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(Second World War - Anti-Nazi Propaganda) What is an "Aryan"? He is Handsome as Goebbels

Stock#: 91912
Map Maker: Russian War Relief Inc. / Efimov
Date: 1941
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 28 inches
Price: \$ 2,800.00



Description:

An important and striking image from World War II showing Joseph Goebbels in the form of a pathetic-looking screaming mouse. The poster contrasts the Nazi image of a handsome Aryan with the reality of Goebbels's off-putting appearance and character.

The poster was produced by Russian War Relief, Inc., the important Soviet propaganda organization in the United States.

"TASS 22 appeared in a variety of Soviet publications throughout the war . . . in the United States, Russian War Relief, Inc. (RWR), published a suite of four prints based on a selection of TASS posters, among them the Goebbels and Goering panels of TASS 22. The entire poster was reproduced in Life on August 24,



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1942" (Windows on the War p. 169)

The series included images of Hitler, Goering, and Goebbels, all of whom "were lampooned . . . for possessing none of the physical attributes that the Nazis assigned to the ideal Aryan. The contrast between text and image pointedly and wittily demonstrates the disjuncture between Nazi ideology and reality." (Windows on the War p. 169)

Detailed Condition:

Color screenprint. Some expert restoration at the edges. Not backed on poster linen.