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IN MEMORY OF PETR VASIL'EVICH GUSENKOV

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We have all suffered a grave loss. The heart of Petr Vasil'evich Gusenkov, which was devoted to the service of the people for his entire life, has stopped beating.

The life and profession of P. V. Gusenkov is a model of profound intelligence of lasting quality, genuine party spirit, and an example of the state approach to the solution of economic problems.

The life style of Petr Vasil'evich was typical of many Soviet leaders who emerged from a laboring nation and were trained by the Communist Party.

Born into a family of a weaver, he began his working profession as a shift chemist in a chemical factory and later occupied leading positions in the chemical industry.

In the year of the Great Patriotic War, he participated in the reestablishment of the industry in the East and the rapid organization of the production output needed for the front.

Petr Vasil'evich was promoted to the post of the first assistant to the Minister of Public Health of the USSR in 1953, and from 1967 to the last days of his life he was the Minister of the Medical Industry.

Petr Vasil'evich Gusenkov devoted all his strength to the development of the medical industry which he managed for more than 20 years. His entire professional life was devoted to striving to find reserves and resources for the technical progress of his field and for successfully putting into practice the resolutions of the XXIV Congress of the CPSU on the full provision of the needs of public health and of the population of the country with medicinals and products of medical technology.

His profound, thorough knowledge and enormous experience, his party principles, accuracy in his work, and exceptional modesty won the deep respect of all of those who worked at his level.

For us, the workers at the Ministry of the Medical Industry, he was not only a demanding superior, but also a considerate tutor who could come to one's aid at a difficult moment.

The bright image of Petr Vasil'evich Gusenkov will always be preserved in the hearts of all who knew him.

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