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DOSARM PVO instructors in large primary organizations. A number of primary organizations, with the aid of DOSARM rayon committees, have enlisted many demobilized army officers, doctors, and instructors to train DOSARM PVO instructors. (1)

General-polkovnik V. I. Kuznetsov, chairman of the Central Committee of DOSARM USSR, pointed out in August 1949 that there had been a marked development of PVO within the society (3). The Moldavian SSR DOSARM has formed groups to train Voroshilov marksmen and to study automatic weapons and PVKho (Antiaircraft and Chemical Defense) (4). Fifteen-day courses were held in Yerevan to train leaders of self-defense groups. The trainees came from industrial enterprises, offices, homes, and schools and took part in the courses outside of working hours. A special commission consisting of members of the DOSARM Organization Bureau and of staff workers of the Yerevan MPVO (Local Antiaircraft Defense) conducted examinations. The majority of trainees were rated "good" and some "excellent." (5) The DOSARM primary organization at the Tbilisi Locomotive and Railroad Car Repair Plant imeni Stalin, one of the largest primary organizations in Tbilisi, has six PVO teams. These PVO teams hold periodic intraplant competitions. The DOSARM primary organization at the Moscow Order of Labor Red Banner Machine-Building Plant imeni Sergo Ordzhonikidze, which also has an active PVO group, purchased visual aids with its own funds for PVO training. (6)

The second postwar series of DOSARM PVO competitions were held in 1949. Results of these competitions showed that organizations in which members regularly studied in PVO study groups, met PVO standards, and increased their experience provided hundreds of well trained teams at PVO competitions. This was true especially in the case of organizations in the Tatar ASSR, Moscow and Leningrad, and Gor'kiy Oblast. Conversely, large organizations in Sverdlovsk, Kuybyshev, and Stalingrad oblasts sent less than 50 teams to the PVO competitions. The PVO team from the DOSARM primary organization at the Mint in Petrogradskiy Rayon, Leningrad, prepared extensively for the competitions. As a result, this team was in full combat readiness and well equipped and took first place in the competitions. (1)

The Central Committee of DOSARM USSR announced on 10 December 1949 that the next PVO competitions will be held in April-May 1950 (2).

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