

ABOUT HOSTILE OUTBURSTS AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTY
ORGANIZATION OF THE HEAT ENGINEERING LABORATORY OF THE USSR
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON THE RESULTS OF THE XX CONGRESS OF THE CPSU.

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The CC CPSU notes that there are individual instances of statements of anti-party elements, who are attempting to use the development of criticism and self-criticism in party organizations for hostile purposes. Thus, for example, at the party meeting of the party organization of the Heat Engineering Laboratory of the USSR Academy of Sciences, some communists made anti-party statements during the discussion of the results of the XX Congress.

Junior scientists Avalov R. G., Orlov Yu. F., Nesterov V. E. and lab technician Schedrin G. I. made slanderous, vicious, provocative statements, revising the general line of the Communist party, the decisions that were made at the XX Congress of the CPSU, denigrating the democratic character of the Soviet regime and praised the false freedoms of capitalist countries, and proposed to unleash the propaganda of hostile bourgeois ideology in our country. They attempted to turn the meeting from a principled discussion of the results of the XX Congress of the CPSU to discrediting the party, slandering the CC CPSU and the Soviet government.

A number of communists in their statements gave correct assessment of this hostile outburst. However, the majority of participants exhibited a dulling (*prituplenie*) of political vigilance and the unacceptable for communists liberalism in regard to the mentioned anti-party statements. The party meeting has shown that at the Heat Engineering Lab, as a result of poor selection of personnel, bad work on ideological education of communists ... an unhealthy, rotten situation (especially among the communists of the science sectors) has emerged. More than one-third of the communists voted not to give any assessment to the provocative statements by Avalov, Orlov, Nesterov, Schedrin.

The Party organization of the Heat Engineering Lab turned out to be weak ideologically and incapable to give a pushback to the hostile anti-party outbursts by Avalov, Orlov, Nesterov, Schedrin.

CC CPSU cannot allow such kind of hostile statements, directed at revising the general line of the party and at discrediting the party and the Soviet state to go unpunished.

CC CPSU resolves:

1. To approve the decision of the political department of the USSR Ministry of Medium Machine Building, about expelling Avalov, Orlov, Nesterov, Schedrin from the ranks of the CPSU for the hostile anti-party and anti-Soviet statements at the party meeting of the Heat Engineering Lab of the USSR Academy of Sciences.
2. To recognize that the party organization of the Heat Engineering Lab of the USSR Academy of Sciences turned out to be politically unhealthy and incapable. In this connection to instruct the Leninsky regional party committee of Moscow, together with the Political Department of the Ministry of Medium Machine Building to conduct a new registration of members and candidate members of the CPSU of the Heat Engineering

Lab of the USSR Academy of Sciences, with the view of keeping in the party only those members who are genuinely capable of implementing the general line of the party. ...

3. To subordinate the newly created party organization of the Heat Engineering Lab of the USSR Academy of Sciences to the Leninsky regional committee of the CPSU.
4. To remove cde. Shmelev I. S., the current head of the political department of the Heat Engineering Lab of the USSR Academy of Sciences from his position as having failed his duties.
5. To note that the Political Department of the USSR Ministry of Medium Machine Building (cde. Mezentsev) did not carry out appropriate oversight over the work of the party organization and did not notice big deficiencies in recruiting and education of the personnel on the part of the leadership and the political department of the Heat Engineering Lab of the USSR Academy of Sciences.
To bind the leadership of the USSR Ministry of Medium Machine Building (cdes. Zavenyagin, Mezentsev) to undertake measures to strengthen the Heat Engineering Lab of the USSR Academy of Sciences with managerial, scientific and engineering-technical personnel.
6. The CC CPSU believes that a successful implementation of the decisions of the XX Congress of the CPSU and the tasks of the 6th five-year plan requires ... an unfailing and merciless struggle with every kind of deviations from the general line of the party, with sneaking in of bourgeois ideology.
The CC CPSU orders the oblast committees, krai committees, Central Committees of union republics, regional committees and city committees of the C CPSU to give decisive rebuff to hostile outbursts, efforts to discredit the general line of the party and to engage in uncompromising struggle with all kinds of expressions of hostile bourgeois ideology.
7. To introduce for approval by the Presidium.

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