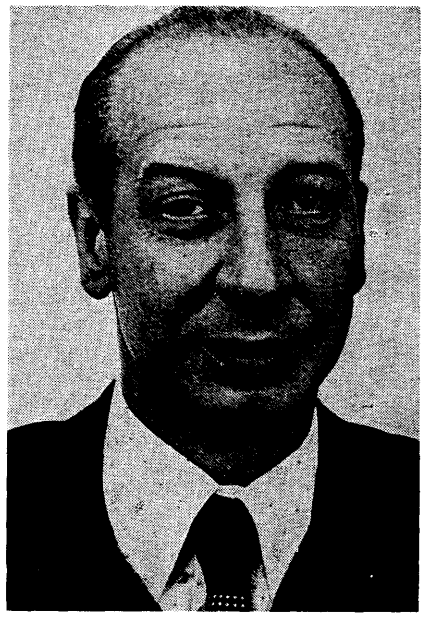
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DMITRII YAKOVLEVICH TOPTYGIN

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The Editorial Board and the Editors of the journal Uspekhi Khimii announce with deep regret that Deputy Chief Editor, Doctor of Chemical Sciences Dmitrii Yakovlevich Toptygin died prematurely on 20th May 1990 at the age of 59.

Toptygin's principal scientific activity was associated with his work at the Kurnakov Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry of the USSR Academy of Sciences and then with his duties as Scientific Secretary at the Division of General and Technical Chemistry of the Praesidium of the USSR Academy of Sciences. Within the walls of the Praesidium, his life was influenced directly by famous scientists and organisers of Soviet science such as Academicians N N Semenov, A N Nesmeyanov, E M Emanuel', etc.

From 1967 until his last days, Toptygin worked at the Institute of Chemical Physics of the USSR Academy of Sciences where he devoted much attention to the development of a quantitative theory of free-radical reactions involving the degradation and modification of polymeric materials. He enjoyed deserved authority not only within the scientific team which was established around him at the Institute of Chemical Physics of the USSR Academy of Sciences but also far outside the Institute as an excellent organiser. From 1983, Toptygin was Deputy Chief Editor of the journal Uspekhi Khimii and for 20 years he was member of the Bureau of the Scientific Council on High-Molecular-Weight Compounds.

A bright remembrance of Dmitrii Yakovlevich Toptygin, our colleague and a principled and kindly human being, whose counsel assisted all persons who came into contact with him, will remain with us forever.

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