

OBITUARY

ROMAN PETROVICH NOSOV

Roman Petrovich Nosov, an outstanding engineer and organizer of hydropower construction in the USSR and Honored Builder of the RSFSR, died on October 21, 1991.

Roman Petrovich was born on October 8, 1904, in the village of Borodino in the Smolensk region into a large, poor family and began his career early. In 1930 he graduated from the Leningrad Polytechnic Institute and after graduation worked on the construction of the Dnepr hydroelectric station. Later, he went to work in a design organization and covered the path up to chief engineer of the Ukrainian branch of the All-Union State Design Institute (Gidroénergoproekt). Having gained experience in production and design activities, Roman Petrovich was sent on party work. In 1947 Roman Petrovich was appointed chief of the Main Administration for Construction and Installation of Hydroelectric Stations in Central and Southern Regions (Glavgidroénergostroi) – the largest agency directing hydropower construction in the USSR, under which were construction, installation, design, and research organizations of hydropower construction in the USSR and abroad. The organizational and engineering abilities of Roman Petrovich were especially displayed here. He actively participated in the development and realization of state hydropower construction plans, in the development and implementation of a number of new designs and progressive methods of construction, in giving technical aid on constructing hydrostations in foreign countries, and in training cadres of highly skilled specialists. He devoted much attention to the journal "Gidrotekhnicheskoe Stroitel'stvo."

In 1959, in connection with reorganization of ministries, Roman Petrovich was appointed manager of the All-Union Trust for Installation of Hydromechanical Equipment (Gidromontazh), where he made a number of progressive changes and brought this trust to the world's technical level.

In 1962, Roman Petrovich was appointed to the post of chief at the newly organized Main Administration for the Construction and Installation of Hydroelectric Stations in Eastern Regions – a member of the board of the USSR Ministry of Power and Electrification. At this time, hydropower construction began in eastern regions of the country, where, under most difficult conditions, highly efficient high-head hydrostations were created in Siberia, the Far East, and Central Asia. Completely new designs, structures, and methods of construction were developed. Roman Petrovich was at the center of these works, directed the creation of the largest, glorious teams of hydropower builders, and actively participated in solving technical problems, being a member of the Scientific and Technical Council of the USSR Ministry of Power and Electrification.

The creation of the Bratsk, Krasnoyarsk, Vilyui, Zeya, Charvak, Nurek, Toktogul, and other hydrostations is related to R. P. Nosov's activities. He was greatly respected for his work and personal qualities.

The memory of this remarkable person, prominent engineer, and organizer of production will remain in the hearts of all hydropower builders the country.