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ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL CROPS GEORGIAN SSR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Historical Evolution

As indicated in an official decree [see also 00-W-21706 "Organization of the Ministry of Agriculture USSR"], a union-republic Peoples' Commissariat of Industrial Crops USSR was established on 11 November 1945. Republic peoples commissariats of industrial crops were established in all union republics except the Karelo-Finnish SSR.(1) On 15 March 1946, all peoples' commissariats became ministries, and the Peoples' Commissariat of Industrial Crops USSR and its republic-level counterparts became the Ministry of Industrial Crops USSR, etc.(2) On 4 February 1947, the Ministry of Industrial Crops USSR, the Ministry of Animal Husbandry USSR, and the Ministry of Agriculture USSR were consolidated into the Ministry of Agriculture USSR.(3) Presumably, all 15 republic ministries of industrial crops were also consolidated with the corresponding republic ministries of agriculture.

However, an ukase of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Georgian SSR dated 13 May 1950 established a Ministry of Industrial Crops Georgian SSR.(4) The ukase ran as follows:

1. To transfer the following industrial crops from the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture Georgian SSR: tea, citrus crops, tung, grapes, sugar beets, volatile oil crops, and tobacco, together with fruit growing and sericulture. To form the union-republic Ministry of Industrial Crops Georgian SSR to supervise these branches of agriculture. [It will be noted that the new ministry is referred to as a union-republic ministry. This would appear to imply the existence of a Ministry of Industrial Crops USSR, and other republic ministries of industrial crops. No indication has been found in sources available in FDD, CIA, of the existence of any ministry of industrial of industrial crops except that in Georgian SSR.]

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2. To transfer to the Ministry of Industrial Crops Georgian SSR enterprises and organizations in accordance with a list confirmed by the Council of Ministers Georgian SSR.

Another ukase of the same date named G. A. Alavidze Minister of Industrial Crops Georgian SSR, and a third relieved him of his previous post of Minister of Agriculture Georgian SSR.(4)

Current OrganizationMinister

G. A. Alavidze, appointed 13 May 1950 (4); last identified 24 July 1952.(5)

Deputy Ministers

1. First Deputy Minister M. D., Budzhinashvili, appointed 10 June 1950 (6); last identified 21 June 1952.(7)

2. Deputy Minister for Cadres G. M. Shavliya, appointed 10 June 1950 (6); last identified 21 June 1952.(7)

3. Deputy Minister A. R. Topuriya, appointed 10 June 1950.(6)

4. Deputy Minister V. Gelashvili, last identified 21 June 1952.(7)

NOTE: A Deputy Minister for Construction, O. K. Melashvili, was first identified concurrently with his removal from this post on 4 March 1952.(8)

Administrations

1. Horticulture Administration; chief, I. Megalashvili (9)

2. Citrus Crops Administration (10)

Other Administrative Units

1. Georgian Silk Trust; director, A. Areshidze (11)

2. Georgian Tea Trust (12)

3. Republic Office of Fruit Nurseries (13)

4. Republic Office of Industrial Crops Supply (14)

5. Republic Office of Industrial Crops Transport (14)

Oblast Level Administrative Units

Kutaisi Oblast Industrial Crops Administration; chief, A. Chikovani (15)

Viticulture Administration; chief, M. Gogoberidze (15)

SOURCES

1. Moscow, Vedomosti Verkhovnoho Soveta SSR, No 78, 1945

2. Ibid., No 10, 1946

3. Ibid., No 6, 1947

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