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LEONID SERGEEVICH BYKOV



The large team of the state "Moscow Canal" enterprise has suffered a great loss.

Leonid Sergeevich Bykov, general director of the enterprise, Honorary Worker of the River Fleet, Honored Transportation Worker of the Russian Federation, candidate of technical sciences, was killed tragically while returning from a business trip.

The entire mature life of L. S. Bykov was devoted to serving hydraulic engineering. His school years were spent in the cradle of Russian hydrotechnical construction — on the Vyshnevolotsk waterway, he received special education at the Leningrad Institute of Water Transportation Engineers, and a complex of hydraulic structures of the Moscow Canal, to which Leonid Sergeevich gave more than 40 years of his life and which he managed the past 20 years, became the permanent and sole place of its work.

L. S. Bykov embodied all the best traditions established on the Moscow Canal. He was a strong-willed manager, had good organizational qualities, discipline, exacting on himself and subordinates, and the ability to work with people. Constant foresight, purposefulness and perseverance in solving problems, and active support of new progressive ideas were characteristic of him. Being manager of such a complex and diverse facility as the Moscow Canal complex, L. S. Bykov did not lose sight of a single department, a single division no matter how small.

L. S. Bykov invested much energy and persistence in improving the technical state and raising the level of operation of hydraulic structures, in improving transport facilities, in modernizing and updating ships of the industrial fleet. Such complex works as reconstruction of pumping stations to increase the delivery of Volga water along the canal to Moscow, replacement of the gates and strengthening the sills and walls of locks and a number of dams on the Moscow River system, and construction of new dams on the Vyshnevolotsk waterway were begun and fulfilled with his participation and under his supervision.

The service of L. S. Bykov in converting the enterprise to new forms and methods of economic management is inestimable.

A highly skilled hydraulic engineer, L. S. Bykov embodied all the best traditions of Russian engineers. He was distinguished by deep patriotism, broad erudition, continuous creative searching, active attitude toward life, interest in social problems, high self-organization, and colossal ability to work. It is not by accident that more than 40 scientific articles, a number of books and textbook on the design, construction, and operation of hydraulic structures, and participation in two inventions became the fruit of his creative activities. Long-term studies of the problem of prolonging the navigation season on navigable hydraulic structures were completed by him by a dissertation with conferring the academic degree of candidate of

technical sciences on the author in 1968. L. S. Bykov carried out great scientific work as a member of the academic council of the Moscow Institute of Water Transportation Engineers, of the industry coordination council, editorial board of the "Transport" publishing house, etc.

L. S. Bykov treated people especially attentively and with understanding. As none other, he knew how to listen kindly and quietly to any workers and constantly tried to help each in solving personal problems. These qualities earned him the deserved respect of people, he was repeatedly elected a deputy of the Tusha district and Moscow city soviets of people's deputies.

The long and fruitful career of L. S. Bykov was highly evaluated by the Motherland. He was awarded the Badge of Honor, Red Banner of Labor, Order of the October Revolution, and medals. He was conferred the titles Honorary Worker of the River Fleet and Honored Transportation Worker of the Russian Federation. He was repeatedly awarded honorary certificates of the industry and Moscow Soviet, and also of the RSFSR Supreme Soviet.

The bright image of Leonid Sergeevich Bykov will always remain in the hearts and memory of those who knew and worked with him.