

One can only regret that Siberian nut pine selection work is not practiced on a wide scale.

The future establishing of high-yield grafted pine orchards applying selection methods depends to a great deal on the USSR State Committee for Forestry and the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry. I have no doubt that the attitude towards this problem will have to change. When this is done, I'm sure, rich forests of Siberian nut pines will flourish in Siberia and even in the European part of the country.

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#### Pine Forests at Risk in the Primorskiy Kray

The richness of the Anuchino taiga has long been a source of pleasure for the local inhabitants. At one time the Siberian nut pine stands came right up to the settlements. During exceptionally good harvests a single tree would yield up to one hundred kilogrammes of select nuts.

The pines began to be felled during the post-war years, with no thought of the future. Over the past twenty to thirty years the area has become unrecognizable. The forests have thinned out, the species have been replaced in many areas, and the wild animals have gone away.

We have tried to heal the wounds inflicted on the taiga by unrestrained logging operations. We have introduced a new "Primorskiy" logging method.