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MINISTRY OF NONFERROUS METALLURGY USSR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Background History

The All-Union People's Commissariat of Nonferrous Metallurgy was formed by ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, on 24 January 1939, following subdivision of the All-Union People's Commissariat of Heavy Industry into six separate commissariats. The following enterprises were placed under the jurisdiction of the People's Commissariat of Nonferrous Metallurgy: copper-mining and copper-smelting industries, zinc-industry enterprises, lead-industry enterprises, aluminum-industry enterprises, nickel-industry enterprises, gold- and platinum-industry enterprises, rare-metals, and tin-industry enterprises, enterprises for processing nonferrous metals, and enterprises for procuring, processing, and distributing nonferrous-metal scrap.(1)

The People's Commissariat of Nonferrous Metallurgy included the following main administrations:

Main Administration of

- Aluminum, Magnesium and Electrode Industry
- Copper-Smelting Industry
- Copper-Mining Industry
- Zinc and Lead Industry
- Rare Metals Industry
- Tin Industry
- Nickel Industry
- Gold Industry of East Siberia and the Far East
- Gold and Platinum Industry of the Urals, West Siberia and Kazakhstan
- Processing Nonferrous Metals
- Procurement, Processing, and Sale of Nonferrous-Metal Scrap
- Construction of Nonferrous-Metallurgy Enterprises
- Geological Surveying

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Main Supply Administration
Main Transport Administration
Main Administration of Educational Institutions

The Commissariat of Nonferrous Metallurgy also had the following divisions and sectors:

Control and Inspection Group Under the Commissar
Technical Council
Planning Division
Sector for Hiring and Assigning Personnel
Division of Workers and Wages
Central Bookkeeping Office
Accounting Sector
Capital Construction Division
Sales Division
Military Division
Administration for Military Defense and Antiaircraft Defense
Housing Division
Mine-Engineering Inspection
Bureau of Standardization
Bureau of Inventions
Legal Division
Bureau of Awards and Complaints
Management
Secretariat to the Commissar, his Deputies and Collegium
Arbitration Division
Archives (2)

In June 1939, the Main Administration of Food Supply for Workers of the Gold and Platinum Industry (Glavzlotoprodsnab) was established, with a number of regional offices placed under this administration.(3)

On 15 March 1946, all People's Commissariats were changed into ministries by decree of the Supreme Soviet USSR.(4)

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Organization in 1948

The following main administrations were listed in 1948 under the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy:

Glavalyuminiy (Main Administration of Aluminum Industry)
 Glavalyuminstroy (Main Administration for Construction of Aluminum- and Magnesium-Industry Enterprises)
 Glavvol'fram (Main Administration of Tungsten and Molybdenum Industry)
 Glavtortsvetmet (Main Administration of Nonferrous Secondary Metals)
 Glavgeologiya (Main Geological-Prospecting Administration)
 Glavmed' (Main Administration of Copper-Smelting and Copper-Mining Industry)
 Glavnikel'kobalt (Main Administration of Nickel and Cobalt Industry)
 Glavolovo (Main Administration of Tin Industry)
 Glavurs (Main Administration of Workers' Supply)
 Glavredmet (Main Administration of Rare Metals)
 Glavsnab (Main Supply Administration)
 Technical Administration
 Glavtransupr (Main Transport Administration)
 Glavtsvetmetobrabotka (Main Administration for Processing Nonferrous Metals)
 Glavtsvetmetsbyt (Main Administration for the Sale of Nonferrous Metals)
 Glavtsinksvinets (Main Administration of Zinc and Lead Industry)
 GUUZ (Main Administration of Educational Institutions)
 State Main Technical Mining Inspection

In addition to the above main administrations, the same source lists the following All-Union offices and trusts under the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy:

Vol'frantekhsnab (All-Union Office of Material and Technical Supplies, Main Administration of Tungsten and Molybdenum Industry)
 Soyuzalyuminrazvedka (All-Union Geological-Prospecting Office [of the Aluminum Industry])
 Soyuzalyuminstroyasnab (All-Union [Supply] Trust of the Main Administration for Construction of Aluminum- and Magnesium-Industry Enterprises)
 Tsvetmetpetsstroy (Special Construction and Installation Unit of the Main Administration for Construction of Aluminum- and Magnesium-Industry Enterprises)
 Soyuzspetsrazvedka (All-Union [Special Geological Prospecting] Trust)
 Soyuzelektrod (All-Union Trust for Electrode Products)

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Stroyontazh (All-Union Installation Trust)

All-Union Trust of Hard Alloys

Energotsvetmet (All-Union Trust for Planning, Installation, and Repair of Power Equipment) (5)

By ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, dated 29 July 1948, the Ministry of Ferrous Metallurgy USSR and the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy USSR were combined to form the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry USSR.(6)

Changes Since 1950

On 28 December 1950, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR issued a ukase ordering the division of the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry USSR into two ministries, Ministry of Ferrous Metallurgy USSR and Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy USSR, and the transfer of enterprises and organizations to the respective ministries, according to a list approved by the Council of Ministers USSR. The Presidium appointed Petr Paleyevich Komako as Minister of Nonferrous Metallurgy USSR, and Ivan Vasil'yevich Arkhipov as First Deputy Minister of Nonferrous Metallurgy.(7)

A 1950 source refers to "Glavvol'framredmet" (Main Administration of Tungsten and Rare-Metals Industry), which may have superseded "Glavvol'fram" (Main Administration of Tungsten Industry).(8) However, reference was also found to "Glavredmet" (Main Administration of Rare Metals Industry) in a 1951 source.(9)

There are a number of planning institutes under the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy, including "Giproaluminii" (State Institute for Planning Aluminum and Magnesium Enterprises) (10); "Gipronikel" (State Institute for Planning Nickel Enterprises) (11); "Giprotsvetmet" (State Institute for Planning Nonferrous Metallurgical Enterprises) (12); "Giproredmet" (State Institute for Planning Rare-Metals Enterprises), and "Giprotsvetmetobrabotka" (State Institute for Scientific Research and Planning of Plants Processing Nonferrous Metals) (5).

Research for the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy is carried on by a group of scientific research institutes, including "Gintsvetmet" (State Scientific Research Institute of Nonferrous Metals), director Strigin, (8); "VAMI" (All-Union Aluminum and Magnesium Institute) (13); All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Hard Alloys (14); "Unipromed" (Ural Scientific Research Institute of the Copper Industry), Sukhakov, director (8), and "Giredmet" (State Scientific Research Institute of Rare and Minor Metals) (5).

References have been found in 1949 and 1950 sources to several other trusts under the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy, including "Vostsibsvetmetrazvedka" (East Siberian Nonferrous-Metal Prospecting) Trust, Irkutsk (15); "Sredazsvetmetrazvedka" (Central Asian Nonferrous-Metal Prospecting) Trust, Tashkent, ulitsa T. Shevchenko, 11-a, (16); "Altaytsvetmetrazvedka" (Altay Nonferrous Metal Prospecting) Trust, director, Kazantsev, (17); "Zaktsvetmet" (Transcaucasus Nonferrous Metal) Trust (13); and "Armed" (Armenian Copper Industry) Trust (19).

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