



Ekonomicheskaya Zhizn ("Economic Life") Newspaper, Assassination of Kirov Special Issue, 2 December 1934.

Size approx. 17" x 23". The front page and the top half of p. 2 contain eulogies and a short bio of Sergey Kirov, assassinated just one day prior. Kirov, member of the Central Committee and Leningrad Committee of the Communist Party, the de-facto leader of Leningrad, the second capital city of the Soviet Union and "the cradle of the Revolution" as the Bolsheviks called it, wielded a lot of power due to his popularity among the party elite as well as the population of Leningrad

Whether or not Stalin was complicit in the assassination may forever remain a mystery. Perhaps it was pure coincidence that it had removed Stalin's competition at the top of the Party ladder, and at the same time gave him a pretext to launch the first processes of the Great Purge. Perhaps, Leonid Nikolaev, a former employee in the Leningrad Regional Committee of the Party, shot Kirov out of jealousy over the rumors of Kirov's romantic involvement with Nikolaev's wife. We may never know with 100% certainty.

For weeks after the assassination, every newspaper of the Soviet Union ran the official version of its events, but there are very few of them still available, and even fewer that ran it the very next day after the assassination. To come across it in a relatively unknown publication such as Ekonomicheskaya Zhizn, and in near mint condition at that, is truly a rare find.

The newspaper is free of any significant wear or damage, showing just minimal fraying at the edges, neat staple holes without any adjacent tears, and mild and even age-toning to the paper. The print and graphics are in impeccable condition. Suitable for mounting on acid-free board for display and presentation. Will be shipped folded in four - exactly as it was acquired.

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