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## PREFACE

*This publication, "The Forests of Czechoslovakia", has been written to provide a concise source of information on the situation and the most important problems of the Czechoslovak forestry. It deals not only with the present state of forests, their management and administration, but also with the forestry research and science, technology, and the life and education of people working in forestry.*

*In Czechoslovakia, the forestry is a very significant branch of the whole national economy, this being caused not only by a large extent of the forests covering roughly one third of the total territory of the Republic and by the production of timber raw material indispensable for the development of national economy, but also by other functions of forests, e. g. water management, hygiene, recreation, etc.*

*The Czechoslovak forests are, however, very important even from the international point of view, because they form a divide of river systems of three seas and catchment areas of large European rivers.*

*For all these reasons, the Czechoslovak people's democracy devotes a great attention to the forestry and the forests. There have been taken several measures aiming at the systematic, purposeful and planned improvement of Czechoslovak forest management. The fundamental provisions important for the development of forestry are included in legal norms.*

*The development of forestry is based upon long-term planning. In these plans are involved individual concrete measures, through which the objectives to be achieved are secured. In elaborating the plans, the most recent results of science and research are applied.*

*The results of the Czechoslovak forestry indicate that the methods used in carrying out the planned development of forestry were right, that they contributed to a great degree in relieving the unfavourable consequences of previous unsuitable management techniques, and that they provided a solid basis, for a sustained and progressive yield of Czechoslovak forests.*

*This publication being a source of basic information on the Czechoslovak forestry and forests is designed for the participants of the Fifth World Forestry Congress.*

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