

## OBITUARY

### ALEKSANDR DMITRIEVICH FEDOSEEV

After a short serious illness the death occurred on June 14th, 1968 of the eminent scientist and technologist, Doctor of Technical Science, Professor Aleksandr Dmitrievich Fedoseev; he was 63 years of age and was holder of the State Prize of the USSR.

We have lost a communist, an outstanding scientist from the ranks of the oldest workers of the refractories industry.

A. D. Fedoseev graduated in 1929 at the Leningrad State University as a geologist and mineralogist. As a student he entered the State Scientific Research Ceramic Institute in 1927 where he graduated from a laboratory assistant to a leading laboratory technician. From 1933 A. D. Fedoseev was the chief of the geological raw materials laboratory in the All Union Institute of Refractories which he set up, and from 1947 he worked as the Director of this institute. In 1956, following a request from the presidium of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Aleksandr Dmitrievich was transferred to the responsibilities of deputy director of the I. V. Grebenshchikov Institute of Silicate Chemistry, Academy of Sciences, USSR. From the start of 1963 he was responsible for organizing the laboratory for synthesizing mineral polymers within this institute.

A. D. Fedoseev took an active part in research and detailed studying of the largest and most important sources of Chasov-Yar and Latnensk Refractory clays. Under his guidance investigations were launched into refractory raw materials in the Urals, West and East Siberia, the Far East, and Central Asia. Being a director of the Institute of Refractories, A. D. Fedoseev successfully controlled many important projects aimed at solving a number of important tasks in connection with the planning and building and reconstructing of refractory industrial concerns, on the basis of the latest techniques, improvements in refractories production technology, and the development of theoretical research in the refractories industry.

A. D. Fedoseev gave a lot of time and effort to his public duties. He was repeatedly elected as a member of the Party Bureau of the All Union Institute of Refractories, a member of the Vasileostrovskii Regional committee of the CPSU, for Leningrad, and a deputy of the regional council of deputy workers.

A. D. Fedoseev was awarded the order of Lenin, and the Order of Workers Red Banner and medals.

His scientific and public activity won him great respect and made him an outstanding authority among a wide circle of workers in the refractories industry.

The memory of Aleksandr Dmitrievich Fedoseev will remain long in the Mother country, and will always stay in the hearts of all who knew him.

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