

periodicals. Simultaneously, a decision has been taken to reduce the quotas of printing paper required by ministries and departments for office purposes and as documentation accompanying goods for sale, and also to curtail the publication of books and pamphlets for which there is little popular demand. The resources of printing paper thus made available will be directed towards increasing the circulations of the central magazines.

To ensure that the decision is implemented, steps are being taken to secure a supplementary mobilization of the requisite capacities for an increase in the production and an improvement in the quality of newsprint and for maintaining a stable supply of ligneous raw material to pulp-and-paper plants of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry.

In order to solve the problem of supplying the nation's publishing houses with newsprint throughout the period 1990-1995 the Council of Ministers of the USSR has taken steps which will enable a substantial increase to be achieved in newsprint production capacities.

The implementation of a series of measures by the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry and other departments will permit the achievement of a substantial increase in the ensuing years in the resources of paper for publishing newspapers and magazines.

The newsprint and printing paper required for the normal circulations are allocated to publishing houses in accordance with consumption norms approved by Goskomizdat. Moreover, Goskomstat (USSR State Committee for Statistics) maintains an annual inventory of residues of paper held by