

TIMBER AND WOODWORKING

Year-End Production Totals for USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry

On January 24 an expanded session of the Collegium of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry and the Praesidium of the Central Committee of the Trade Union was held. Its purpose was to discuss the fulfilment of the State Plan for Social and Economic Development of the Sector for 1988 and for three years of the 12th Five Year Plan, as well as measures relating to implementation of the 1989 Plan.

Reports were presented by a variety of speakers, including deputy ministers N.S. Lyashuk, F.G. Liner, V.N. Tokmakov and V.A. Sentyushkin, the First Deputy Head of the Main Technological Administration for Pulp and Paper Production and Wood Chemistry B.S. Zhuravlev, the Head of the Main Economic Administration N.A. Medved'ev, a departmental head of the USSR State Committee for Supply of Materials and Equipment (USSR Gosstab), and the Chairman of the Central Committee of the Trade Union.

The concluding speech was delivered by USSR Minister of the Timber Industry M.I. Busygin.

In monetary terms, the forest industrial sector within the Ministry's jurisdiction had fulfilled the industrial production plan for 1988 by 105.2 per cent, as against a projected figure of 102.7 per cent, notwithstanding the fact that new conditions of management were introduced at the beginning of the year. The plan for 1988 with respect to timber extraction and the production of pulp, paper (including newsprint), wood fibreboard, and consumer goods other than foodstuffs (including furniture, white paper products and wallpaper) had been fulfilled. Substantial increases over the 1987 level were achieved in all the most important indices.

In all, 217 million cubic metres of wood were extracted:
Production volumes were as follows:

commercial timber - 194.2 million cubic metres (representing a shortfall in production of almost 6 million cubic metres);

marketable pulp - 3,281,700 tonnes;