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[Following is a translation of an unsigned article
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The Bureau of the CC CPSU for the RSFSR has considered the question of party political work at the construction site of the Engels Artificial-and-Synthetic-Fiber Plant in Saratov Oblast. In a resolution it is noted that the party organization of the "Engel'skhimstroy" [Trest po stroitel'stvu Engel'sskogo khimicheskogo zavoda--Engels Chemical Plant Construction Trust] has done work to mobilize the collective of construction workers for the fulfillment of the tasks connected with the construction of the plant. The construction trust and the assembly organizations have equipped and put in operation a central electric power plant, a nitrogen and oxygen station, a mechanical workshop, a bakery, a domestic services building, and 39,000 square meters of living space. The installation of equipment has been begun in many shops, and a temporary technological line for the production of caprone fibers has also been started, which makes it possible to master the technology and train skilled production cadres.

The Bureau of the CC CPSU for the RSFSR has also noted that the resolution of the CC CPSU and the Council of Ministers USSR regarding the initiation of caprone production was not fulfilled on schedule. At the construction site labor is poorly organized; long stoppages take place because of late deliveries to the work site; the technology is poorly applied.

These great shortcomings in the construction of the plant are in large part to be explained by the fact that the party organization is unsatisfactorily organizing party-political work in the collective of construction workers and poorly supervising the economic activity of the administration, as well as by the fact that the commission for supervising the most important work sections is not functioning. The party organization has adopted many decisions on improving the construction of the plant, but these decisions are not reinforced by the necessary organizational work. Therefore many

of them remain unfulfilled, which engenders irresponsibility in work and weakens party discipline. The bureau of the party organization is not activizing the work of the shop party organizations. Some of them actually are not operating at all. During the year they are not conducting party meetings.

The bureau of the party organization is using but little the method of persuasion in its work. It is insufficiently awakening in the directors and all Communists a feeling of responsibility for the work section entrusted to them, or a feeling for discipline. It is taking for granted the administration. Many chiefs of construction directorates, sections, and services have received several party reprimands each.

The mass political work among the construction workers is being poorly related to practical tasks, embracing only a small number of workers. Much formalism is permitted in the organization of socialist competition. In many cases the workers are ignorant not only of the production plans and work schedules, but also of the obligations assumed by the collective. Workers' meetings are rarely called. A workers' meeting has not been called for 2 years in the "Elektromontazh" [electrical assembly] collective.

The directors of construction-work and the party and trade-union organizations are insufficiently concerned with the cultural and everyday needs of the construction workers. In some dormitories it is crowded and cold; there are many short-comings in work in the dining halls, stores, cafeterias, and domestic services workshops. The club and the recreation and reading rooms are being poorly run; rarely are discussions or lectures arranged in them; newspapers and magazines are lacking; few concerts or amateur events are organized. The weak presentation of educational material and the great short-comings in the work organization and the daily life of the construction workers have become some of the causes for the large turnover in the cadres. The party organization does not make the necessary demands of the construction directorates and sections as regards the observance of the rules of safety engineering; in many cases these rules are grossly violated, resulting in accidents at the construction site.

The Bureau of the CC CPSU for the RSFSR has noted that the Saratov obkom [oblastnoy komitet--oblast committee] and the Engels gorkom [gorodskoy komitet--city committee] are not concretely directing the construction of the plant, are not giving the party organization at the construction site the necessary help in fulfilling production assignments, in improving party political work, in creating for the collective of construction workers the necessary cultural and everyday conditions.

The Bureau of the CC CPSU for the RSFSR has called upon the party organization of the "Engelskhimstroy" to eliminate the shortcomings noted in the resolution, to radically improve the organizational and mass political work at the construction site, to strengthen party and production discipline, and to mobilize the collective of construction workers for successful fulfillment of the assignment of the party and the government as regards building and equipping the plant.

The bureau of the party organization must intensify the role of party meetings as a school for the education of Communists; must call meetings regularly; must bring up for discussion the most important problems of construction and party and mass political work; must check daily the fulfillment of the decisions of the party meetings and the suggestions of Communists; must activate the work of the commissions in realizing their right to control the economic work of the administration. The bureau and the control commissions must continually give consideration to the problems of strict observance of the construction schedules, increased labor productivity, improvement of the quality of construction work, and the saving of money and materials.

The party organization must improve the direction of the trade-union and komsomol organizations, and give them concrete assistance in their work. The trade-union organizations of the trust and construction directorates must regularly conduct workers' meetings and production meetings at the construction site as a very important means of raising the labor productivity of the construction workers and of drawing them into the solution of questions of production.

Measures must also be taken to improve mass political and cultural-education work among the construction workers. Besides lectures and reports, there must be a wider application of such self-justifying forms of political work as mutual checks on the fulfillment of socialist obligations, production-technical conferences, question-and-answer evenings, Sunday readings, mass viewings of amateur events, etc.

The Saratov obkom and the Engels gorkom have been required by the CPSU to provide the party organization of the construction trust with concrete assistance in improving party political work, as well as public messing, trade, and cultural services for the construction workers.

The Council of Ministers RSFSR will consider the question of allotting to the Saratov sovnarkhoz / sovet narodnogo khozyaystva--council of the national economy/ for 1960 the funds, construction materials, and equipment necessary to complete the construction in the village of a plant, school, hospital, kindergarten, nurseries, and a movie house.

The Department of Propaganda and Agitation of the CC CPSU for the RSFSR will send to the construction site of the Engels plant a propaganda group to assist the party organization in raising the level of political and educational work among the construction workers.

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