

OBITUARY

IGOR ALEKSANDROVICH SAVKEVICH



On September 18, 1989, Igor Aleksandrovich Savkevich, one of the leading specialists of the refractory industry and a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union since 1944, passed away in the 82nd year of his life after a serious illness. I. A. Savkevich was born on September 15, 1908 in the village of Rakhnovka, Khmel'nitskii Oblast. In 1926, he graduated from Kamenetsk-Podol'skii Commercial Art Vocational School and in 1930 from the Ukrainian Technological Institute for Ceramics and Glass. Igor Aleksandrovich worked in the refractory industry for 48 years, including 17 years as Chief Engineer at Semiluki Refractory Plant and since 1965 as head of the production section and Assistant Chief Engineer of the Central Administration of the Refractory Industry of the Ministry of Ferrous Metallurgy of the USSR. After the war, under the direct supervision of I. A. Savkevich, much work was done at Semiluki Refractory Plant on restoration of the ruined plant, construction of specialized shops, and development of the technology and introduction of production under production conditions of high-alumina parts for lining blast furnaces and hot-blast stoves, carbide-silica parts, and other highly resistant and effective refractories.

Igor Aleksandrovich actively participated in the public life of the plant. He was elected a member of the Plant Party Committee and a member of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Semiluki District of Voronezh Oblast and in 1957 was elected as a deputy of Semiluki District Soviet of Workers Deputies.

While working in the Central Administration of the Refractory Industry, I. A. Savkevich devoted much effort and energy to organization of production of refractories for continuous teeming of steel and ladle degassing and of refractories of fiber materials and was directly engaged in the planning of construction and opening of Eastern Siberia Refractory Plant. For 10 years Igor Aleksandrovich was Chairman of the All-Union Section of Refractory Engineers of the Central Administration of the Scientific and Technical Society for Ferrous Metallurgy, and since 1962, a member of the editorial board of "Refractories." He generously shared his vast experience and cultivated and trained a whole generation of refractory specialists.

The services of I. A. Savkevich were rewarded with government prizes, two Orders of the Workers Red Banner, one Order of the Red Star, and six medals.

The bright memory of this notable man, leading refractory specialist Igor Aleksandrovich Savkevich, will forever be preserved in the memories of those who knew him.