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SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS IN THE "TOPLIVO" COAL ENTERPRISE

The "Toplivo" DTP (Durzhavno Turgovsko Predpriyatie, State Commercial Enterprise) was given the responsibility of supplying the workers with coal, wood, and other fuel.

In 1952, almost 85 percent of Sofia's households placed their orders for fuel with the "Toplivo" DTP. The Sofia branch of this enterprise had to supply 60 percent more coal than last year.

Through the fault of the "Vuglishta" DMO (Durzhavno Minno Obedinenie, State Mining Association) and the Central Administration of the "Toplivo" DTP, the orders for coal were signed as late as 31 July 1952. This hampered the delivery of adequate quantities of coal during the summer. This error would not have had any serious effects if the Sofia branch of the "Toplivo" DTP had first made certain that every household received a certain amount of coal.

But the management of the Sofia branch paid little attention to this problem. The result was that 25 percent of the workers ordering from the "Toplivo" DTP had a full winter's supply of coal by the end of September and 12 percent had received none. The "Toplivo" DTP supplied coal to the households in the center of town and to those located in the vicinity of its warehouses, but it neglected those families living in remote, unimproved sections, where the delivery of coal in rainy weather presents serious difficulties.

A well organized accounting system, which is very necessary for the "Toplivo" DTP, is seriously lacking. The accounting system in the warehouses is extremely poor. The files are 3 years old and they have not been kept up to date. It is not unusual to find two or three cards for the same person and often one card is filled twice.

Some "Toplivo" DTP employees dispose highhandedly of the property which has been entrusted to them, and grossly violate government and planned-economy regulations.

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In August 1952, P. Ponev, manager of the "Dobri Terpeshev" warehouse, gave the "Khlyabi Khlebni Izdeliya" Stopansko Predpriyake (Bread and Bakery Products Economic Enterprise) of the SGNS (Sofiyiski Gradski Narodni Sovet, Sofia People's Soviet), 200 tons of firewood instead of lignite, which was in the warehouse. Many other warehouse managers have done the same and thereby have deprived 1,000 households of wood.

Often the customer gets one kind of coal when he has ordered another. By the end of September 1952, the "Toplivo" DTP had received 2,850 written complaints on this subject. But the "Toplivo" DTP is quite indifferent to complaints.

The poor service rendered by a great number of "Toplivo" DTP supply houses is due to extremely poor control on the part of the managers of the Sofia branch. For months on end the warehouses are not inspected by the manager, the assistant managers, or even by the section managers. For example, the person responsible for the accounts of the Sofia branch, Dzh. Stoyanov, did not make sure, at the beginning of the year, that the files were in order.

The party organization in the enterprise is making no effort to eliminate these shortcomings. Despite the many signs of inefficiency in the various warehouses, the situation has never been discussed at a party meeting and none of the Communists working there have been held responsible. The party bureau, whose secretary is N. Vaklinov, has done nothing to mobilize the party organization of the DTP.

The unsatisfactory situation at the "Toplivo" DTP can also be explained by the fact that leading Communists, such as Shilyashki (who has replaced N. Vaklinov, chief administrator and secretary of the party organization) and D. Nikolov (chairman of the trade union), are not listening to the warnings of the workers about the unsatisfactory situation in the warehouses and the dealings of some unscrupulous employees, and do not try to combat the violators of government discipline. In many cases, they smother criticism in the enterprise and cover up the outrageous acts of certain individuals.

As a result of the use of such methods by the management, it is not surprising that cases of corruption and embezzlement of state property have occurred. Embezzlement has even occurred among Communists, as was the case with Il. Spirov.

Much of the fault for the present state of affairs in the Sofia branch also lies with the Central Administration. The branch was without a director for 5 months until the beginning of September.

Thus precious time, which could have been used to prepare for the coming season, has been wasted. But even after the arrival of the director, B. Notev, good working discipline and a sense of personal responsibility among the employees were not introduced. The conflicts within the party and trade union organizations before his arrival have continued to distract the attention of the management from the real problems of the enterprise. Meanwhile, the workers expect to be supplied with wood and coal and they expect a correct distribution of the available supplies.

The majority of the officials and workers of the "Toplivo" DTP are good and honest Communists, as well as non-party members, who like their enterprise. When they are placed in this atmosphere of interior strife and poor working discipline, however, they do not know what to do.

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Until recently the city committee of the party had taken no measures to eliminate the shortcomings of the "Toplivo" DTP. These shortcomings were always blamed on the lack of coal. It is now absolutely essential that the city committee of the party, the okrug committee of the Profsuyuz na rabotnitsite po Kredita (Trade Union of Finance Workers), and the Central Administration of the "Toplivo" DTP make a detailed investigation of the work of the Sofia branch, so that they may find a way to eliminate the organizational weaknesses which exist there. The recently increased supply of coal must be distributed as equitably as possible, sufficient means of transportation must be assured, and strict control of the warehouses must be established.

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