

1968 Cased Hungarian "Furious" Lenin Bronze Table Medal.

A 69mm diameter matte bronze table medal in a 102mm square x 21mm box. The medal is uniface with "MSZMP. VIII. BIZOTTSÁGA 1968." machine engraved on the reverse. (The initials "MSZMP" are being used today by a remnant of the Hungarian Communist Party.) Minor scuffing at various points on both sides of the medal (which does not clearly show up in our photos but is present). The box shows minor shelf wear only and the interior is clean - particularly the white cotton lining on the inside bottom (that frequently is the first surface in many Hungarian-made cases to show dirt).

The obverse bears a likeness of Lenin based on newsreel footage of him aggressively making a point during a public speech. (It is impossible to guess whether the Hungarian artist was being ironic in choosing to show Lenin with such an unpleasant expression on his face. Who knows? Some Hungarian representations of Lenin will tend to scowl while some of their Stalin images will radiate warmth and bonhomie [see Wall Plaque with Stalin's bas-relief]).

An unusual medal, apparently produced by one of the component sections of the Hungarian Communist Party to commemorate a special event.

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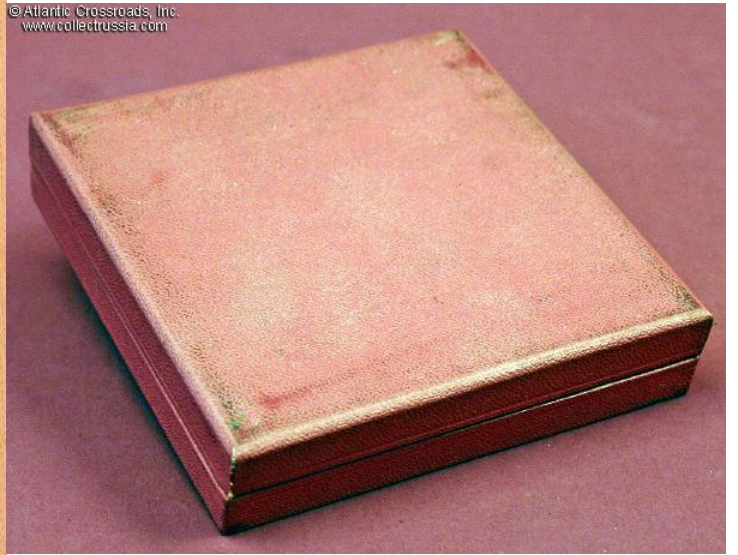
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