Report of the Presidium of the Provincial Committee

The report of comrade Preobrazhensky

Since the Plenum of the Provincial Committee ended, the Presidium has had to work in conditions that have been completely unfavourable in terms of the personal composition of the Presidium. Comrade Krivov fell seriously ill at the outset and had to be allowed to take leave, and a second member, comrade Yur’ev, only arrived in Ufa at the end of January. Guzakov never attended a single meeting, so the work of the Presidium stagnated; of course, with only one person, the work could not be done. It was only at the last moment that we were able to begin work and barely stick some departments together – that is how

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we organised the Department of Agitation and Propaganda, whose management was assigned to comrade Stukov. Then, because almost no political work was done in the local garrison, resulting in numerous misunderstandings, we had to think about creating a Military Department under the Provincial Committee that would follow and direct the work of the existing political organs under the military institutions. Comrade Kadomtsev was put in charge. We were not able to complete all of the tasks of the Provincial Conference and the Plenum, and some of them were only partially fulfilled. We can report complete satisfaction in relations between the Provincial Committee and the Presidium of the Provincial Executive Committee.

During this period, we more than once had to react to various misunderstandings in the districts: in one case, the requisitions were not conducted correctly, in another there was a delay in collecting grain or stagnation in party-work, and so on, but on a larger scale, the Provincial Committee has accomplished nothing. We also had to participate actively in settling the conflict that occurred in Bashkiria. Recently, because of our isolation from the centre and a complete lack of newspapers from the capital, we have had no news about party-work, nor even of the newly adopted regulations of our Party that are so essential for our work. On all the important questions of principle we have summoned meetings of senior workers, and four such meetings have occurred. Thus the resolution of major questions was not narrowly determined by the Presidium alone, but collectively. Matters that were not of principled importance were usually determined by the Presidium. As a result of the conditions that developed, we had to dissolve the urban district and declare a re-registration there: the causes for this will be discussed in detail by comrade Kadomtsev. Above all, the Presidium had to fritter away time on the details of urban work and negotiations with the Ukrainians, who regularly besieged us for entire days with requests to take leave in Ukraine.

The Department for Work among the Nationalities

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In place of the existing national sections, the Provincial Conference decided to create, under the Provincial Committee, a Department for Work among the Nationalities. It was resolved to achieve this as follows: to gather the chairmen of the sections – of the Chuvash-Mari, the Tatar-Bashkir, the Jewish, the Latvian and foreign groups – every week, under my chairmanship. Every sub-department

3. [Handwritten above the line.]