

in the country. In most of our forestry communities there are no clubs, libraries, sports installations or medical clinics.

Intensive work is in prospect to ensure the practical implementation of social development programs and in particular, to solve the vital problem of securing for each family by the year 2000 a comfortable apartment or house.

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Proposals for Increasing the USSR's Currency Earnings
from Timber Exports: Opportunities for Western
Manufacturers?

We often say that the USSR is a world timber power. Timber and the products made from it are an important source of foreign currency for our country. A substantial part of the workers in the timber industry are in some way connected with exports. However, it is well known that the share of our country in world trade falls far short of the available resources and production potential of this branch of industry.

In all, 5 per cent of the world's timber exports are accounted for by the USSR. In terms of this index we are not only outpaced by Canada, which earns five times as much on the international market, but also by Sweden, the USA, Finland and even West Germany.

While it possesses almost a quarter of the world's resources of wood, the USSR is not even