

The draining of the Finnish swamps for forestry purposes is not only a famous epic in the struggle to improve a renewable natural resource, as was recently recounted with pride by the Chairman of the Finnish Society of Forest Science. It is also the irresponsible, thoughtless destruction of natural wealth and the uncontrolled expenditure of public funds yielding nothing in return. The sad truth is that this was evidently done with the silent consent of logging organizations which are not only responsible for verifying the desirability of financial outlays, but also for acting as custodian of the natural environment.

Perhaps all that can be hoped for is that other countries possessing extensive areas of swamps will adopt a critical attitude to the Finnish experiment.

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(Speaker) Valerii Aleksandrovich Shubin, People's Deputy and candidate for the post of Minister of Forestry for the RSFSR. "My position with respect to the development and strengthening of forestry is based on the fact that Russia on her own is determining the functions of forest administration and is vesting the Ministry of Forestry with powers to implement them.