



International Society for Help to Revolutionaries (MOPR) Donations Badge, 1920s.

Stamped with a thin sheet of copper, measures 24.9 mm wide. Shows a man leading an emaciated prisoner in leg irons from the capitalist jail to the obviously bright future where instruments of labor - anvil and hammer - and grim-looking factory buildings expect the former inmate. The Cyrillic acronym МОПР ("MOPR") appears at the top. Simple "tinny" construction is typical of donation jettons and pins of the period.

In fair to good condition. There is a moderate amount of wear to the high points, but the details of the artwork are still relatively well defined. The edge is uneven, as is usually the case with similar pins. Light pitting throughout, no significant blemishes or verdigris. The attachment pin appears to be original to the badge, although it may have been repaired at some point.

The abbreviation MOPR stands for International Society for Help to Revolutionaries, an organization created by Komintern in 1922. Its purposes included liberating terrorists from jails around the world and fomenting anti-government activities in foreign countries. Initially, donations to the organization were indeed voluntary but eventually many Soviet citizens - especially those who had high-profile jobs - were expected to be its members and had to pay monthly dues. The organization existed until 1948, but the production of its badges stopped in 1941 after the German invasion of the Soviet Union and as far as we know, never resumed. /Avers 8, p. 283, fig. 1388.b/

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