plant at Kondrovo, the Priozersk Timber Industry Complex, an enterprise for the manufacture of wooden houses situated adjacently to the Tyumen' Oblast, the Ust' - Izhorsk Plywood Combine, and so on. But these are isolated installations, occurring within the rigid frameworks of the old patterns. It would be more advantageous to concentrate on the establishment of a territorial industrial complex in a specific region, such as the one we are proposing in the northern European part of the USSR."

"It would appear that we must also anticipate a danger of another kind. Let us assume that we have located the funds, received a "Master Plan' and begun to develop it. Won't this lead initially to an even greater reduction of the forests, on account of the laying out of transportation routes, rides and loading areas? In the USSR just now the calls for a sharp contraction in the amount of logging are becoming increasingly loud."