

West German Firm May Supply Machinery in Face of a
Severe Shortage of Paper and Lack of a Soviet Machine
Building Capacity

Due to the burgeoning demand for bleached paper products in the USSR, the inability of the Soviet timber industry to supply sufficient pulp, and the lack of domestically built machines for manufacturing many types of office products, an acute shortage of white paper is affecting all levels of society. This was made worst at the start of the school year, as many Soviet schools have begun enrolling six-year olds in their regular teaching programmes. Given the staggering increase in the number of full-time pupils, the authorities decided to introduce a system of coupons, to be exchanged for exercise books and copybooks. Although many children have nothing on which to write or draw, there may be a solution in the offing, as indicated by the following article.

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The products of the West German Company "Bilomatik" have achieved worldwide renown. The links between it and our country go back many years. In the main, the firm specialises in the manufacture of modern production lines for the manufacture of stationery and other types of office products. Large consignments of such machinery were shipped to the USSR in 1974, as well as five automated lines in 1982 for production of school exercise books. A sizeable number of these machines have also installed in plants of the "Voskhod" Production Association, the output of which is probably familiar to every citizen of our country. But the requirements for bleached paper products become greater every year, while the production capacities, alas, have remained unchanged.