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"Transferrable" award pennant for best results in socialist competition, circa 1960s.

Measures 24" x 14". The artwork is professionally printed on scarlet-red cotton. Two-layer construction allows to avoid see-through of the verbiage and graphics. The artwork and inscriptions are early-style, completely dropped from later such designs. The obverse features the image of the famous "Worker and Collective Farmer" statue by V. Mukhina and an inscription which reads "Labor in the USSR is a matter of honor, glory, valor and heroism". The verbiage in large letters reads "For High Achievements in Socialist Competition". The reverse features a profile of Lenin, underscored by his somewhat cryptic motto "We will achieve the victory of communist labor!" The artwork on the bottom of the reverse is also highly unusual, depicting the Spasskaya Clock Tower of the Kremlin resting on a wreath of leaves and stalks of wheat, inevitably held together by the Soviet sickle and hammer.

The banner is in good condition. The background cotton shows no fading and only minimal storage and use wear including a small rip to the edge at the top left of the obverse and an unfortunate couple of stains to the right of the Spasskaya Clock Tower on the reverse but no other significant damage. The fringe is completely intact, its color strong and not faded.

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

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