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RADIO AMATEURISM SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN EVERY WAY

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Undoubtedly, the success of radio amateurs in short-wave amateur activity, set building, radiofication of villages, etc., would be considerably greater if the Dosarm committees and organizations gave more encouragement to the development of radio amateurism.

Unfortunately, the Gor'kiy, Kursk, Chelyabinsk, and many other committees of our society have not participated in that branch of Dosarm work. For example, the Irkutsk organization has not yet started a single group for teaching the rudiments of radio.

The Odessa, Petrozavodsk, and Maykop radio clubs did not take part in the 1949 All-Union Radio Exhibition.

One of the greatest faults of many committees is underestimating mass work, although organized mass work is one of the principles of Bolshevism. Unfortunately, some of the leading workers in our Volunteer Society do not grasp this principle. There are radio clubs in Petrozavodsk and Syktyvkar, but the Republican Committees of Dosarm have not noticed that they have no members, do not work with radio amateurs, and give little or no training to prospective radio specialists needed in the national economy. The radio clubs in Bryansk, Chelyabinsk, Zhitomir, Poltava and Smolensk also do little for radio amateurs, especially in short-wave work.

The main faults of the Dosarm committees and clubs are that they make little effort to enlist the services of skilled radio specialists in active radio amateur work or to interest demobilized signal corps men and experienced amateurs in managing radio clubs. They do not take a sufficiently active part in competitions or exhibitions, and in radiofication of villages.

The conference held recently at Moscow by chairmen of Dosarm clubs from the republics, oblasts, and krays proposed a good many valuable resolutions for improving the work of our Society. Immediate execution of these resolutions should

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make itself felt in better guidance for radio amateurs, intensified propaganda for diffusion of knowledge about radio among the working masses, and for organized mass work in all branches of our Volunteer Society. In 1959-51 we must succeed in forming a radio circle in each primary Dosarm organization.

It is evident that our young people have a great desire to know about radio techniques. We must aid in organizing clubs in every school and educational institution. Participation in the radiofication of our kolkhoz villages is one of the most important tasks before our radio clubs and all our radio amateurs. This work must be done systematically. We must encourage the participation of radio clubs, circles, and primary Dosarm organizations in the radiofication of these villages and, above all, in propaganda for disseminating knowledge of radio techniques among the rural population.

Preparations must be started at once for the Ninth All-Union Exhibition of our amateur radio designers to be held in Moscow early in November 1950. Every effort must be made to apply the achievements of the amateurs in the national economy, the radiofication of villages, the educational work of Dosarm, and in the further development of the radio amateur movement.

The All-Union and local radio committees used to aid radio amateurs by their educational propaganda for radio work. Unfortunately, at present the Committee on Radio Information and the local radio committees have curtailed radio programs on this subject. It would be desirable to have the committee resume such programs.

All the work of our Society on the lower levels, in radio clubs, and circles should be carried out in close contact with the Komsomol. At the end of last year, the Central Committee of the VLKSM (All-Union Lenin Young Communist League) obligated all Komsomol committees to make greater efforts in this work, induce young people to study radio techniques, popularize the achievements of Soviet radio engineering and science, and encourage in every way radio amateurism. Our society must work out these problems in close association with the Komsomol.

Complete development of radio amateurism is one of the most important tasks of the Dosarm in reinforcing the economic and defensive strength of the soviet state.

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