

Large propaganda poster celebrating the victory of the young Soviet Republic in the Civil War over all its enemies, foreign and domestic between 1918 and 1920.

Large format, 71 x 66 cm (28" x 26"). Printed on matte poster paper. Published in 1938. Artwork by Deni and Dolgorukov.

The poster presents caricature images of the Russian White Army, as well as foreign generals whose armies were defeated by the Red Army on the territory of Russia during the Civil War. Places and dates (month and year) of the battles are stenciled in red while the routes the various enemy armies took retreating from the Reds are represented by black lines. The names next to the fleeing enemies help to identify them for those who are not familiar with their appearance, the caricatures' facial resemblance being quite good, actually.

The line below the artwork says "The enemy has no other fate: we beat him before, we are beating him now and we will continue to beat him".

Very good condition. The very tip of the left bottom corner is torn off, and there is a small rip towards the middle of the bottom edge of the poster, reinforced by paper tape on the reverse. Other than that, there is just very slight wear along the edges and appropriate age toning of the paper.

This is one of the first posters in the propaganda series named "Beat them before, beating them now, will continue to beat them". This line is taken from the theme song of a 1937 movie Thought about the Cossack Golota and belongs to the Soviet poet Vasily Lebedev-Kumach.

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