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IMPROVING THE WORK OF THE CENTRAL RADIO CLUB

The Central Dosarm Radio Club recently held a meeting to hear reports and elect new officers. Signal Corps Marshal I. T. Peresyppkin, chairman of the Council of the Central Radio Club, opened the meeting by saying: "The founding of the Central Radio Club was another manifestation of the care of the party and state for the development of a mass radio-amateur movement in our country. The club must become a model for all others. On the positive side, it must procure quality equipment for measuring, sound recording, reception, and other purposes, and build a powerful, collective short-wave station for radio amateurs, with well-equipped offices and an extensive library."

Peresyppkin detailed the shortcomings of the club and its council, especially in mass organization and mass education. The club has also failed to recruit new members, he charged. The doors should be thrown open to young people interested in short waves, receiver construction, television, and many other branches of radio engineering. The club has not even found ways of working with those of its own members who live outside Moscow. But its greatest fault was that it had not, as yet, become a center for disseminating information on progressive work and methods to all radio clubs.

There are also serious defects in the work done by sections of the club. The short-wave section is a closed organization. Its members still take little interest in general club activities and mass work with short-wave enthusiasts. Peresyppkin reviewed the tasks before the new board of the club and called on all members to correct the shortcomings of the club by criticism and active work. Lively debate followed the speech.

Comrade Mavrodiadi urged resumption of the practice of awarding first- and second-class badges to amateurs to stimulate the growth of technical knowledge. He suggested a first-class badge for general knowledge of radio and several second-class badges for various specialties such as short wave, television, etc. He also discussed training personnel directly in enterprises and schools.

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Comrade Kommodov advocated greater efforts to recruit young people in amateur clubs, especially for short-wave amateur activities.

Comrade Tramm sharply criticized the board of the club for its inactivity in mass kolkhoz radiofication. He also criticized club members who did not take part in club activities or aid the primary organizations of Dosarm.

Comrade Kalashnikov, a representative of the Bashkir Radio Club, spoke on the Central Radio Club's sponsorship of scientific work in other clubs.

Comrade Polyakov, director of the Kiev Radio Club, said the Central Radio Club must encourage social work among radio amateurs. From its own experience, he said, the Central Radio Club should work out a plan of lectures on the priority of Soviet science in the fields of electrical and radio engineering which could be used by local radio clubs to popularize radio as a science.

Among others, Comrades Samoylikov, Pesin, Chekantsev, Bazhenov, and Podol'nyy took part in discussions.

The meeting passed a resolution suggesting methods for improving the club's work.

New officers were elected for the council of the Central Club. Signal Troops Marshal I. T. Peresypkin was elected chairman. The newly elected members of the council are: N. A. Baykuzov, L. A. Gaukman, V. N. Kolesnikov, A. I. Zharov, N. L. Popov, O. G. Yelin, A. F. Kamalyagin, B. A. Levandovskiy, N. V. Kazanskiy, S. V. Litvincv, M. D. Danilov, A. M. Kommodov, M. N. Yemel'yanov, N. K. Bobrovskiy, A. Ya. Korniyenko, V. A. Yegorov, I. K. Lakshin, A. S. Kurskiy, A. A. Chernyshov, A. Z. Losyatinskiy, P. P. Argunov, V. S. Gerdler, V. G. Mavrodiadi, and S. L. Matlin.

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