

Suzhikov who thought of what we should do

According to the results of medical examination of people living on the territories close to the Semipalatinsk Test Site, which was conducted in 1957-1959 by Saim Balmukhanov and Bakhiya Atchabarov, the report on negative impact of nuclear tests on the region's ecological situation was prepared. On the basis of the report M.A. Suzhikov, First Secretary of the Semipalatinsk Regional Committee of the Communist Party of Kazakhstan, worked out and sent paper to the Kremlin. For the first time it contained systematized analysis of the increase in sicknesses with unknown symptoms as well as radioactive impact of genetic code of the Kazakhs. According to the Academician Balmukhanov, after this mission the Secretary of the Regional Committee "flew from his position like a hat from head" [1].

Violation of secrecy of the polygon in this case wasn't significant in the time of developed instruments of technical intelligence. The deed was the cause for concern; demarche of representatives of Kazakh intellectuals against the brutal methods of the Soviet nuclear superiority strategy implementation could get a crowd going. Norbert Wiener talked about totalitarian state that in response to the signals of feedback it reacts by the destruction of their carrier.

The example of Suzhikov is remarkable in respect of the method which the Communist political technology used for disavowal of its obstinate peripheral leaders. The precedent with paper on deadly impact of the Semipalatinsk Test Site on the local population, being the real cause of discontent of Moscow and Alma-Ata, could not be the matter for removal of regional leader. The developments should move according to the developed scenario. A charge of failure of obligations in the production of agricultural products was brought as a traditional pretense for auto-da-fe. Initially, megaphone of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR "Pravda" sharply criticized the agricultural situation in the region [2]. Then the 3rd Plenum of the Semipalatinsk Regional Committee of the Communist Party of Kazakhstan was carried out. There Suzhikov was attacked for the fact that "productivity of crops didn't increase and several farms had poor harvest" (D.A. Kunayev) [3]. On September 3, 1960 Suzhikov was removed from the post of the First Secretary of the Semipalatinsk Regional Committee of the Party because of breakdown of the grain growing.

However, the paradox is that just one week later new governing body in the region announced that "workers of agricultural sector of the Semipalatinsk region before the appointed time by September 10 accomplished the plan of bread selling to the state" [4]. Conducted action revealed political forgery and the following implication: the area of imperial interests in Kazakhstan was out of the competence of the republic.

However, from late 1958 to January 1961 test explosions of nuclear weapon weren't conducted at the polygon with the exception of hydronuclear experiments. Staff report had its results: the Ministry of medium mechanical engineering in the USSR conducted evacuation of settlement from dangerous area and partially compensated exclusion of lands from economic circulation; systematic medical examinations started.

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