

Protocol #2

Session of the CC CPSU Politburo Operational Group on issues related to the elimination of the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl NPS [nuclear power station]

30 April 1986

Attended:

Members of the Politburo CPSU Central Committee: Comrades N. I. Ryzhkov, Y. K. Ligachev, V. I. Vorotnikov, V. M. Chebrikov

Candidate members of the Politburo CPSU Central Committee: Comrades V. I. Dolgikh, S. L. Sokolov

Minister of Internal Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Comrade A. V. Vlasov

Invited participants:

Head of the Department of Heavy Industries and Energy of the CPSU Central Committee: Comrade I. P. Yastrebov

President of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR: Comrade A. P. Aleksandrov

First Deputy Minister of Defense: Comrade S. F. Akhromeyev

First Deputy Minister of Medium Machine Engineering: Comrade A. M. Petrosyants

Head of the Civil Defense Forces of the USSR: Comrade A. T. Altunin

First Deputy Minister of USSR Ministry of Public Health: Comrade O. P. Shchepin

First Deputy Chairman of the USSR State hydrometeorological Committee: Comrade D. S. Sedunov

Minister of USSR Higher and Secondary Special Education: Comrade G. A. Yagodin

Head of the VPO "SoyuzAtomEnergo" of the Ministry of Energy and Electrification of the USSR: Comrade G. A. Veretennikov

Head of the 16 Main Directorate of the Ministry of Medium Machine Building: Comrade E. V. Kulikov

Deputy Head of the Department of Heavy Industries and Energy of the CPSU Central Committee: Comrade V. M. Frolyshev

1. About the situation at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station

Take note of the information from Comrade V. Dolgikh on this issue.

2. About the radiation situation in European parts of the USSR

Take note of the message from Comrade Sedunov that in general radiation levels are decreasing, the spread of radioactive substances on Polish territory remains fixed and in connection with

changing wind directions it is possible that the substances will also appear in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania.

Instruct the state hydrometer to provide daily information about the radiation situation in the European part of the USSR.

3. On the participation of subdivisions of the Ministry of Defense in eliminating the consequences of the accident

Take note of:

- The message from Comrade Altunin that with the forces of civil defense units a network of points has been organized for observing the radiation situation, including at railway stations and in the airport, and equipment is being readied for the decontamination of the roads.
- The report from Comrade Akhromeyev about the arrival of remote control technology at the Chernobyl NPS, about the distribution of 10,000 food rations to evacuees, about the upcoming formation on the 2nd of May of a brigade of chemical troops consisting of 2,000 service men and 650 pieces of equipment, which will begin work on the site of the accident on the 4th of May. At this time 600 people are already at work there.

Instruct Akhromeyev to work on the decontamination of the territory of the station and areas adjacent to it at maximum speed.

4. In Response to the English, French and Italian students studying in Kiev and Minsk

Take into consideration information from Comrade Yagodin on this question.

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