

(the State Committee for Material and Technical Supply). The latter, for example, is already abandoning its direct functions in converting to a system of direct ties in the supplying of enterprises with material resources. In other words, save yourself as best you can. But how can one save oneself if there are no quotas for equipment, cables, wire, accessories and the like? The Lesremmash (Forestry Machinery Maintenance) organization's own plants are now using "legal grounds" as an excuse for refusing to supply spare parts in response to multiple purchase orders. And all this is taking place with the silent consent of industry headquarters. Isn't this the same as the dodging of decision making when it comes to the most acute problems?

And indeed, isn't it the direct responsibility of the planners and officials of Minlesprom (Ministry of the Timber Industry) charged with arranging timber supplies to set up a rhythm of shipments at subordinate enterprises? Why, for example, do the shops at the Novoilinsk Timber Complex which are equipped with powerful machinery capable of handling large timber stand idle for up to half a year at a time? Well, for the simple reason that the mill is being supplied with all kinds of small sizes of timber, the so-called timber "noodles". At the top they say: solve it yourself. Alas, the timber complex knows only too well the value of such advice. At one point it undertook to make semi-finished products for skis and furniture out of untrimmed planks of birch. The workers were able to produce as much as 12,000 cubic metres of this product annually. But again shouts were heard: "This is too much for the Perm Oblast, but don't you dare ship any outside of its borders!" And that was it for the mill's independence. Don't wait for any help, but don't let your initiative have too much rein either...