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## Award Pennant for best results in socialist competition, with original manufacturer paper tag, late 1970s.

Measures approx. 10 ½" x 17 ½" excluding the fringe. In two-layered silk with gold fringe along the bottom edge. High quality stenciled graphics and text, the text reading "To the Winner of Socialist Competition".

The original paper tag identifies the manufacturer, the Banner of Labor Factory in Mytishchi, a close suburb of Moscow. The factory is administrated by the Directorate of enterprises employing people with disability.

In brand-new, unissued condition. There is not a trace of wear on either side of the pennant. It becomes evident upon close inspection that there is an insignificant manufacturing defect, about 3" on top of the right-hand side where stitching does not reach the verso layer of silk. As a side effect, the steel rod inside the sleeve at the top edge can come out on that side. If desired, this can all be repaired quickly and easily if you are handy with a needle and thread. Another manufacturing oversight is that the paper tag is stitched to the obverse side instead of the verso. However, in our opinion, knowing that the pennant was made by people with disabilities, such small defects can be forgiven and forgotten. Or corrected, if desired.

Pennants like this were issued as an inspirational prize to a labor team for best results in one of the multitude of Socialist Competitions set up among different Soviet industries and teams of workers. Those that won such a competition were given the presentation banners or pennants such as this one in addition to monetary rewards and various special benefits.

Please note that the pen in our photo is for size reference.

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