



Guide to the Russian Posters Collection, 1919-1989 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Russian Posters collection, 1919-1989 and undated

Abstract:

The Russian Posters Collection is divided into three series spanning the years 1919 to 1989: 30 posters emphasizing the benefits of communism and the first "Five Year Plan" for workers, the achievements of the USSR under communism, religion as an enemy of the people, and the struggle against and decline of capitalism; 14 placards from the 22nd Congress of the Communist Party of the USSR describing and depicting the strength of the country in industrial development, consumer goods, agricultural production, electrification, and the national welfare; and the collapse of the colonial system of imperialism and the problems facing capitalism; and last, ten posters from the "perestroika" period of the 1980s, most of which were exhibited in Moscow in 1988. In addition, the collection houses nine facsimiles of Russian posters from the 1920s-1930s. The posters have been digitized and are available online.

Extent:

4 Linear Feet

81 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

Russian

Language:

Material in Russian

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Background

Scope and Content

The Russian Posters Collection spans a good part of 20th century Russian political history, and is divided into three main groupings: 30 posters emphasizing the benefits of communism and the first "Five Year Plan" for workers, the achievements of the former USSR under communism, religion as an enemy of the people, and the struggle against and decline of capitalism; 14 placards from the 22nd Congress of the Communist Party of the former USSR describing and depicting the strength of the country in industrial development, consumer goods, agricultural production, electrification, and the national welfare, and the collapse of the colonial system of imperialism and the problems facing capitalism; and last, 26 posters from the "perestroika" period of the 1980s, most of which were exhibited in Moscow in 1988. In addition, the collection houses nine facsimiles of Russian posters from the 1920s-1930s. Some posters feature anti-religious slogans. The posters have also been digitized and are available online.

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Acquisition Information

The Russian Posters Collection were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in the early 1960s, 1970s, and 2010.

Posters in the General Political Posters series were a gift of Calvin Bryce Hoover (1897-1974), a member of the Duke faculty, chairman of the Department of Economics (1937-1957) and Dean of the Graduate School (1938-1948).

Processing Information

Collection processed by Rubenstein Library staff.

The sequential numbering and the English-language translations of poster titles in the General Political Posters series were penciled in by Raphael Lemkin (1900-1959), most likely during his brief tenure as a Visiting Instructor in the Duke University Law School (1941-1942). Those translated titles have been retained in this collection guide.

Accessions from 1960s, 1970s, and 2010 are described in this finding aid.

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Collection Inventory

General Political Posters Series, 1919-1930 and undated

Physical Description: 30 items

Scope and Contents note

These political posters from the former Soviet Union cover the period between the end of the "New Economic Policy" and the beginning of the first "Five Year Plan" and cover a range of related issues related to religion, economic and social changes, and political events. Their titles have been translated into English by Raphael Lemkin (1900-1959), most likely during his brief tenure as a visiting instructor in the Duke University Law School (1941-1942). When dates are present they have been added.

"Snaring the birds" , 1930 (online item available)

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Digital Object: [Птицеловы](#)

"Anti-religious farm women prepare to quit old life and move into new life," 1929 (online item available)

Oversize-folder 1

Digital Object: [Крестьянка! Будь готова уйти от старой жизни к новой](#)

"Enemies of the Five Year Plan," circa 1929 (online item available)	Oversize-folder 1
Digital Object: Враги пятилетки	
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"Public nursery" (online item available)	Oversize-folder 1
Digital Object: Растёт смена. Даёшь ясли!	
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"Stalin: 'Russian Revolution has given national life and development to many groups in Russia'" (online item available)	Oversize-folder 1
Digital Object: Октябрьская революция, порвав старые цепи и выдвинув на сцену целый ряд забытых народов и народностей, дала им жизнь и новое развитие	
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Digital Object: Что дала крестьянству диктатура пролетариата	

- "Proletarians of the world unite" (online item available) Oversize-folder 2
Digital Object: [Пролетарии всех стран, соединяйтесь! XII лет октября](#)
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Digital Object: [Кооперация СССР. За единый революционный фронт трудящихся](#)
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Digital Object: [1914-1918. За что погибло 10,000,000?](#)
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Digital Object: [Довольно надувательства!](#)
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Digital Object: [Путь к октябрю -- к мировой революции](#)
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- "Struggle against religion is a struggle for communism" (online item available) Oversize-folder 2
Digital Object: [Церковь и хлебозаготовки](#)
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Digital Object: [Труженица востока, становись в ряды строителей социализма](#)

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Digital Object: [Красная Армия--Вооруженная сила С.С.С.Р. для защиты интересов трудящихся](#)
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Digital Object: [Да здравствует непрерывная неделя. Приложение к журналу "Безбожник у станка"](#)
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- "The best answer to the designs of imperialism is a strong industrialization and a spirit of cooperation" (online item available) Oversize-folder 3
Digital Object: [Лучший ответ на замыслы империалистов усиление индустриализации и кооперирование СССР](#)
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"Go to the collective farms" (anti-kulak) (online item available) Oversize-folder 3

Digital Object: [Иди в колхоз](#)

"Leningrad" (online item available) Oversize-folder 3

Digital Object: [Leningrad](#)

Scope and Contents note

Travel poster (2011 acquisition).

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Electioneering Placards: Twenty-Second Communist Party Congress Series, 1960-1962

Physical Description: 14 items

Scope and Contents note

Electioneering placards related to the 22nd Congress of the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union. The titles have been translated into English.

"Twenty-second Congress of the SPSU - Congress of communism's builders, Moscow, Oct. 17-31, 1961" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(1\) XXII съезд КПСС--съезд строителей коммунизма, Москва, 17-31 октября 1961 г.](#)

"The transformation of the socialist system into a decisive factor of world development" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(2\) Превращение системы социализма в решающий фактор мирового развития](#)

"The collapse of the colonial system of imperialism" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(3\) Распад колониальной системы империализма](#)

"New strain on capitalism's general crisis" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(4\) Новое обострение общего кризиса капитализма](#)

"Further strengthening of the economic might of the USSR, 1956-1961," 1962 (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(5\) Дальнейшее укрепление экономической мощи СССР, 1956-1961 гг.](#)

"Seven year employment plan," 1962 (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(6\) Новые, повышенные задания семилетки](#)

"Further strengthening of the economic might of the USSR, 1956-1961" , 1961 (heavy industry statistics) (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(7\) Дальнейшее укрепление экономической мощи СССР, 1956-1961 гг.](#)

"The rise of agricultural production, 1956-1960" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(8\) Подъем сельскохозяйственного производства 1956-1960 гг.](#)

"The growth in national welfare in 1956-1960" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(9\) Рост народного благосостояния в 1956-1960 гг.](#)

"A general perspective of USSR industrial development, 1961-1980 - capital investment" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(10\) Генеральная перспектива развития промышленности СССР, 1961-1980 гг.](#)

"Electrification - pivot in the building of the communist economy, 1961-1980" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(11\) Электрификация--стержень строительства экономики коммунизма, 1961-1980 гг.](#)

"A general perspective of USSR industrial development, 1961-1980 - production goals" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(12\) Генеральная перспектива развития промышленности СССР, 1961-1980 гг.](#)

"Master-plan of development of the USSR's agricultural sector, 1961-1980" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(13\) Великий план развития сельского хозяйства СССР, 1961-1980 гг.](#)

"Rise in the national material welfare, 1961-1980" (online item available) Oversize-folder 4

Digital Object: [\(14\) Подъем материального благосостояния народа, 1961-1980 гг.](#)

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Facsimile Posters Series, 1920s-1930s

Physical Description: 9 items

Scope and Contents note

Facsimiles of former Soviet Union posters from the 1920s and 1930s. Dates are approximate.

"7th anniversary of the October Revolution," 1925-1928 (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [Юные Ленинцы--дети Ильича. К 7-ой годовщине октябрьской революции](#)

"Join the Red cavalry!," 1920-1939 (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [Вступайте до червоної кінноти!](#)

"Last hour," 1920 (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [Последний час](#)

"Under the red flag...," 1920-1939 (women marching against a lone capitalist who is falling before them) (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [Работницы и крестьянки, все на выборы: Под красный стяг, в ряды с мужчиной! - буржуазии страх несем!](#)

"Help! Join the ranks of the MOPR!," 1920-1939 (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [Помоги. Вступайте в ряды МОПР!](#)

"Revolution of 1905, " 1920-1939 (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [Рабочих и Ленина соединила в своем пороховом дыму революция 1905 г.](#)

"Red Army defense of the proletarian revolution," 1920-1939 (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [23 февраля 1919 г.: Красная Армия защита пролетарской революции](#)

"Enemy wants to capture the heart of Moscow, Soviet Russia," 1920-1939 (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [Враг хочет захватить Москву--сердце советской России: Враг должен быть уничтожен. Вперёд, Товарищи!](#)

"Road to Communism," 1920 (online item available) Oversize-folder 5

Digital Object: [Грамота--путь к коммунизму](#)

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Perestroika Era Posters Series, circa 1980-1989

Physical Description: 26 items

Scope and Contents note

An assemblage of posters, arranged in two subgroupings, from the decade prior to the break-up of the Soviet Union, about 1980 to 1989. All except one of these posters formed an exhibit held in Moscow in 1988; ten reproductions are in their own exhibit folder. One poster from an anti-alcoholism campaign unrelated to the exhibit but from the same period closes the series. The transcribed title is followed by the English translation. Authors and artists's names are also given; in some cases there is more than one name. Some posters are composites of more than one poster; and one poster consists of three sheets. Posters are in original order as received.

Exhibit Posters Subseries

Physical Description: 13 items

Scope and Contents note

Consists of a cover folder that describes the 1988 Moscow poster exhibit and which contains reproductions of ten posters, one of which is a triptych. The cover folder for the posters reads, "Soiuz khudozhnikov SSSR.; Soiuz

khudozhnikov RSFSR.; Moskovskaia organizatsiia Soiuz khudozhnikov RSFSR. Plakat-perestroike: komplet-vystavka (Moskva: "Plakat," 1988)."

Cover folder, poster exhibition, 1988 (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Плакат--Перестройке: выставка: комплект-выставка](#)

"Invalidy bol'she ne mogut zhdat'." [The disabled can wait no longer.] Kacher, O. (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Инвалиды больше не могут ждать](#)

"Pravda." [Truth.] Belozеров, G. (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Правда](#)

"Chto delat'?" [What is to be done?] Cherenov, V., A. Reshetov and V. Kozlov (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Что делать?](#)

"Narod, zabyvshii svoiu istoriiu..." [A people that forgets its own history...] Kovaleva, L. (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Народ, забывающий свою историю...](#)

"1929. Kollektivizatsiia." [1929: Collectivization.] Vaganov, A. (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [1929. Коллективизация](#)

"Kadry reshaiut vse (3 lista)." [Party cadres decide all.] Kondurov, A. Oversize-folder 6

Physical Description: 3 sheets, total of 6 images

"1935, 1936, 1937....1940." (Deportation train with ghostly images) Lozenko, A. (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [1935...1940](#)

"Venets--delu konets." [All's well that ends well.] Mosienko, S. (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Венец--делу конец...](#)

"U menia est' svoe mnenie, no ia s nim nesoglasen." [I have my own opinion, but I do not agree with it.] Leonov, Iu. (online item available)

Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [У меня есть свое мнение, но я с ним не согласен...](#)

"Spasite!" [Help!] (Dog with sewn leather patch on ear and price tag - protesting selling of dog furs?) Sukharev, S. (online item available)

Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Спасите!](#)

"?000,000..." [no translation; shows pyramid of red hands against dark background] (online item available)

Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Кадры решают всё \(1-й лист\). ?000,000 Душ](#)

Prize-winning Exhibit Posters Subseries

Physical Description: 12 items

Scope and Contents note

Consists of prize winners from the same 1988 exhibit. Two of the posters have two additional images, besides the one represented by the title. There are actually 16 images, as several posters are composites of more than one poster. Arranged in order from first prize to runners-up.

"Nash schet. 707." [Our account. 707.] Tarasov, I. (1st prize) (online item available)

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Digital Object: [Наш счет. 707](#)

"Pravil'no poniat' proshloe -- znachit oblegchit' poiski vernogo puti v budushchee." [Correctly understanding the past eases the search for a true path to the future.] Lekomtsev, A., E. Morozovskii, O. Staikov. II premiia (2nd prize) (online item available)

Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Правильно понять прошлое -- значит облегчить поиски верного пути в будущее](#)

"Doloi pokazukhu! " [Down with showing-off!] Chervotkin, N. II premiia (online item available)

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Digital Object: [Долой показуху!](#)

"Pamiat'." [Memory.] Sidorova, M., L. Kaushanskii. III premiia (3rd prize) (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Память](#)

"S dnev rozhdeniia, Komsomol!" [Happy Birthday, Komsomol (Young Communist League)!] Faldin, A., R. Akmanov. III premiia (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

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"Stalinizm." [Stalinism.] Leonov, Iu. III premiia (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Сталинизм!](#)

"Zabota -- eto rabota!" [Caring takes work.] Vasil'chenko, A. Pooshchritel'naia premiia (runner-up) (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Забота -- это работа!](#)

"Popalas'! (A triptych image of three posters, including these other two: Segal', A., A. Faldin, "Kaby chego..."; and Budanov, Iu., "Tiazhelyi metal")" [(1) Caught! (2) So as not to... (3) Heavy metal.] Reznikov, I, S. Vasil'ev. Pooshchritel'naia premiia (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Попалась!; Кабы чего...; Тяжелый металл](#)

"Vznos Komsomola (2 other posters: Kurashov, I, A. Faldin, A. Faldina, "...Nasha sovest' est' nam luchshii sud'ia"; and Tarasov, A., "Imei svoe litso!")" [(1) Komosomol dues; (2) Our conscience is our best judge; (3) Be your own person!] Pivnev, N. Pooshchritel'naia premiia (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Взнос Комсомола; Наша совесть есть нам лучший судья; Имей своё лицо!](#)

"Kazhdoi sem'e k 2000 godu..." [To every family in the year 2000...] Linnik, I., A. Krent'. Pooshchritel'naia premiia (online item available) Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Каждой семье к 2000 году...](#)

"Mama!" [Mama!]Valiakhmetov, I.
Pooshchritel'naia premiia (online item
available)

Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Мама!](#)

"Novyi den' budu stroit' sam." [I will
build the new day myself!] Kovalenko, V.
Pooshchritel'naia premiia (online item
available)

Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [Новый день буду строить сам](#)

Other Posters

Physical Description: 1 item

"Ot pervoi sladkoi riumochki..." [From the first
sweet wine glass...] Teplitskaia, I.(Moskva: Izd-
vo "Plakat", 1989) (online item available)

Oversize-folder 6

Digital Object: [От первой сладкой рюмочки...](#)

Scope and Contents note

Perestroika-era poster, unrelated to the 1988 Moscow exhibit, deals with the Soviet government's anti-alcohol campaign.

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