

(Minvodkhoz) be made to pay a fee for water not used for irrigation or the USSR Ministry of the Coalmining Industry be similarly penalised for non-development of coal measures?.

There can be no doubt at all that not a single workers' collective is willing to pay or should be made to pay out of its own pocket for a fivefold overfelling of a designated coupe, the more so since it is doing this against its own wishes.

In contrast to the position taken by USSR Goskomles, in our view the leasing out of forest farms should not be limited to 50 years, but at least to the duration of the felling cycle. Otherwise, only mature and maturing forests will be leased, that is, contravention of the principle of sustained forest use will be enshrined in the terms of the lease.

We consider that the leasing out of forests should be done on a voluntary basis and in a way that is advantageous to both parties. Obviously the lessee must have an economic interest in maximum use being made of the raw timber potential of the forests being leased. The only catch here could be a designated coupe of sustained use. Evidently it would then no longer be necessary to determine the annual size of the allowable cut for the lessee. I maintain that the procedure being proposed for making forests available for leasing to loggers solely within the confines of the allowable timber limits assigned to them is similarly unwarranted.

In the draft Statute provision should be made for the replacement of a number of regulations and instructions which stifle the initiative of the lessee. There should also be guarantees and