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Since the organization last November of the Soviet Party-State Control Committee for the purpose of keeping watch on the fulfillment of party and state decisions and cleansing the public body of harmful practices, reports of its operations generally have been limited to those coming from the smaller republics and local government units. There now has appeared an account of the proceedings of the Russian Federation Republic's Control Committee which shows a wider dimension of the activity of this new agency, of so much interest to the average Soviet citizen, than any previous one.

It was revealed at a meeting of the Party-State Control Committee of the Bureau of the Central Committee CPSU for the RSFSR and the Council of Ministers RSFSR that the Committee has organized administrative offices in 118 oblasts and/or territories and urban centers of the Russian Federation from the Baltic to the Pacific. Over 75,000 control committees were set up for industries, construction sites, transportation, and state and collective farms which operate 113,758 "control points." The number of people engaged in this undertaking reach 1,070,000. No figures on the number of professional hard-core cadres of the Control Committee were given, but of the figure cited, the majority are volunteer workers. (Sovetskaya rossiya, Selskaya zhizn, 23 March 1963).

Problems on the agenda of the RSFSR Control Committee meeting were wholly agricultural in substance -- delays in moving chemical fertilizers from railway stations to the farms, the tractor repair campaign, the shortage of spare parts, etc.

The RSFSR Committee took up specific cases of negligence at oblast and lower levels, sounding "warnings" against offending officials, and holding out threats of "severe punishment" for those not complying with the orders. Neither the local nor higher units of the Control Committee seem to have the power to punish an offender directly. Apparently their task is to investigate and reveal wrong-doings rather than to prosecute.

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