

OBITUARY

A . P . ZAK

After a serious illness the death is reported in his 72nd year of one of the leading workers in the All-Union Institute for Glass Plastics and Glass Fibers, Candidate of Technical Science, member of the CPSU, Aron Pavlovich Zak.

The working life of A. P. Zak started in 1917. In that time he has contributed a great deal to the glass industry. In his position as laboratory head in research institutes for the silicate and glass industry he has made some useful research contributions.

For some years he was chief engineer of the Gusev Cutglass Factory, and then chief of the glass industry commission, Narkomata for light industry of the Soviet Union, and deputy director of the science section of research institutes for glass and glassfiber.

The last 20 years of his life were spent completely in scientific research work in the field of the physicochemistry and technology of glass fibrous materials. A great scientist, very familiar with the industry, Zak published many articles and books on glass technology, the physicochemistry of glass, the crystallization of industrial glasses, including the only monograph in print, in Russian or abroad, on "Physicochemical Properties of Continuous Glass Fiber," written on the basis of numerous years of study with his colleagues.

A. P. Zak was a participant in the Civil and Great Wars. For his war services and also for his work in developing the glass industry he was awarded the Red Banner Order, "Znak Pochet," and medals.

Aron Pavlovich was a man of principle, devoted to the ideals of our party. All who worked with him will remember him as a responsible man, not afraid of work, a loyal friend, who freely gave his efforts to training young people.

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