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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Intelligence and Research  
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SUBJECT : CC/CPSU Letter and Accompanying Resolution  
Concerning the Eradication of Fraud, Deception,  
and Falsification in Relation to the Fulfillment  
of State Plans and Socialist Obligations

Enclosed is a verbatim translation of a letter on the above  
subject issued to subsidiary Party organs by the Central Committee  
of the CPSU together with an accompanying CC/CPSU resolution.

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OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY  
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TO THE

CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE UNION REPUBLICS,  
KRAYKOMS, OBKOMS, GORKOMS, AND RAYKOMS OF THE PARTY,  
AND ALL PRIMARY PARTY ORGANIZATIONS

ON THE TASKS OF PARTY ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE ABSOLUTE ERADICATION OF  
CASES OF DEFRAUDING THE STATE, AND OF DECEPTION AND FALSIFICATION  
OF ACCOUNTS IN THE FULFILLMENT OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANS AND  
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RESOLUTION  
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CONCERNING THE LETTER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE UNION REPUBLICS, KRAYKOMS, OBKOMS, GORKOMS, AND RAYKOMS OF THE PARTY, AND ALL PRIMARY PARTY ORGANIZATIONS

"ON THE TASKS OF PARTY ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE ABSOLUTE ERADICATION OF CASES OF DEFRAUDING THE STATE, AND OF DECEPTION AND FALSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS IN THE FULFILLMENT OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANS AND SOCIALIST OBLIGATIONS"

1. To ratify the text of the letter of the Central Committee of the CPSU to the Central Committees of Communist Parties of the union republics, kraykoms, obkoms, gorkoms, and raykoms of the Party, and to all primary Party organizations "On the Tasks of Party Organizations for the Absolute Eradication of Cases of Defrauding the State, and of Deception and Falsification of Accounts in the Fulfillment of National Economic Plans and Socialist Obligations".

2. To instruct the CC's of the Communist Parties of the union republics, kraykoms, obkoms, gorkoms, and raykoms of the Party, primary Party organizations, ministries and departments (vedomstvo) of the USSR, and councils of the national economy (sovnarkhoz) to discuss the present letter of the CC CPSU at the bureau of Party committees, at closed Party meetings, at collegiums (committees) of ministries, departments, and councils of the national economy, and to ensure that the tasks set forth in it are put into effect.

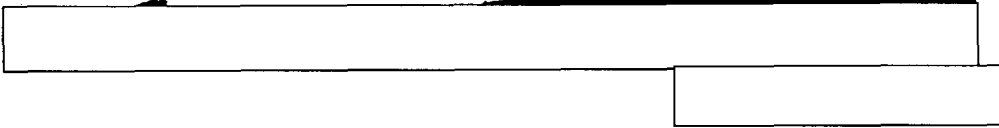
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TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF UNION REPUBLICS,  
KRAYKOMS, OBKOMS, GORKOMS AND RAYKOMS OF THE PARTY, AND ALL PRIMARY  
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ECONOMIC PLANS AND SOCIALIST OBLIGATIONS

The Central Committee of the CPSU has resolved to bring this letter to the attention of Party organizations in connection with the recent disclosure of a number of cases of defrauding the State, and of deception and falsification of accounts in the fulfillment of State plans and socialist obligations.

Deception and falsification are crimes that lead to the corruption of the cadres of Party and State workers, cause great harm to the national economy, confuse accounting and bookkeeping, and undermine planning and the management of the economy.

Surely it is clear that only accurate accounting and a critical approach to the results of labor allow the Party to appraise the situation correctly, to project realistic perspectives for the development of the national economy, and to achieve new successes in Communist construction. It is not possible to tolerate a situation in which some Party organizations pass over or close their eyes to the discovery of dangerous occurrences, do not stop them, and do not call to strict account those who are the real culprits in defrauding the Party and the State. Moreover, there are unworthy Party leaders who participate in deception and in defrauding the Party and the State themselves.

Our affairs are going well. The achievements of the Soviet people in the development of industry, agriculture, science, and culture are known to all and are incontestable. They gladden us



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and they delight the workers of the whole world. The international authority of our homeland, marching in the vanguard of the struggle for peace and the happiness of mankind, has grown immeasurably. The scientists, engineers, and workers of the Soviet Union built the remarkable satellite space ships which made it possible to realize humanity's audacious dream of flight into space. The genius of a free people and the mighty strength of socialism found realization in the exploits of the first cosmonaut, a citizen of the Soviet Union.

The moral-political unity of Soviet society and the friendship of the peoples of the USSR is strengthening and developing further and further. The Soviet people are solidly united around the Communist Party as never before, whole-heartedly supporting its policy, and manifesting great productive activity. We are successfully fulfilling the tasks of the Seven-Year Plan. In only the first two years of the Seven-Year Plan, the output of industrial production in the USSR has increased by 22.1 percent instead of by the 17 percent planned. Favorable results were also obtained in industry in the first quarter of the current year. From the time of the September Plenum of the CC (1953), our agriculture has gone confidently uphill. On an average over the last five years, the production of commodity grain has increased by more than one billion poods, purchases of milk have increased 2.5 times, and purchases of meat have increased more than twice. Agricultural workers are carrying out the spring field-work well and are laying the basis for a rich harvest this year.

The material well-being of the Soviet people has been increasing steadily. In 1960, the transition to a shortened seven or six-hour working day for workers and employees was accomplished. It was in our country that a law was passed and is being put into effect, for the first time in history, abolishing the payment of taxes by workers and employees. A housing construction program of an unprecedented scope and scale is being realized. In the two years of the Seven-Year Plan, living accommodations of a total area of more than 165 million square meters, or 4,600,000 apartments, have been built in cities and workers' settlements. In villages, 1,400,000 houses have been built. The fund for wage payments, the volume of goods in circulation, and the income of kolkhoz workers are increasing faster than was provided for by the Seven-Year Plan. The spiritual needs of the Soviet people are being satisfied more and more.

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Our Party, however, always warns that we must not be led astray by past successes. It sees clearly those difficulties that arise on the path of our advancement. These are the difficulties of growth. They are connected primarily with the constantly increasing demands of the people, for the satisfaction of which it is necessary to increase continuously the output of products in all branches of the national economy. The steady rise in the productivity of labor and the successful fulfillment and over-fulfillment of economic plans are the decisive conditions for further improvement in the material well-being of the workers, for the growth of the might of the Soviet State, and for the increase of its international authority.

In connection with the above considerations, the Party demands that all organizations and their leaders constantly perfect and use all means to strengthen organizational and political work among the masses and direct industrial and agricultural production firmly.

In recent years, much work has been done to strengthen the various branches of the national economy by qualified cadres and by able organizers who have successfully managed the business entrusted to them and who have given all their efforts to the selfless service of the people.

Together with this it must be recognized, that in some circles of leading cadres, our successes and achievements have given rise to an uncritical attitude toward the results of their activity, to conceit, to self-satisfaction, and to the loss of a feeling of responsibility for their allotted tasks. They show an irresponsible attitude to the acceptance and fulfillment of the obligations which they have taken on, do not conduct the necessary organizational work, and prevent the fulfillment of plans and socialist obligations. As a rule, however, such workers do not want to recognize honestly the failure of their leadership, try to conceal their shortcomings from the Party, embellish the actual state of affairs, and in a number of cases set out to deceive the Party and the State deliberately.

Cases of deception and falsification have been discovered in several oblasts of the RSFSR, the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and in the Tadzhik and Kirgiz SSR's. As is well known, serious

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criticism was made at the January Plenum of the CC CPSU of the former leaders of Ryazan Oblast who decided that they would submit a third plan for the sale of meat to the State, cost what it might, failing to consider that there was not a large enough supply of meat in the oblast for this. They ignored the timely warning which Comrade N.S. Khrushchev made during a reception of Ryazan women in the Kremlin, when he said "If you now consider and see that you will not be able to fulfill the three plans, then admit it honestly and the Central Committee of the Party will not blame you". Without heeding this warning, the former leaders of Ryazan Oblast, instead of taking measures to increase the production of meat, started to defraud the Party and began to drive the rayons, kolkhozes, sovkhoses, and procurement organizations into various machinations. As a result of these criminal actions, great material damage was done to the State and to the kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the oblast.

Some workers do not concentrate their efforts on promoting organizational work and on mobilizing kolkhoz and sovkhos workers to increase the output of products and to fulfill plans and obligations, but instead, in a search for hollow fame, they hand down irresponsible assignments to the kolkhozes and sovkhoses, sometimes driving them to various types of swindling operations. Some leaders of Kirov Oblast behaved in just this manner, pushing the rayons, kolkhozes and sovkhoses into defrauding the Party and State by their wrongful actions. As a result, cases of deception and falsification took place in 19 of the 28 rayons of the oblast in 1960.

The Omsk Oblast Committee (obkom) of the Party and the Oblast Executive Committee (oblispolkom) sent the CC CPSU a report on the complete fulfillment by the oblast of the plan for the purchase of grain and the provision of seed for grain crops for the spring sowing in 1961. It came to light subsequently that seed grain was shown on the grain purchase account and that part of the grain was shown in the accounting twice, as having been given to the State and as having been laid in for seed. As a result of this, many kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the oblast were without seed and it was necessary for the State to grant them a loan of seed.

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From 1958 to 1960, more than 24 million poods of grain were falsely registered toward the fulfillment of the purchase plan in Pavlodar Oblast of Tselinnyy Kray. In this case, the main guilt was that of Yelagin, the former First Secretary of the Obkom of the Party, and Nurkeyev, the former Chairman of the Oblispolkom, and also the leaders of a number of sovkhoses, kolkhozes, and individual rayons.

Falsification and deception were tolerated in the Kara-Kalpak ASSR, the Surkhan-Darya ASSR, and in some other oblasts in Uzbekistan.

Cases of deception took place in the release for occupancy of dwellings, schools, and childrens' institutions in Chelyabinsk. In December 1960, Voronin, the former First Secretary of the Chelyabinsk Gorkom of the Party, and Zakharov, the Chairman of the Gorispolkom, registered 36 apartment houses with a total floor space of 50 thousand square meters which had not been completed and which had not been accepted by the State commission, in order to fulfill the annual plan for housing construction. In many of these houses the floors had not been laid, the walls were not plastered, water pipes, sewage systems, and central heating had not been finished, and some of them did not even have roofs.

In all the cases of falsification and deceit that have come to light, the necessary measures were taken and those guilty of defrauding the State suffered severe punishment. Chachin and Zenin, secretaries of the Ryazan Obkom of the CPSU; Yelagin, the First Secretary of the Pavlodar Obkom of the Party, Nurkeyev, Chairman of the Oblispolkom, and Voronin, First Secretary of the Chelyabinsk Gorkom of the CPSU, were dismissed from their jobs and expelled from the Party. The leaders of Kirov, Omsk, and several other oblasts where deceit and falsification were tolerated were also severely punished.

Large-scale crimes against the State were discovered by the Central Committee of the CPSU in the Tadzhik SSR. These crimes were committed by former leaders of the republic. In the last three years in Tadzhikistan more than 121 thousand tons of raw

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cotton were falsely entered - in 1958, 28.7 thousand tons, in 1959, 37.1, and in 1960, 55.6 thousand tons. On the basis of falsified data on the fulfillment of the plans for the procurement of cotton in the republic, all manner of celebrations were arranged, festive meetings and rallies were held, prizes were awarded, and greetings were sent to the rayons, kolkhozes, and sovkhoses. Unrestrained jabbering about successes disoriented the Party organization and agricultural workers of the republic and reduced their efforts in the struggle to raise cotton production.

The CC CPSU drew the attention of the leaders of Tadzhikistan to the indications of falsified records of cotton and demanded that measures be taken to do away with cases of deception. Uldzhabayev, the former First Secretary of the CC of the CP of Tadzhikistan and Dodkhudoyev, former Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the republic, set up, for the sake of appearances, a commission to investigate these signs, and informed the CC CPSU of the measures which had supposedly been taken, but in actuality, being the direct initiators and organizers of the defrauding of the State, they did everything to cover their crimes and to stifle the indications from below.

As was shown in the investigation, Uldzhabayev and Dodkhudoyev often advanced workers to leading posts in the republic, not according to their professional and political qualities, but on the basis of local affiliations, kinships and personal ties. This gave rise to nepotism and collusion, which are alien to our Party morals, in some of the Party and Soviet organs of the republic. This unscrupulous practice also arose in the office of the CC of the CP of Tadzhikistan. Purely as a consequence of this, an unprincipled group of careerists was able to form, with Uldzhabayev as its head; a group which defrauded the Party and the State, and which drew some unstable workers into its anti-Party actions.

The Party organization of the republic gave the correct political evaluation to the cases of defrauding the Party and State and drew from this essential lessons for themselves. The Plenum of the CC of the CP of Tadzhikistan dismissed Uldzhabayev and Dodkhudoyev from their jobs and expelled them from the Party for the crimes they had committed. The Plenum also dismissed Obnosov, the Second Secretary of the CC of the CP of Tadzhikistan and expelled him from the Party for lack of principles and unsuitability.

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There can be no indulgence whatever for people who defraud the State; they deserve universal contempt. Unfortunately, we still have workers who tolerate such disgraceful affairs, who do not wish to wash dirty linen in public, and who try to smooth over, whitewash, and forgive everything.

In September 1959, Isayev, the former First Secretary of the Tyan-Shan Obkom of the CP of Kirghizia personally ordered the manager of the oblast office for the meat and milk industry to register, in the account for the Ak-Talinskiy Rayon, 5 thousand centners of meat. In June of the same year, according to his instructions, 10 tons of butter which had been allocated to the ORS (Department of Workers' Supply) of the Akkulskiy mine for sale to the workers, was sent to Dzhungalskiy Rayon and sold to kolkhozes there for resale to the State in order to fulfill the plan for the purchase of milk. The CC of the CP of Kirghizia, instead of punishing Isayev for these anti-State actions, promoted him to the post of Minister of Internal Affairs for the republic. Only after criticism at the January Plenum of the CC CPSU was Isayev removed from his job and expelled from the Party.

As the facts show, as a result of the weakening of organizational work and the reduction of demands on the cadres, the directors of some farms and of some rayons of the Ukrainian SSR have recently turned out to be incompetent and dishonest workers who resorted to all sorts of machinations. The following is an example of the disgraceful actions of a group of leaders of kolkhozes of the Rovno Rayon of the same oblast. With the aim of increasing the number of head of cattle, Volovikov, Plyutinskiy, and Boyko, chairmen of kolkhozes, conspired to draw up fictitious documents according to which the kolkhoz "Progress" ostensibly sold to the kolkhoz "Zarya Kommunizma" 250 head of cattle; the latter in turn, "selling" this livestock to the kolkhoz "Peremoga", from which the kolkhoz "Progress" bought the non-existent cattle. In this manner, each of the above kolkhozes increased its number of head of cattle on paper by 250!

Investigative organs are at present engaged in inquiring into the "activity" of these criminals, and they will undoubtedly be punished as they deserve. The question arises however: Where were the Rovno Raykom and Obkom of the Party, the Party organizations of these kolkhozes, and how could they allow such crimes? These people were under the eyes of everyone!

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Volnyanskiy, the First Secretary of the Chadyr-Lungskiy Raykom of the CP of Moldavia forced workers of the purchasing organs to make out receipts for meat that actually never arrived at the bases. It would seem that after such serious offenses there would be no place for him in management work. How did the CC of the CP of Moldavia treat this worker? Volnyanskiy was reprimanded and then he was transferred as first secretary of the raykom of the Party in a larger rayon. Is it possible that individuals who commit crimes against the State and the Party can be treated in this way?

Deceit and falsification, lying and dishonesty to the Party and State are basically alien to socialist society and arouse the righteous indignation of the Soviet people, and the actual perpetrators of fraud deserve the wrath of the law and universal contempt. Deceit and falsification corrupt cadres, undermine discipline, cause great loss to the national economy, and, if they are not suppressed at their very beginning, can confuse planning and falsify the course of fulfillment of our plans.

Such cases of fraud, deceit, and falsification took place primarily because some workers who occupied responsible positions violated Leninist standards of Party life and the principles of leadership, lost the high ideals inherent in Communists, became self-seeking and Philistine, and set out on the road of crime. The absence in some organizations of healthy criticism and self-criticism, of collectivity in work, and of high-principled attitudes among workers, generates such intolerable manifestations as fiat administration, time-serving, toadyism, servility, and the mutual pardoning of mistakes. It is just where there is this sort of unhealthy situation that cases of falsification and deceit have not had due political appraisal, where they have been regarded in a Philistine fashion, and where the offenders have not been called strictly to account.

Cases of defrauding the Party and the State are explained, to a large extent, by the fact that individual immature workers show egotism and lack of discipline. Such workers consider that they are permitted to do anything, as if State laws, Party and State discipline did not exist for them. Who does not understand that every violation of discipline leads unavoidably to laxity, lack of discipline, and malpractice?

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Many Party organizations and their executive organs exercise only weak supervision over the execution of directives of the Party and Government, and do not put the fulfillment of obligations under the supervision of the mass of workers. Instead of systematically checking how plans and obligations are in fact being fulfilled, intervening actively and taking early steps to remove the shortcomings revealed, individual Party leaders are satisfied with the resumes, reports, and other summaries of data submitted to them; they have an uncritical attitude toward such information and take everything on trust. Lack of proper supervision over the state of work creates favorable conditions for braggarts and windbags whose concept of management is primarily one of ostentation and who utilize display, ballyhoo, greetings, and compliments.

The CC CPSU demands the constant improvement and perfection of Party leadership of the economy. However, this should not lead to a confusion of the functions of Party and economic leadership, to a decrease in the responsibility of economic organs for their assigned tasks, or to the weakening of Party supervision over their activity. Where Leninist principles of economic management are violated, and where an accurate account of the state of affairs is not presented, the conditions for defrauding the State are established.

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Checking has shown that in a number of Party organizations, undervaluation of the work of selecting and training cadres has been tolerated up to the present time. It is a fact that if we have politically immature people in executive positions in individual organizations who are listless about complying with the directives of the Party and Government, who tolerate dishonesty and fraud, who become incorrigible braggarts ready to shout "hurrah" at the slightest pretext, this will mean that in such organizations the questions of selection and training of cadres is buried in oblivion. This practice is very dangerous because violation of the Leninist principles of selection of cadres and the weakening of their ideological tempering leads to the corruption of individual workers.

The fact that dissemblers and careerists can be active in some kolkhozes and sovkhoses, enterprises, and institutions testifies to the weakness of the work of their primary Party

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organizations, to the absence of high demands by the Party on each Communist regardless of his position, and to the lack of an implacable attitude toward those who violate Party and State discipline. It is perfectly clear that if every primary Party organization stood firmly on guard over the interests of the Party and the people, if it genuinely availed itself of criticism, especially criticism from below, if it made it a practice to put the reports and records of the work of the directors before Party meetings and meetings of workers, then defrauding the State would be impossible, and dishonest and swindling elements could not practice their dirty business.

The Party organizations of many kolkhozes often tolerate cases of violation of kolkhoz democracy. In some kolkhozes, general meetings are rarely held, important questions in the life of the agricultural artels are decided without the participation of the kolkhoz workers, and even without the executive committee of the artels, kolkhoz directors work without supervision, do not account to the workers, and the auditing commissions called to check the operation of the kolkhoz managements work badly.

Some directors of Party and Soviet organizations often try to mitigate their guilt by alleging that they knew nothing of such cases when it is necessary for them to explain their toleration of fraud against the State. Of course, such an explanation is groundless. The only people who can reason thus are those who have cut themselves off from the masses, who do not listen to the voice of the workers, to their indications, observations, or suggestions. As has been established in the majority of cases of falsification and deceit, indications from the workers appeared in Party and Soviet publications. However, many of them were ignored. Moreover, there are even cases in which authors of letters, complaints, and declarations were victimized and suffered reprisal.

All the work of the Party and State organizations' organs passes before the eyes of the workers; they know our successes and blunders well and they strive to eliminate shortcomings. The letters of Soviet citizens are an expression of the unlimited trust of the people in our Party, and Party organizations must value this trust highly and must pay very careful attention to indications from the workers.

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In speaking of deceit and falsification, it is necessary to emphasize that these are also to a certain extent the consequences of a weakening of responsibility for its assigned task by a section of the workers of the State apparatus.

State statistical organizations which make poor analyses of the accounts which they receive, which check their validity inadequately and which, when they discover falsifications, sometimes make concessions to please local interests, do not show themselves to be up to the required standard. Soviet control commissions do not combat cases of defrauding the State sufficiently. Finance and banking organs with their large organizations exercise their supervision and auditing functions weakly, control plan fulfillment with the ruble, and do not make sufficient use of the extensive powers granted them to prevent the State from being defrauded. The organs of the procurator and the courts do not combat actively enough criminal elements which defraud the Government. They do not always discover cases of defrauding the Government in good time and do not handle them severely enough, as a result of which the actual offenders often remain unpunished.

What must be undertaken in order to eradicate deceit and falsification?

Primarily, it is necessary to condemn decisively any cases of defrauding the Party or the State; persons tolerating these criminal acts should be dismissed from their jobs, expelled from the Party and prosecuted.

The CC CPSU demands that all Party organizations, relying on the general public, the Komsomol, and trade unions, do everything incumbent upon them for the rapid eradication of this evil.

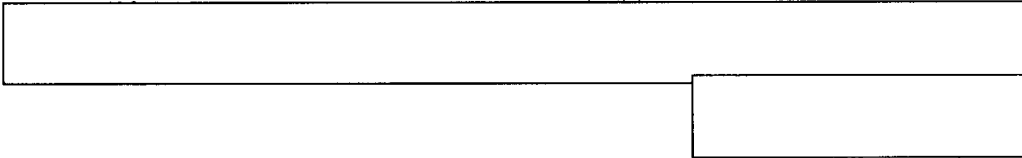
Party organizations, raykoms, gorkoms, obkoms, and kraykoms of the Party, and the CC's of the Communist Parties of the union republics must ensure constant supervision of the fulfillment of Party and Government directives. It is necessary to follow strictly the course of fulfillment of State plans, the correct evaluation of results of economic activity, the reliability of account data, and to take measures to exclude in the future

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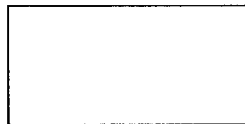
every possibility of falsification, deceit, or other cases of defrauding the State. "To check people and the factual fulfillment of work", said V.I. Lenin, "is the one and only keystone of all work and policy" (Works, vol. 32, page 200). Party organizations should steadfastly be guided in all their work by this instruction of V.I. Lenin.

The paramount task of the Party organizations consists of the constant perfection of work in the selection and education of cadres and in their ideological tempering. A solid and trustworthy phalanx must be created against the penetration of dishonest persons and careerists into the leadership of Party, soviet, and economic organizations, enterprises, kolkhozes, sovkhoses and institutions. "Swindlers, dissemblers, and irresponsible windbags are our worst enemies", said Comrade N.S. Khrushchev, "They defy the Party and State laws of honesty and truthfulness and can harm our cause".

We must create conditions of great strictness toward workers and of intolerance toward shortcomings; we must develop criticism and self-criticism, educate cadres in the spirit of Party principles and honesty, and of high responsibility to the Party and people for the tasks assigned. Whatever post a leader holds, if he tries to cover up defects in work by various machinations, if he starts on the road of suppression of criticism and deceit of the State, there is no place for him either in a responsible job or in the Party.

The true guarantee for the strengthening of the activity of Party organizations in the struggle with various anti-State elements and for guaranteeing political severity in judging their actions must be the most rigorous observance of Leninist standards of Party life, and primarily of the principle of collective leadership, of increased personal responsibility for assigned tasks, the institution of the practice of periodic accounts by the leaders to the workers at Party meetings, the broad development of internal democracy in the Party, the initiative of Communists in every Party organization, and the strengthening and broadening of contacts with the masses.

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Obkoms and kraykoms of the party, the CC's of the Communist Parties of the union republics, and executive committees of oblast and kray soviets must periodically check the work of the corresponding raykoms and gorkoms of the Party and of the rayon and city soviets, and consider their accounts at their sessions.

It is necessary for Party organs to introduce reliable procedures for examining letters, observations, and other indications from the workers. They must investigate carefully the cases that have been reported and take suitable measures, and they must stop the shameful practice of passing on observations and complaints to those organizations and persons to whose shortcomings the complaints refer. Those who allow themselves to punish honest Soviet citizens who report the truth to their Party are to be dealt with most severely.

Rural Party organizations should inquire thoroughly into the economic activity of the kolkhozes and sovkhoses and should examine the results of their work critically. The Party organizations of the kolkhozes must stand guard over the strict observation of the democratic bases of administration in the affairs of the artels, and must develop and support, by all methods, supervision over the work of the kolkhoz leaders by the mass of kolkhozniks.

It is necessary for the Party organizations of industrial, transport, and construction enterprises to inquire more actively into the economics of production and to investigate carefully the quality indices of the work of these enterprises, not to permit the inclusion in production reports of unfinished production items, the understating of the actual availability of raw materials and other materials, the increasing of figures on labor-productivity, and so on. The results of the activity of building organizations must be subjected to rigid supervision, and all paths to the overstatement of the volume of fulfillment of construction work must be blocked, as well as the inclusion of productive capacity of living space and of objects of significance to cultural life, which have in fact not been completed, in the totals for fulfillment of the State plans.

The Party organizations of commercial and public catering enterprises are entrusted with the great responsibility of eradicating cases of defrauding the State. They must take

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measures to prevent falsification of the volume of turnover of goods and to eradicate embezzlement and misappropriation completely. The Party organizations of procurement organs must suppress every attempt at deception in the purchase of agricultural goods, and must set up reliable controls for the complete security of the goods purchased.

The Party organizations of councils of national economy, ministries, and departments should increase significantly the attention paid to the problems of improving the primary accounts and accounting, to strengthening accounting discipline, and to the work of the control-audit apparatus. They must react more strongly to shortcomings in this field and must take measures to guarantee the accurate and coordinated work of this apparatus by excluding the possibilities of distortion of the results of economic activity.

Trade unions, as the largest mass organizations of workers, must use all forms of social control and influence to strengthen discipline and order in enterprises and institutions. It is necessary to achieve a situation in which social control penetrates everywhere and leaves no place for malpractice by dishonest elements.

The Komsomol organizations which, under the guidance of Party organizations, must show the initiative and vigilance inherent in them in guarding public interests and in boldly exposing every kind of anti-State activity, are called upon to render active help to the Party in eradicating deceit and falsification.

The CC CPSU considers that the statistical, finance, and banking organizations, the soviet control commissions, and the organs of the procurator and the courts have a duty to draw serious conclusions from the criticism of shortcomings of their work and to take active measures to prevent cases of defrauding the State.

The CC's of Communist Parties and the Councils of Ministers of the union republics must reorganize and improve the work of the soviet control commissions. They are called on to expose and to punish severely those who are specifically guilty of defrauding the Party and the State, and to enlist the participation of the working masses broadly and on a general basis in their work.

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The CC CPSU, in demanding that the Party organizations engage in an implacable struggle with dissemblers, cautions them at the same time against any possible attempts at groundless vilification or defamation of honest workers who have permitted some negligence or blunder in their work. It is necessary to teach such people, to give timely correction and help to them in overcoming their defects. It is necessary to investigate each specific case carefully and to distinguish between premeditated, conscious fraud and a mistake which was accidentally committed. Demagogic elements or any type of malignant elements should not be allowed to take up, against the executive cadres in general, the work which our Party is carrying out to eradicate falsification, or to use it to harm the Soviet people.

The CC CPSU requires Party organizations to promote socialist competition on an even broader basis, to mobilize Communists and all workers for the successful fulfillment of economic plans and socialist obligations. The immutable law for every enterprise must be the fulfillment of State plans, not only on the whole, in gross output, but throughout the whole range of products, observing all the technical and economic requirements.

Village Communists must head the struggle of kolkhoz and sovkhos workers for a sharp increase in production and sale of agricultural products to the Government, as stipulated in the decisions of the January Plenum of the CC CPSU, in the speeches of Comrade N.S. Khrushchev at the Plenum of the CC CPSU, and in the zonal conferences on agricultural matters.

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The CC CPSU expresses its confidence that the Party organizations, raykoms, gorkoms, obkoms, and kraykoms of the Party and the CC's of the Communist Parties of the union republics will draw the correct conclusions from this letter and will take all necessary measures to prevent cases of defrauding the State, of falsification, and of deceit.

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The CC CPSU calls on Party organizations to guarantee the further strengthening of Party and State discipline, to raise the level of organizational work among the masses, to promote more broadly the criticism and self-criticism of shortcomings in work, and to utilize more fully the available reserves and opportunities for successful fulfillment of the Seven-Year Plan. It is necessary to organize things in such a way that the collectives of each enterprise, each kolkhoz and sovkhos greet the XXII Congress of the CPSU with new labor victories and make a worthy contribution to the resolution of the task of creating the material and technical basis of Communism.

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