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Heavy Losses Cited for the Novaya Lyalya Timber Industry Complex

The economy of the Novaya Lyalya district consists essentially of a large timber industry complex, where wood from the Urals is both harvested and converted. Operating here are such enterprises as the Lobva Integrated Timber Industry Combine, the Novaya Lyalya Pulp-and-Paper Combine, a hydrolysis plant, the Novaya Lyalya Integrated Logging Enterprise, and the logging enterprise of the fuel industry administration. How goes perestroika in the district? What sort of problems are troubling the Novaya Lyalya Communists?

Replies to these questions should have been provided at the District Party Conference.

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On the eve of the conference the phone rang in the correspondence unit of the newspaper. The First Secretary of the Novaya Lyalya District Committee of the CPSU was on the line. After extending an invitation to attend the conference, he added significantly, "Your newspaper must help us..." It didn't take much to guess what sort of help was meant. The mills, above all the pulp-and-paper combine and the hydrolysis plant, are operating on "Demidovskii" equipment and the reorganization of manufacturing is proceeding slowly, due to lack of funds. The social problems in the district are also dragging on interminably. As to the misfortunes of the pulp-and-paper combine, the annual losses of which are counted in the hundreds of thousands of roubles, I have already written about them.

Exactly three years have elapsed since then -- the period for which the combine was due to report back to the District Committee.

What if anything has changed at the pulp-and-paper combine? Very little. A saw shop has been built - replacing the burned down cross-cut saw dolly way - and two automated lines for producing paper