

OBITUARY

GRIGORII VASIL'EVICH SAFRONOV

On September 22, the sudden death was reported of deputy chief of the Main Commission for the Glass Industry of the Ministry of Structural Materials Industry of the RSFSR, G. V. Safronov.

Since 1920 the then 15-year-old Comsomol member, G. V. Safronov, had taken an active part in setting up Soviet rule in the Kaluzhe Region. He worked as secretary and then deputy chairman of the Regional Political Committee in the town of Zhizdre.

In 1927 he became a member of the Communist Party.

After graduating from the Moscow D. I. Mendeleev Institute of Chemical Technology in 1937, the rest of his life was devoted to the glass industry. There he graduated from an ordinary engineering technologist in a glass factory to deputy chief of the Main Commission.

For many years G. V. Safronov worked as the chief engineer in a number of large glass plants. For more than 10 years he headed the collective of the experimental glass factory attached to the State Institute of Glass. Under his guidance the factory was redesigned. As a result it became possible to extend research work of great national economic significance, and to develop production methods for making glass tubes and special shapes widely used in the chemical and food industries, instead of nonferrous metal pipes; the setting up of production technologies for special glass fibrous materials; and the introduction of glass insulators in industry.

With his direct participation, the industry introduced a number of new technical answers in the manufacture of glass building materials. G. V. Safronov was awarded the Polish People's Republic medal for designing new facing material from glass for the Warsaw Hall of Culture.

In recent years at his post of deputy chief of the Main Commission for the Glass Industry in the Ministry, G. V. Safronov contributed his wide experience and energy to the development and technical reequipment of the glass industry.

Grigorii Vasil'evich was a great devoted comrade, and his memory will remain with us.

Translated from *Steklo i Keramika*, No. 12, p. 41, December, 1969.

©1970 Consultants Bureau, a division of Plenum Publishing Corporation, 227 West 17th Street, New York, N. Y. 10011. All rights reserved. This article cannot be reproduced for any purpose whatsoever without permission of the publisher. A copy of this article is available from the publisher for \$15.00.