STEELWORKERS OF THE PETROVSK

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Today Dnepropetrovsk is just as difficult to conceive of without the Petrovsk metallurgical plant as Leningrad without the Putilov works or Kiev without the "Arsenal." One of the oldest metallurgical enterprises of the Ukraine, the Petrovsk plant has had a great effect on the development of the heavy industry of the entire country. Today Petrovka produces about 10% of the national production of steel tubing, 100% of the seasonal profiles of rolled blanks for automobile construction, and 65% of the blanks for automobile rims. The metal from the plant is familiar in almost 30 countries of the world.

A noteworthy staff of metallurgists works here. Many of them have been awarded orders and medals; many carry high titles that are proof of the nobility of their work: Distinguished Metallurgist of the Republic, Honored Metallurgists, etc. The steelworkers of Petrovka have long been famous for their work. In the 1930's Sergo Ordzhonikidze visited them. The "Iron" people's commissar valued the expert work of the master steelworkers.

During the years of the first five-year plans, during the years of restoration of the national economy destroyed by the war, and at the present time the steelworkers of the Petrovsk works march in the front ranks of the guardsmen of industry. Many patriotic initiatives, which found response not only among the metallurgists of the Ukraine but also among the metallurgists of the whole country, were originated at this works.

Among the open hearth steelworkers of the Petrovsk works there worked and still work such famous experts as the originator of high-speed steel production in the Ukraine, I. Nevchas, the Honorary Metallurgist of the Republic, steelworkers I. Tsatsko, the Hero of Socialist Labor, P. Makhota, the Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR, The Honorary Metallurgist of the Republic, the senior foreman P. Tarasenko, and many others.

Delegate to the 26th Congress of the All-Union Leninist Young Communist League, Prize Laureate of the Lenin Komsomol, assistant steel worker A. Trebukhov.


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The first team of communist labor of steelworker, I. Shtak at the Petrovsk works.

Team leader of the collective of communist labor of the field laboratory of the open hearth workshop, T. G. Chirkova.

Honorary metallurgist of the country, gold medalist of the Achievements of the National Economy of the USSR, V. Milkhilk.