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On the Mourning Events in Connection with the Death of Academician A.  
D. Sakharov

On 17 December of this year a farewell ceremony for People's Deputy of the USSR, Academician A. D. Sakharov, took place in Moscow at the Youth Palace from 13:00 to 23:00. Around 50,000 residents and guests of the capital took part in it, including more than 100 people's deputies of the USSR, diplomatic representatives of the embassies of Great Britain, the USA, FRG, Canada, France, Belgium, and Poland. Among the numerous wreaths in the mourning hall were those from the Narodno-trudovoi soiuz [People's Labor Movement], "the citizens of Israel," "the Democratic Union," and "the Russian Popular Front," and a basket of flowers from A. Solzhenitsyn.

Around 150 members of the foreign mass media who arrived at the site of the events conducted interviews, shot videos, and took photographs.

Various Soviet individuals held posters with inscriptions: "Andrei Dmitrievich—we swear to be loyal to your banner," "Sakharov's causes was the struggle for democracy," etc. A group of residents from the city of Zelenograd had posters with the slogan, "Down with Art. 6 of the Soviet Constitution"; some had badges pinned to their clothing, symbolizing its repeal. A delegation from the People's Movement ("Rukh") of Ukraine, numbering 12 individuals with a yellow-and-blue flag, arrived to bid farewell to Academician A. D. Sakharov.

A requiem service for the absent deceased was held in the Dormition Cathedral of Novodevichy Monastery and the Epiphany Patriarchal Cathedral.

Coincidentally, on the day of A. D. Sakharov's death meetings organized by various unofficial associations took place in Novosibirsk, Vorkuta, Yaroslavl, Kalinin, Kyiv, Odesa, Kharkiv, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and other cities of the country, during which negative statements were made. In Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk the assembled people held nationalistic symbols, appeals were issued to stop work at industrial enterprises on 18 December for 5–10 minutes. In Vorkuta, Pimenov, a representative of the strike committee of the Vorgashorsk Mine, publicly announced that “the party has been strangling everything living for 72 years.”

This is reported as information.

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