

We often talk about the healing properties of progressive methods and innovations. Their favourable impact on the economy of any enterprise is indisputable, providing that all stages of their introduction are well planned out. And certainly the responsibility for the strategy concerning this noble undertaking should lie with industry headquarters, for anything new must not only be mastered at one single enterprise but rather also be developed at other enterprises as well. Yet the engineers do not seem to take these matters to heart. A case in point is the Finnish technology designed to make semi-finished products which was introduced at the Yasnog logging enterprise (lespromkhoz) (Komi ASSR). The inventory is produced on-site, in the forest, thus bypassing the lower landing. Everything is wonderful, however there is one "little detail" missing: how to get the product on the road to the customer. The enterprise in question does not have the appropriate means to do so. The only solution is for the customers to take it out themselves. The Syktyvkar lespromkhoz has nothing against the Yasnog product. However after making some calculations they arrived at the following conclusion: it was too far away and therefore not economically sound. What can be done? Who should deliver the inventory? It can't just sit and rot in the woods! This is an example of how valuable experience can be completely nullified by not evaluating all the realities involved in putting it into practice. As well, nobody bothered to think about the fate of the workers who might have lost their jobs as a result of the above innovation. They would have to be found new jobs. It only makes good sense to think of everything ahead of time. This way there would be fewer losses to count later on.

The one thing that puts us the most on guard in this present condition of universal shortages is the atmosphere of total tranquillity and reconciliation. Nothing seems to surprise us any more and we are in