

hold-ups. However, Inspector L. Kanashkin, acting on instructions from the Primorskiy Division, refused permission to load. The ship waited eight days until E. Burnusuzov, Deputy Chief of the State Inspection Committee, arrived. The ship was finally loaded after his arrival over the course of 24 hours. All the chip was accepted by the Japanese without the slightest allusion to poor quality. The State Inspection Committee's self-importance cost the state 47,000 roubles, not including the cost of Deputy Chief Burnusuzov's trip. Over the past year the State Inspection committee has held up wood chip loading operations four times. The fines for detaining the ships in harbour amount to hundreds of thousands of roubles.

The State Inspection Committee once refused to allow the export of sawlogs of hard-wooded broadleaved species - goods which are in great demand on the foreign market. The directors of the timber export station were taking a financial risk. Well-aware as they were of the market competition, and having come to an agreement with the company involved, they shipped more than 20,000 cubic metres of the sawlogs in spite of the ban. They obtained an additional profit from this transaction of several hundred thousand dollars. The company, in turn, was extremely grateful for the shipment. The local directors from the State Inspection Committee, however, considered the entire operation to be a slap in the face. The "guilty parties" had to explain themselves at the Nakhodka procurator's office.

The State Inspection Committee, armed with its instructions, takes action without evaluating the actual state of affairs on the foreign market. It doesn't care that much more foreign currency could be made at less expense. It cares more about the