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The Hot Summer of 1988

It is quiet and cool in the office of E. A. Shchetinskii, Deputy Head of the Central Board for Forest Conservation and Protection of the Ministry of Forestry, Russian SFSR. You would not believe that just yesterday all of Moscow was suffocating from a heat wave that was unusual for the beginning of June. It seemed as if the very pavements were melting and not even the shade could protect you from the fierce, hot sun. More objective confirmation of this subjective impression came from the bulletin lying on the office table. Dry but expressive, it reported the number of forest fires recorded across the Soviet Union. The forest has been visited by flames all too often during these first days of summer.