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The development of intercity communications facilities is continuing. Communications between Krasnoyarsk and the most important rayon centers, Minusinsk, Krasnoturansk, Artemovsk, Idrinskoye, Kuragino, Shushenskoye, and Yermakovskoye are being improved. Direct, permanent telephone lines have been set up from Abakan, capital of the Khakass Autonomous Oblast, to Krasnoyarsk and to Moscow.

The government has allocated large sums of money and considerable quantities of raw materials for the improvement of intercity communications in the kray.

In 1948, considerable effort went into the installation of city telephone exchanges. Dial telephone exchanges were installed in Chernogorsk, Abakan, and seven rayon centers. Preliminary work was begun on the construction of a dial telephone exchange in Krasnoyarsk. Equipment has already been received for this project.

Along with the great successes achieved in the development of communications in the kray, there were shortcomings which hindered services to the population, enterprises, and organizations. In 1947 and the first half of 1948, 43 postal items were never delivered. The workers of the Kamalinsk and Sayansk Communications Department, Rybinskiy Rayon, Nizhne-Ingashskiy and Ilanskiy rayon offices were to blame.

In Tyukhtet, Igarka, Dudinka, Sovetsk, Yartsevo, and other offices the money taken in was misappropriated. The Control and Inspection Branch of the Kray Communications Administration (Comrade Sushilov, branch chief) was inefficiently directed.

There were shortcomings in the work of the Krasnoyarsk intercity and city telephone exchanges. Business negotiations carried on by telephone often had to be broken off because of poor audibility. Certain telephone operators were rude in their treatment of people using the telephones.

There were many line breakdowns in intrarayon telephone communications, especially in Sayanskiy, Achinskii, Biriuzhskii, Daurskii, Yemel'yanovskii, Rybinskiy, Uyarskiy, Nizhne-Ingashskii, and Taseyevskii rayons. The directors of communications offices in these rayons inadequately supervised the quality of line repair, did not take proper preventive measures, and did not provide maintenance service for lines and equipment.

Krasnoyarsk telegraph service is now better than it was formerly. However, time schedules for processing telegrams are often not maintained. Proofreading by telegraph offices is unsatisfactory. As a result, even after correction by proofreaders, the percentage of errors found in telegrams is as high as 15 percent.

Because of a lack of supervision of equipment by clerks and shift chiefs, there is still great delay in the delivery of telegrams.

The workers of kray communications services are striving to eliminate all flaws and breakdowns in 1948 and to improve the quality of their service to organizations, institutions, and the population as a whole.

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