

in Armenia by enterprises in other parts of the country. The USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry is to allocate more than 30 million roubles for the erection of housing for woodworking and furniture manufacturing personnel.

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### Acute Shortage of Housing for Workers in Forestry and the Timber Industry

Delegates at conferences and meetings of trade union organizations spoke very sharply on the question of exercising the constitutional right to have a roof over one's head. At the present time, 270,000 individuals within the system of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry and a further 95,000 at enterprises of the USSR State Committee on Forestry (Goskomles) are waiting to receive housing or have their living conditions improved. Add to this three million square metres of dilapidated houses and it immediately becomes clear how important openness (glasnost') and fairness (spravedlivost') are when each apartment is being allocated.

This is precisely what was demanded by the workers of our sectors who spoke at the meetings. But, for housing to be allocated it is first of all necessary for it to exist. This is why, in conformity with the CC CPSU decree of April 17, 1986. "The Main Approaches in Accelerating the Solution to the Nation's Housing Problems", a housing construction programme for the 12th Five Year Plan was drawn up by the Central Committee of the Trade Union, jointly with the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry (Minlesprom) and USSR Goskomles. The programme is being further developed by Minlesprom enterprises, to cover the period