

OBITUARY

BORIS MAKSIMOVICH LEONOV (OBITUARY)

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Boris Maksimovich Leonov, an outstanding metrologist and organizer of the USSR Inspection Service, member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union since 1941, and personal pensioner, died on June 7, 1964, at the age of 62.

B. M. Leonov started his work in 1918 in the public education department, and in 1922 entered the service of the Chamber of Weights and Measures, thus dedicating the rest of his life to measurement technology.

He trod the path from rank-and-file inspector to an outstanding leader. Boris Maksimovich held the position of head of the test and inspection department of the Glavmerves (Main Administration of Weights and Measures), head of the testing department, assistant head of the Principal Chamber of Weights and Measures of the USSR, head of the State Inspection Department of the Committee of Standards, Measures and Measuring Instruments, and for many years was simultaneously a member of the Committee.

Profound and comprehensive knowledge of his work, active participation in developing and improving inspection in the USSR, strict adherence to principles, an attentive and solicitous attitude to the requirements of the inspection agencies, gave B. M. Leonov the authority he well deserved. Boris Maksimovich knew how to bring clarity to the most complicated problems, how to find the best solutions.

He was always exceptionally considerate and friendly to his colleagues at work and to all who appealed to him for assistance.

B. M. Leonov was entrusted, as an outstanding expert, with many responsible State tasks. He participated in working out the international convention on legal metrology.

During the years of the Great Patriotic War, B. M. Leonov made an outstanding contribution to ensuring efficient and uninterrupted operation of the measuring equipment at defense plants.

B. M. Leonov took part in compiling drafts of State laws and decrees for the State service of measures and measuring instruments.

Boris Maksimovich paid considerable attention and exerted great efforts in working with young State inspectors, who greatly benefited from his experience.

B. M. Leonov was the author of several books and articles on problems of measurement techniques and inspection organization.

Boris Maksimovich took an active part in public life, and was elected several times as secretary of the Communist Party bureau. His services were recognized by the Government award of the Order of the "Red Star" and two medals.

All who knew Boris Maksimovich Leonov will remember him as a person dedicated to his work and an excellent comrade.