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## Portrait of Stalin, lithograph, made in Riga, Latvia, 1940-41.

Large format, measuring 14 ¼" x 19 ½", image size 10 ¾" x 15". The portrait depicts a younger version of Stalin, before a small number of versions of his image was "canonized" and state-approved.

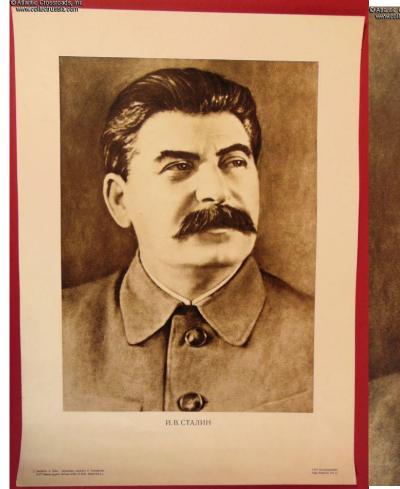
What makes this lithograph rare is the name of the street in Riga where it was made. It allows us to date the lithograph. Maskavas ielā (Moscow Street) is one of the oldest streets of Riga, the first mention of which dates back to the XVIII century. It was the road leading to Moscow, hence the name which it kept until 1939, when it was renamed Latgales ielā. Under the Soviet occupation in 1940, it became Maskavas ielā again, and remains under this name even now. But Stalin's portraits could not be printed after the German occupation in 1941.

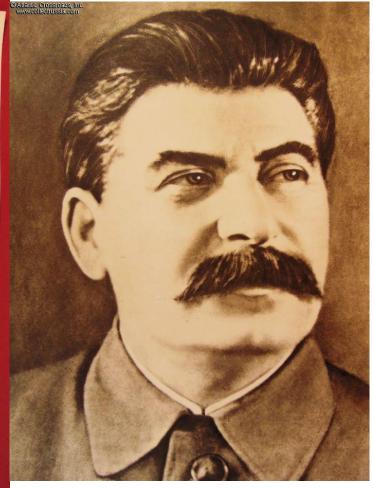
In excellent condition. The image is pristine. The margins around it and the verso show just barely noticeable storage wear.

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

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