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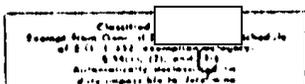
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Historical Background and Specialization:

The Institute of Economics and Organization of Industrial Production is one of two Soviet academic institutes engaged in contemporary mathematical-economic work (the other is the Central Economic-Mathematics Institute in Moscow, directed by Nikolay Fedorenko). The institute, headed by Abel Aganbegyan, employs about 130 professionals--mostly economists, mathematicians, geographers and computer specialists. It focuses its activity on forecasting economic development as well as on long-term national economic and development planning on the basis of mathematical models. Attention is also paid to the more theoretical problems of Siberian industrial development. The institute's researchers have published articles dealing with such topics as the long-range forecasting of the US economy, exploitation of Siberian natural resources, methodologies for the study of rural social problems, optimum transport services, economic modeling of long-term regional construction programs, and consideration of human interests in designing regional production complexes.

The institute was formed shortly after the USSR Academy of Sciences established its Siberian Department in Novosibirsk in 1957, to implement its policy of geographic dispersal of scientific research institutions and personnel. The institute is part of a large complex (called Akademgorodok or "Science City") of research institutes, laboratories, experimental

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plants and a university located about 32 kilometers south of the city. Aganbegyan succeeded its founding director, G. A. Prudenskiy, in late 1966 and immediately brought about its merger with the Academy of Sciences' Laboratory for Economic-Mathematical Methods. Since the merger, emphasis in the institute has shifted from primarily labor-oriented sociological research to development of the use of mathematical methods in economics. The institute also performs numerous studies for Siberian industry on a fee basis.

The institute publishes two professional, Russian-language journals: *News of the Siberian Department of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Social Sciences Series* and *Economics and Organization of Industrial Production*. The former is a monthly series on the social sciences, including economic topics, and the latter provides coverage of eastern regional problems, technical economic-mathematical studies, and articles on the integration of management techniques into the sphere of economics.

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