

After the Flight Poster, Soviet Space Program, "Yuri Gagarin, the Flight Continues" Series, printed in the USSR in 1990.

Big size, measures 70 x 44 cm (27 1/2" x 17 1/4"). Printed on high-gloss heavy stock paper, fine quality piece.

The title of this particular poster is "After the Flight". The poster features Gagarin's various public appearances after the successful landing of the Vostok-1 had instantly made him the biggest celebrity on the planet he had just circled around. Appearances before Soviet scientists, meetings with cadets of the Air Force Academy he had graduated from, laying down a time capsule, etc., etc.

Of special interest is the group photo in the middle on the right where Gagarin gives a press conference together with Aleksey Maresyev, a WW2 hero fighter pilot who had been shot down, crawled for several days, wounded, through winter forest, got both feet amputated but never gave up on flying. He re-learned to pilot a fighter plane with prosthetic feet and returned to the front line to continue fighting.

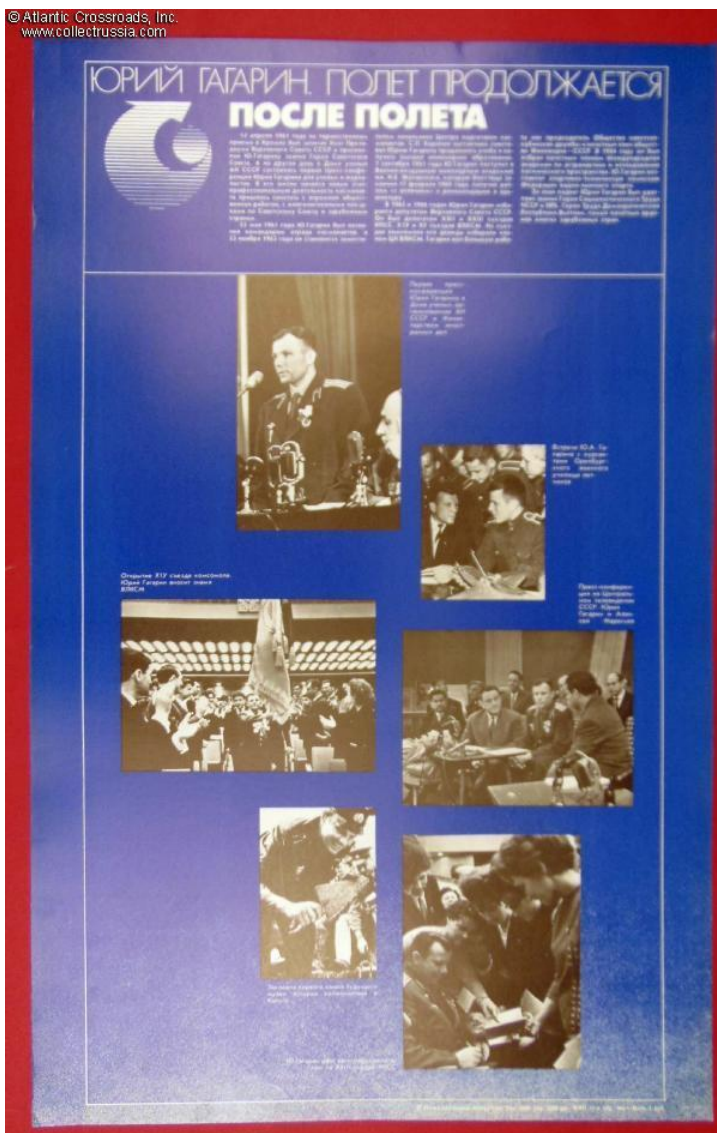
The bottom margin shows information about the publisher including the number of prints in circulation (just 3000 copies, a tiny number by Soviet standards) and the retail price of 1 Ruble (a typical cheap price from the Soviet era, before the runaway inflation that hit the Soviet, and later Russian economy starting from the early 90s). This series of posters was published in 1990 ahead of the following year's upcoming 30th anniversary of Gagarin's space flight. The posters were apparently created as educational tools, to be displayed in schools, libraries, museums etc.

The poster is in EXCELLENT CONDITION, barely noticeable traces of wear along the edges. The colors are strong, not faded. Please note that it will be shipped in a sturdy cardboard box.

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