

The reconstruction of the yeast shop, however, has come to a stop because of a shortage of capital investment.

The authors go on to state that:

"Yu. Gus'kov, the First Deputy Minister, in answer to a letter from the Karelian ASSR Committee of Public Inspection concerning the unsatisfactory operation of the purification facilities at the Kondopoga Pulp and Paper Combine, has guaranteed that by 1990 the effluent will all be treated. There are no solid grounds for this type of optimism. According to the design plan which was worked out ten years ago, the Combine should discharge three tonnes of organic pollution every day. We actually discharge ten times as much poisonous rubbish. Furthermore, this plan itself is out of date.

"The papers are writing a lot about various Ministries' bureaucratic style of operations. The Ministry of the Timber Industry is no exception. Let's take an obvious case in point... The Executive Committee of the Kondopoga Regional Council informed the Ministry of the Timber Industry and the Council of Ministers of the Karelian ASSR in a letter dated July 13, 1987 of the complaints they have received from the people living in Kondopoga and the surrounding region about the poor operation of the purification facilities. Deputy Minister V. Chuyko sent the letter to E. Sizov, Chief of the Protection and Water Utilization Administration, who in turn sent it to I. Sankin, Chief of the 'Karellesprom' Association. The Chief passed it on to his assistant, I. Genel'. As a result of all this, a resolution was born: 'to work out some proposals in conjunction with the Kondopoga Pulp and Paper Combine and to come to an agreement with the Executive Committee.' Thus, we end up where we started."