

Ogonyok, #23, thrice-monthly illustrated magazine, with Stalin as the helmsman of the USSR on the cover, 5 November 1933.

Size 9 1/4" x 12", 16 pp. excluding the cover. Printed on low-quality pulpy paper, illustrated by drawings and photos, all b/w. Circulation unknown.

The cover features a drawing of Stalin as the Helmsman of the USSR, by the famous Soviet caricaturist Boris Yefimov, with captions reading "The captain of the country of the Soviets is leading us from victory to victory! Glory to the XVI anniversary of October [revolution]!" Indeed, on this date both Stalin and Hitler were leading their countries from victory to victory. Only four days were left before the Kristallnacht pogroms would sweep through the entire Germany. Only four years until the peak of Stalin's Great Purge.

Peace and hard work of the Soviet government to improve international relations are the focus of the editorial on p. 1. Metallurgical and chemical giant plants are appearing in Siberia, ethnic Germans are prospering and happy in the Autonomous German Republic on the banks of the Volga. Everything is good and getting better under the leadership of the Helmsman. And for those seeking a little adrenalin, there is an article about Soviet divers raising Soviet ships sunk in the icy waters of the Soviet North and Far East.

In fair to good condition. The pages of the cover are about 50% separated from each other and show water stains, not quite faint but not too obvious. The binding staples are tight and strong and not rusted, holding the internal pages nicely, the paper is moderately and evenly age-toned. If desired, the wear to the cover can be easily repaired with tape, and the magazine can be re-stapled to attach the cover.

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