

Commemorative Wall Plate of the VSKhV Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow, Budy Faience Factory, circa late 1950s.

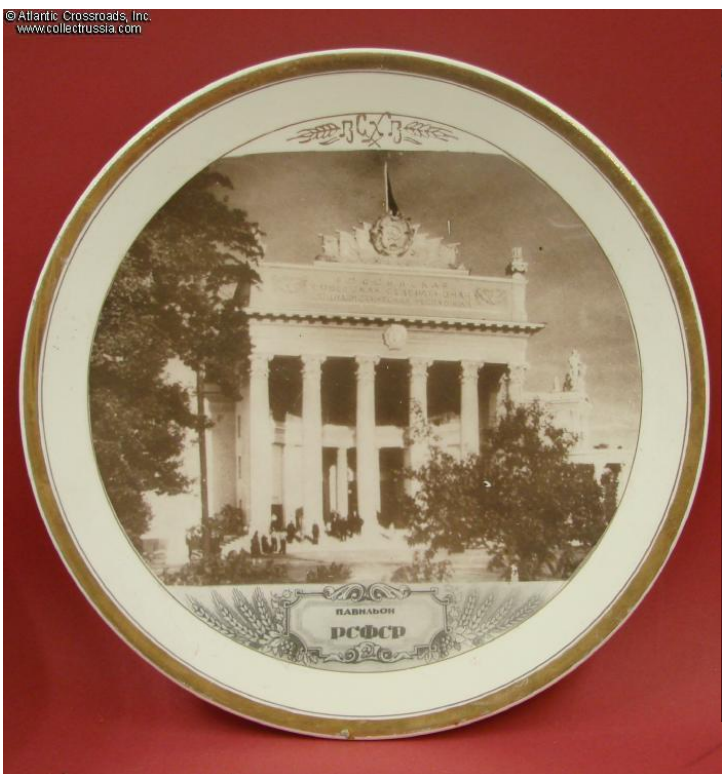
The 24 cm (nearly 9.5") plate shows the exhibition's Russian Federation Pavilion, a very typical piece of Stalinist architecture. Note the stylized inscription BCXB (VSKhV) at the top. The reverse has provision to hang on the wall and shows trade mark of the Faience Factory in Budy, Ukraine /fig. #78 in Volume One of "Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al" /.

Very good to excellent condition. The artwork is perfect. There are minor scuffs and a couple of barely noticeable dings to the gilt border, no cracks or chips. A distinctive decorative item of the Khrushchev era.

The All-Union Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow (VSKhV) was originally conceived in 1935 but opened only in 1939, two years behind schedule. The idea of an exhibition promoting the successes of Soviet agriculture and rewarding the best farmers was a part of the change of course after the years of forced "total" collectivization and famine. The exhibition ran for three years and was suspended during the war years, reopening only in 1954. In 1959, it was transformed into the grandiose Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy (VDNKh).

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