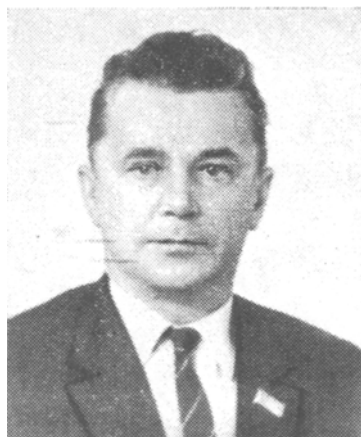


## OBITUARY

OLEG ALEKSANDROVICH KTATOROV (1919-1974)

Oleg Aleksandrovich Ktatorov, the First Deputy Minister of the Petroleum Refining and Petrochemical Industry of the USSR, died suddenly on December 11, 1974.



Oleg Aleksandrovich Ktatorov was born on July 15, 1919 in the city of Khvalynsk in Saratov Province. O. A. Ktatorov devoted his entire life to selfless service for the socialistic Motherland and the Communist Party, of which he became a member in 1950.

After graduating in 1941 from the Moscow Institute of Petrochemical and Gas Industry as a specialist in petroleum and gas processing technology, O. A. Ktatorov was sent to the Orsk Petroleum Refinery as a construction engineer.

For O. A. Ktatorov, the Orsk Refinery was his first school of labor. Thanks to his persistent labor and continuous self-improvement, he advanced rapidly, becoming the chief technologist of this refinery. And it was here that his outstanding talent began to flourish. All the subsequent activity of O. A. Ktatorov, up to the last days of his life, was related to the petroleum refining and petrochemical industry and to its beginnings, growth, and improvement, to which he gave all of his knowledge and talent as an engineer and great organizer of production.

With the active participation of O. A. Ktatorov, many major manufacturing installations of the Branch have been designed, built, and put into service; we may mention the Orsk and Novo-Ufa Refineries, the 22nd-Party-Congress Ufa Petroleum Refinery, and the Novo-Yaroslavl', Polotsk, and other refineries, where O. A. Ktatorov was either the chief engineer or director.

During the period 1956-1957, O. A. Ktatorov was Deputy Chief of the Main Administration for Petroleum Refining under the Ministry of the Petroleum Industry of the USSR. In 1963 he was named Deputy Chairman of the Council of the National Economy of the Belorussian SSR, and in 1965 as First Deputy Minister of the Petroleum Refining and Petrochemical Industry of the USSR. O. A. Ktatorov took an active part in community and Party life; he was selected as a delegate to the 22nd Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, a member of the Central Committee Party of Belorussia, and a Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the Belorussian SSR. He performed major scientific-technical and propaganda work directed toward an acceleration of the rate of technical progress in the Branch; he was Deputy Chairman of the Scientific-Technical Council of the Ministry and often contributed lectures, papers, and published articles in the journal "Khimiya i Tekhnologiya Topliv i Masei" and other journals; he was the chief editor of the monthly collection of Minneftekhimprom SSSR on questions of economics, organization, and administration in the petroleum refining and petrochemical industry.

In all aspects of his work, O. A. Ktatorov showed himself to be a knowledgeable and highly qualified specialist, an energetic and high-principled director, a good comrade, and a modest and sympathetic man. In the character of Oleg Aleksandrovich we found an unusual combination of good qualities for a director; he placed high demands on himself and his subordinates, and his relations with other people were sincere and warm.

The Communist Party and the Soviet Government have valued the services of O. A. Ktatorov very highly; they have awarded him two Orders of Lenin, Orders of the Red Banner of Labor, the "Badge of Honor," and many medals. For his great contribution to scientific-technical progress of the Branch, he was awarded in 1970 the honorary title of Laureate of the State Prize of the USSR.

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A bright memory of O. A. Ktatorov, who was prematurely taken from us in the full flower of his creative force, this true son of the Motherland and the Communist Party, will remain forever in the hearts of all who knew Oleg Aleksandrovich or who had the pleasure of working and meeting with him.